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## JUNIOR OFFICERS' PARTY

The Council hosted the Junior Officers' Reception on Tuesday, May 3, as part of the Fleet Week activities.



## JUNE DINNER SOCIAL

Joint Dinner Social

Fort Lauderdale and  
Broward County Councils

Thursday, June 9, 2016  
Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

**PROGRAM:**

Master Chief Special Operator  
Michael Oberhelman  
U S Navy Seal

Dinner Selections:

Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Members and Guests - \$35  
Active Military and Spouses: \$25

Please RSVP your dinner choice  
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all who contributed to another successful Fleet Week! Whether it was sailing down from Norfolk on the USS BATAAN, coordinating volunteers, visitors, community relations visits, assisting with events, or selling water and soda, numerous Council members stepped up and gave their time to ensure that the visiting ships and their crews received the welcome they deserved. On the fundraising side, were able to raise over \$2,300 through soda, water, and coin sales and donations that will help defray the costs of our unit and youth programs. A special thanks once again to Larry Ott and his employer for donating most of the water and soda that we sold. The highlight of the week was the brunch hosted by CAPT Carter in the Wardroom of the USS BATAAN, where we had the opportunity to present 10 Sailor of the Year and Sailor of the Quarter awards (2 others had already departed the unit), as well as presenting a gift of an Espresso coffee brewer to the ship.

A number of Council members attended the Changes of Command for Coast Guard Sector Miami and Navy Recruiting District Miami. I presented Certificates of Appreciation to both CAPT Gould and CDR King as they head to their next assignments and welcomed CAPT Megan Dean and CDR Jason Ketelsen to their new commands. Please try and make it down to Coast Guard Base Miami on June 24th at 0830 for the Change of Command at our adopted USCGC ROBERT YERED, when we will bid farewell to LT Earl Potter and welcoming LT Soren Rose.

I also had the opportunity to participate in three NJROTC awards ceremonies to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal on behalf of the Council, and Senior Chief Starr and Shelley Beck covered the others in Broward and George Reeves assisted with the presentations in Miami. It's always great to participate in these ceremonies at the high schools and hear about the accomplishments of the young men and women who will be our future leaders.

I hope that you will be able to attend our last dinner meeting on Thursday, June 9th at Tropical Acres. This will be a joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council, and our special guest speaker will be US Navy SEAL Master Chief Special Operator Michael Oberhelman. Master Chief Oberhelman will be retiring from the Navy and relocating his family to Fort Lauderdale at the end of June after twenty years of service, and he'll be giving us an inside view of his experiences as a SEAL (to the extent he can of course). While we will take a break over the summer, looking ahead, please add Wednesday, September 21st to your calendar when we will have another joint dinner meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club to hear the reports from some of the Sea Cadets experiences during their summer training programs.

While I will not be attending the Navy League National Convention in Charleston, SC this year, Council member Joe Giambrone has been nominated as one of the Florida Region candidates along with Chuck Black to serve as a National Director, along with Lynn Drucker as South Florida Area President, and Pat Dumont as National Vice President. We all wish them success as they seek to set the course of the Navy League at the national level!

As always, please feel free to contact me at 718-619-7402 or at wiltbrit@aol.com if you have any ideas on what our Council should be doing to make your membership more valuable to you.

Glenn Wiltshire  
CAPT, US Coast Guard Retired  
Broward County Council President



## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member

John A. Weekes of Fort Lauderdale



# CHANGE OF COMMANDS

Cmdr. Jason T. Ketelsen relieved Cmdr. Nathan J. King as commanding officer of Navy Recruiting District Miami during a ceremony on May 20 at US Southern Command in Doral.. Cmdr. King has been a good friend to the Council and we wish him the best in his new assignment.

Cmdr King with Council President Glenn Wiltshire



South Florida Area President Lynn Drucker, Board Member Alan Starr, Cmdr Jason Ketelsen and Council President Glenn Wiltshire



Captain Austin Gould was relieved by Captain Megan Dean as the Coast Guard Sector Commander for Miami on May 13. Previously, she was the Deputy Commander at Sector Baltimore in July 2013, following her assignment as Military Aide to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Before reporting to the Department of Homeland Security she was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Performance Management and Assessment (DCO-81). Prior to arriving in Washington, DC, Captain Dean completed a successful tour as Commanding Officer of USCGC WALNUT, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Below is a photo taken after the change of command ceremony. Council President Glenn Wiltshire is shown with CAPT Gould (left) and CAPT Mike Long, Deputy Sector Commander for Miami. CAPT Gould is now the Coast Guard Seventh District Chief of Staff.





# YOUTH RECOGNITION

The Council is proud to recognize the outstanding cadets at several local JROTC units. Following are photos from several of the award events.

On May 18, Council President Glenn Wiltshire presented the Navy League Youth Medal (also known as the Teddy Roosevelt Medal) to Cadet Jonathan Rodil at Charles W. Flanagan High School.



On May 24, Board Member George Reeves attended the award ceremony at MAST Academy in Miami. He is shown with Coast Guard JROTC outstanding cadet C J Johnson, who received the Navy League Youth Medal and a scholarship check.



On April 29, Council President Glenn Wiltshire presented the Navy League Youth Medal to Cadet ENS Kimberly Hernandez at Nova High School.



The Council also recognized the following outstanding cadets; however, photos were not available:

Cooper City High School—Natasha Testa

Stranahan High School—Carleevens Carlo

J. P. Taravella High School- Gabriella Molina





# RECOGNITION OF OUR LOCAL MILITARY

On April 27, Council President Glenn Wiltshire presented a check to the crew of our recently adopted unit Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale for their MWR fund.



Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Board Member Alan Starr recently made presentations at two of our adopted units. On the left, they are shown with Coast Guard Air Station Miami Enlisted Person of the Quarter AET2 Matthew Davidson. Also in the photo are the Air Station Commanding Officer CAPT Lutes and Command Master Chief AETCM Sean Joyce. On the right, they are shown with TACLET South Enlisted Person of the Year ME2 Ricky Perilla.





# USS BATAAN—BRUNCH AND RECOGNITION

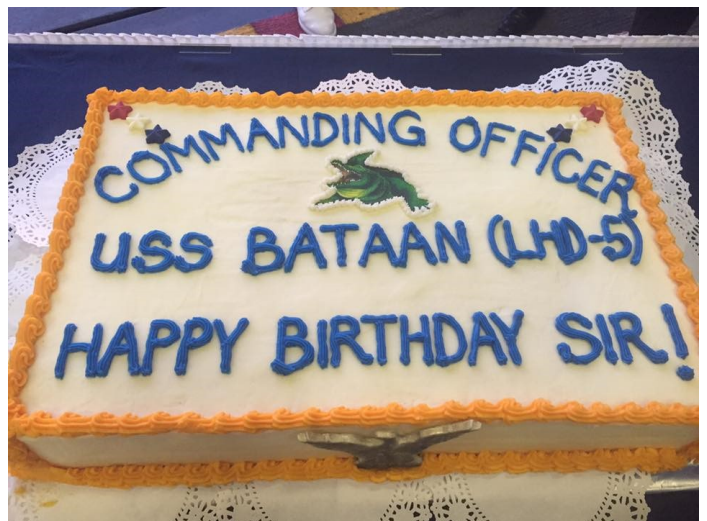
On Sunday, May 8, Captain John A. Carter, Commanding Officer of our adopted ship, the USS Bataan, thanked the Council for its support by hosting a brunch for Council members while it was in port for Fleet Week. The event took place in the wardroom where the Council recognized Bataan's Sailors of the Year and some of their Sailors of the Quarters with certificates of accomplishment and a monetary award. The Council presented a gift of a Breville Barista Express Espresso Machine to the ship and also helped Captain Carter celebrate his birthday. It was an honor for the Council to meet the outstanding crew of our adopted ship and we thank them for their hospitality.



Presentation of gift to the ship



Happy Birthday Capt Carter



Guests for the brunch waiting to board the ship

Guests enjoying the event





# USS BATAAN—BRUNCH AND RECOGNITION

The following sailors were recognized during the event: Senior Sailor of the Year HM1 (SW/AW/FMF) Julian Aryee, Junior Sailor of the Year DC2 (SW/AW) Shauna Guilfoyle, Blue Jacket of the Year ABFAN (SW/AW) Lionel Nunn, Senior Sailor of the Quarter HM1(SW) Sarah Tiffany, Sailor of the Quarter IT2 (IDW/SW) James Bizzell, Junior Sailor of the Quarter QM3(SW) Krystle Sanders, Senior Sailor of the Quarter IC1(SW/AW) Jessica Lopez, Sailor of the Quarter AD2(AW) Kevin D. Turner, Junior Sailor of the Quarter AD3(AW/SW) Jason E. Perez and Blue Jacket of the Quarter ACAN(AW/SW) Holly A. Cartwright.



IC1 LOPEZ



AD2 TURNER



AD3 PEREZ



ACAN CARTWRIGHT



HM1 ARYEE



DC2 GUILFOYLE



ABFAN NUNN



# USS BATAAN RECOGNITION



# FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

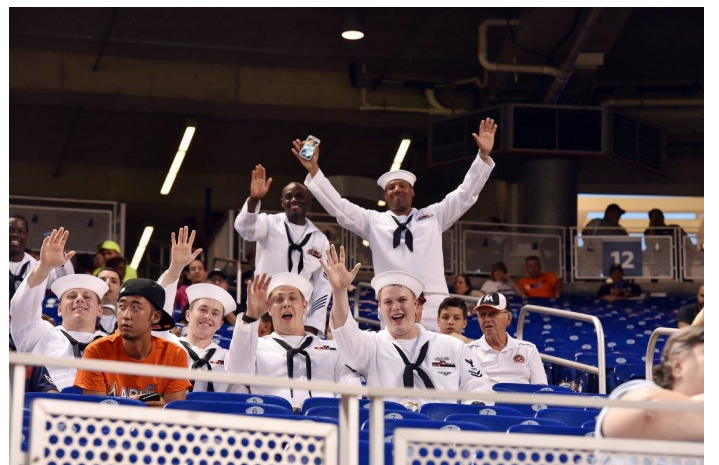
Numerous events took place during Fleet Week 2016 ensuring that our visiting military enjoyed their stay. School and hospital visits, an all hands reception, celebrity lunch, galley wars cooking competition, Legion of Honor medal presentation, a reception aboard the USS Bataan and a Marlins game are just some of them. Following are a sampling of photos taken at these events.



All Hands Welcome Party



Marlins game





# FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

Captain's Reception aboard USS Bataan



Galley Wars Cooking Competition (Bataan wins!)



Legion of Honor Medal Presentation





# FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

Veterans from the Miami VI Spinal Cord Injury/ Disorder Services Unit were able to visit the USS Bataan



Celebrity lunch



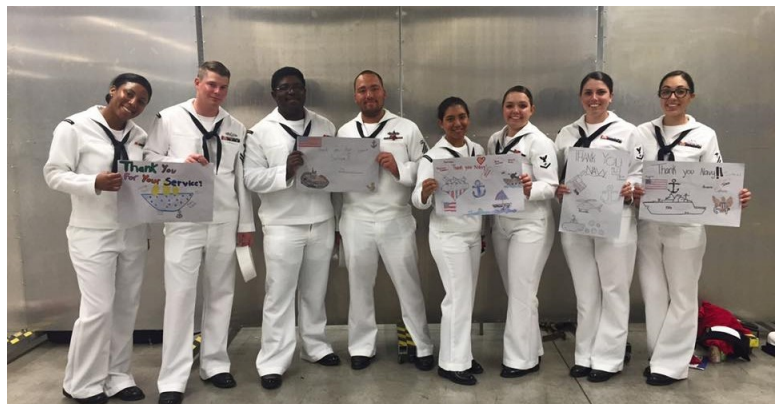
Military working dogs aboard USS Cole



Salute to Veterans at Marrinson Senior Care Residences



Sailors from USS Bainbridge holding posters made by students of Harbondale Elementary School after their visit





# FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

Enlisted Person of the Year Awards Event hosted by Fort Lauderdale Council



# NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear for one year (ten editions). If you would like to advertise your business or organization and provide financial support to the Council at the same time, contact Joe Giambrone at [giambronejm@gmail.com](mailto:giambronejm@gmail.com) or 954-389-0545.

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# HONOR FLIGHT

On Saturday, May 21, WWII veterans returned from a trip to Washington DC made possible by Honor Flight South Florida. They were greeted at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport by numerous supporters.

Guardian Peter Pepin with his WWII veteran Jim Bordanaro at the Korean War memorial



Vets are greeted upon their return to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport





# COMMISSIONING

The Coast Guard commissioned into service the latest fast response cutter (FRC), the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Donald Horsley (WPC-1117), during a ceremony at U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan on May 20. The Donald Horsley is the 17th FRC in the Coast Guard fleet and the fifth to be homeported in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The FRC's belong to the Sentinel-class of cutters named after an enlisted Coast Guard hero who distinguished him or herself in the line of duty. This cutter is named after Master Chief Boatswains Mate Donald Robert Horsley, who served on active duty for over 44 years. Throughout his career, BMCM Horsley demonstrated exceptional skill and leadership while serving aboard 34 vessels and numerous shore units. His lengthy career spanned three wars and it was during World War II, that he served aboard the USS Cephelus (AKA-18) as a coxswain on landing craft and participated in OPERATION DRAGOON (the invasion of southern France) in the European Theater and OPERATION ICEBERG (the invasion of Okinawa) in the Pacific Asian Theater. During the Vietnam War, BMCM Horsley was the senior petty officer assigned to Division 13, Coast Guard Squadron One, serving two tours for a total of 41 months. The Division of 82-foot patrol boats was tasked with the maritime interdiction of the reinforcement and re-supply vessels for Communist forces fighting in South Vietnam. It was during this assignment that BMCM Horsley earned the Bronze Star with a Combat "V", in part due to his having participated in over one hundred combat patrols while coming under intensive enemy fire on eleven separate occasions. The 154-foot long Donald Horsley has a beam of 25 feet and a maximum sustained speed of more than 28 knots. It is armed with a stabilized 25mm machine-gun mount and four crew-served .50-caliber machine guns and is equipped with a highly capable small boat and advanced communications suite.



# CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-22) visited Jordan, Iraq, and Tunisia to engage with key diplomatic and military leaders spearheading the fight against ISIL. Frankel traveled to these countries to better inform her work on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee. She met with US troops from Florida at King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Amman Jordan.

\*Information taken from an article that appeared in Congresswoman Frankel's May newsletter.



# US POSTAL SERVICE

The United States Postal Service issued four new stamps to honor those who have received one of the four Service Cross medals. The Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross and the Coast Guard Cross stamps were dedicated on Memorial Day at the World Stamp Show in New York City, which is held once every 10 years. "It's difficult to do something that can actually pay tribute to the individuals themselves because there are so many," said Bill Gicker, creative director of stamp development at the Postal Service. "The thought was to honor them by issuing the stamps of the medals so that it represents them all as a whole." The dedication ceremony at the World Stamp Show included a Color Guard presentation and speeches by various dignitaries — the show coincides with New York's annual Fleet Week.





# SEA SERVICE NEWS



Flight operations is an essential piece of the Navy's mission of maintaining freedom of the seas, deterring aggression and having a capable warfighting force. The Navy's key assets for aviation requirements are air-

craft carriers and amphibious assault ships. As an amphibious assault ship optimized for Marine aviation, USS America (LHA 6) departed its homeport of San Diego May 16 and set out to sea with a clear purpose. The ship's main objective was to recertify the flight deck for launching and recovering aircraft and fulfilling the ship's future role as part of Amphibious Squadron 3 and Expeditionary Strike Group 3. Just short of 36 hours after going to sea, the flight deck was recertified -- having logged more than 24 total hours of flight quarters and more than 90 launches and recoveries of aircraft assigned to Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 23 and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 163.



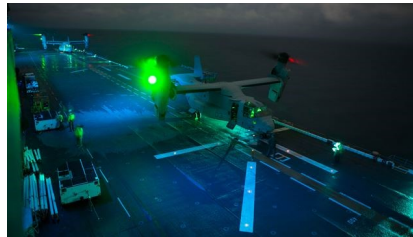
Members of Coast Guard Station St. Petersburg participated in the International Special Forces Week 2016 capabilities demonstration in Tampa on May 25. The Station St. Petersburg crew, aboard a

45-foot Response Boat-Medium, served as the "enemy vessel" for the demonstration. As the "enemy vessel", the crew performed a threatening maneuver against a "victim vessel" while the responders suppressed them with defensive maneuvers and by firing simulated rounds. Additional Coast Guardsmen piloted small combat rubber raiding craft, used to retrieve paratroopers toward the end of the event. During the demonstration, special operations forces from various U.S. military branches joined with special operations forces from 15 different partner nations to conduct various rescue and assault scenarios on land and in the bay. The event highlighted unique skills, equipment, training, and personnel involved in special forces operations. This demonstration was part of the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference in Tampa.



A U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Specialist, assigned to the Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT), trains with Royal Jordanian Marines during exercise

Eager Lion 2016. The MSRT is a highly specialized resource with advanced counterterrorism skills and tactics trained to be a first responder to potential terrorist situations; deny terrorist acts; perform security actions against non-compliant actors; perform tactical facility entry and enforcement; participate in port level counterterrorism exercises; and educate other forces on Coast Guard counterterrorism procedures. Exercise Eager Lion is a recurring, exercise designed to strengthen military-to-military relationships and enhance regional security and stability by responding to modern-day security scenarios.



COMPTUEX is the culminating event of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU's) pre-deployment training program (PTP), a rigorous cycle of train-

ing courses and unit-level exercises designed to prepare and certify the MEU for the mission essential tasks it may be called upon to perform during its upcoming deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. Whether executing a large scale, multi-ship, targeted amphibious raid on a simulated enemy position or bringing desperately needed water and relief supplies to notionally starving masses of displaced persons, the key to successful mission accomplishment during the exercise was the tight coordination of the "Blue-Green Team" made up of the 22nd MEU and PHIBRON-6. Now that the team has completed the last major exercise, they move into the final phase of pre-deployment where the 22nd MEU and its subordinate elements, as well as the ships of PHIBRON-6, will ensure their equipment and personnel are mechanically, personally and professionally prepared for the pending deployment. The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) is made up of its Ground Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment (BLT 1/6); its Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (Reinforced) (VMM-264); and its Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22 (CLB-22). The 22nd MEU will deploy this summer aboard the ships of Amphibious Squadron Six (PHIBRON-6); the USS Wasp (LHD-1), the USS San Antonio (LPD-17), and the USS Whidbey Island (LSD-41).



# COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS



Numerous Navy League volunteers helped to make Fleet Week 2016 a success. We want to thank all Council members who stepped up and took the time out of their schedules to participate in the weeklong events. A special thanks to all those volunteers who helped man the Council table to sell water, soda and Council coins as well as to share information about Navy League membership.

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