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## EASTER EGG HUNT

Once again, our Council will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ for our local Coast Guard personnel and their families. Civilians and their families are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for Coast Guard personnel and the cost for adult civilians is only \$15 (paid in advance). There will be fun activities for the children and a BBQ lunch for all in attendance. Please note the information regarding road closures that will necessitate using Sheridan Street to get to the Station.

US Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale  
at John U. Lloyd Park  
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM followed by picnic

\$15.00 per civilian adult  
Civilian kids under 10 are free  
Coast Guard Personnel and families - FREE

Coast Guard: RSVP (number of adults/children with ages) to [Shelleybeck@bellsouth.net](mailto:Shelleybeck@bellsouth.net)

Civilians: Make Checks out to Broward County Navy League and mail to:  
Shelley Beck  
301 N. Pine Island Road, Apt. 262  
Plantation FL 33324

NOTE: Dania Beach Blvd is closed at intra-coastal - you MUST USE Sheridan Street East and head North (A1A) to John Lloyd Park - at gate house, let them know you are heading to Coast Guard Station

## FEBRUARY DINNER

On Thursday, February 11, the Council hosted its monthly dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. The guest speaker was Commander Michael S. Freddie, Commanding Officer, TACLET South, United States Coast Guard (shown in photo below). The dinner social was a great means for Council members to learn more about the unit.



Past board members Tom and Sandra Jones were in attendance and are shown here with Louise and Rudy Oetting.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all who were able to make it to our February dinner meeting on Thursday, February 11th at Tropical Acres. Our guest speaker was CDR Michael Freddie, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) South, located as a tenant command at Air Station Miami at Opa Locka. The TACLET provides teams that deploy on US Navy and other foreign naval vessels throughout the world to provide a unique capability to extend the US maritime law enforcement authority to fight the shipment of illegal drugs. TACLET Law Enforcement Detachments are deployed around the world to keep our country safe and secure. Alan Starr, George Reeves, and I were also able to visit the TACLET the day before the dinner for the Unit Adoption Ceremony and to present the first Enlisted Person of the Quarter award to ME3 George Soto for his accomplishments both at the unit and while deployed. We will be setting up a date for a unit visit by Council members to meet the crew and learn about their mission and their continuous training program to keep them at the top of their game.

Looking forward to March, please ensure that you have Saturday, March 19th on your calendar. That's the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Shelley Beck is once again taking the lead, but will need assistance as she organizes another great event for our Coast Guard families. Thanks as well to Tom Carney for his efforts to arrange for sponsors to defray the costs of the event. Hope to see you there!

Fleet Week 2016 planning is in full swing, with the second planning meeting held on February 24th, and the last meeting scheduled for March 23rd. The "fleet" will be led by our own adopted unit the USS BATAAN, which we haven't seen in Port Everglades in many years. It looks like our adopted Coast Guard Cutter, the USCGC ROBERT YERED, will be participating as well. There's still time to volunteer to assist Broward Navy Days with the many events planned for the visiting Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen. Our Council will also be selling soda and water during Fleet Week, and we'll need to identify volunteers to help with that as the date gets closer.

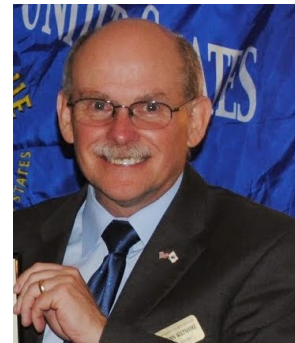
The Commanding Officer of the USS BATAAN, CAPT John Carter, will be visiting the area on Monday, March 7th, so we have decided to cancel our usual March dinner meeting on the 10th and replace it with a reception to give Council members the opportunity to meet CAPT Carter. I'm still working to finalize the location for the reception, which will start at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 7th, and will get the information out soon.

This is also the time of year to identify candidates for National Officers, Region Presidents, Area Presidents, and National Directors, which are due at National on April 1st. While the nominating process for the Florida Region has not been announced yet, if any member is interested in participating please contact me and I'll provide the details and nominating forms.

We're also still working on scheduling adoption ceremonies for Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and Aids to Navigation Team Fort Lauderdale and will send out separate notices and let you know when those are confirmed.

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



# FEBRUARY EVENT

Below are photos taken at the February dinner social.



From TACLET South are Lt William Shepherd, CDR Michael Fredie and Master Chief Trado



Dr. Scherer, Jenny Caesar from Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office and Lt Shepherd



CDR Fredie, Ralph Utley and George Reeves

# TACLET SOUTH

On February 10, the Council officially adopted the TACLET South unit at their quarterly unit all-hands meeting at the Chief Petty Officer's Mess at Air Station Miami in Opa Locka. Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Commanding Officer CDR Michael Fredie signed the adoption certificate. During the event, the Council recognized TACLET South's Enlisted Person of the Quarter ME3 George Sota. ME3 Sota was recognized with a gift card and certificate recognizing his accomplishments.



Presentation of Unit Adoption Certificate to CDR Fredie and MECM Christopher Ellis with crew of TACLET South in the background.



ME3 George Sota (center) was presented Enlisted Person of the Quarter award by Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Board member Alan Starr

# RECOGNITION—USS BATAAN

The Council recognized the accomplishments of the following sailors from our adopted ship, the USS Bataan. Each sailor received a monetary award and a certificate of achievement.

Junior Sailor of the Quarter  
PS3(SW/AW) Kayla B. Taylor



Senior Sailor of the Quarter  
AT1(AW/SW) Timothy P. Thompson



Blue Jacket of the Quarter  
ABHAN(AW) Joe O. Oforiatta



Sailor of the Quarter  
AC2(AW/SW) Chad B. Bradley



## USNA GOSPEL CHOIR

The United States Naval Academy Gospel Choir is an upbeat inspirational musical ensemble. Comprised of midshipmen from various places, races, and creeds, the Gospel Choir is reflective of the diverse interests and ethnicities within the Brigade of Midshipmen. Their common bond is musical talent and a passion to praise through song. Throughout the year, the USNA Gospel Choir maintains an active schedule and performs not only at the Naval Academy but throughout the nation at churches, schools, and community centers. The choir has taken its message of inspiration, motivation, and exhortation to Atlanta, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit, San Diego, Key West, Orlando, Miami, Pensacola, and Bermuda. Recent notable appearances include the Inaugural Concert "We Are One" performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for President Obama in front of a live audience of over half a million people and a concert tour representing the United States throughout South Korea. The Gospel Choir is a wonderful part of the Naval Academy family. Not only does it allow its members to express their faith in song, but it also provides the public an opportunity to witness the diversity and talents of today's Brigade of Midshipmen. The Gospel Choir continues to grow and excel, spreading the joy of Gospel Music and assisting the Naval Academy to fulfill its mission.

All concerts start at 7PM - there is FREE admission

Saturday, March 12

The Fountain of New Life, 4601 NW 167th Street,  
Miami Gardens

Tuesday, March 15

St. Thomas Episcopal, 5692 N. Kendall Drive, Coral  
Gables

Friday, March 18

Coral Ridge Presbyterian, 5555 N. Federal Highway,  
Fort Lauderdale

## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Are you looking for a way to advertise your business at a reasonable cost? Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear in The Helmsman 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 or 954-389-0545.

Larry M. Ott Funeral Director	
<b>Kraeer-Fairchild Funeral Home and Cremation Center</b> 4061 North Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 954-565-5591 Fax 954-565-7899 larry.ott@sei-us.com	<b>BCNL Member Discount with this ad</b>

## NEW NATIONAL DUES

Listed below are all the membership categories currently being offered by the Navy League and the new dues amount. Membership in the Navy League of the United States is a requirement for membership in the Broward County Council.

1-year Regular (single) membership	\$ 55
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(does not include a subscription to the Navy League's SEAPOWERS magazine/almanac)	
2-year Regular (single) membership	\$100
3-year Regular (single) membership	\$130
4-year Regular (single) membership	\$180
5-year Regular (single) membership	\$225

Life membership (person up to age 55)	\$1,000
Life membership (persons between ages 56-75)	\$750
Life membership (persons age 76 and above)	\$500

Note: There is no longer a husband/wife membership category. The new fees will not apply until your current membership expires.



# SEA SERVICE NEWS



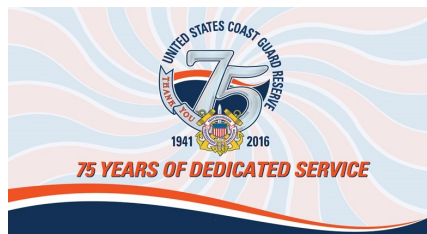
Delegates from the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet met with members of Marina de Guerra del Per (MGP-Peruvian Navy), on February 17 & 18 during the

annual Operational Naval Committee (ONC) conference hosted by U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (USNAVSO) in Mayport. ONC is organized to discuss and plan upcoming maritime operations, exercises, and theater security cooperation events that the U.S. and Peru intend to conduct. The U.S. and Peru have a strong maritime partnership and have conducted several multinational exercises and operations together. Since the last ONC, held at the Centro Naval San Borja in Lima in 2015, the Peruvian Navy has participated in the long-standing PANAMAX and UNITAS exercises, attended Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander's (CFMCC) Course in Miami, and continued participation in the Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative (DESI) with the deployment of BAP Antofagasta (SS 32). Photo shows Capt. Sam Hancock, Commodore Destroyer Squadron Four Zero (left) and Peruvian Rear Adm. Edwin Zegarra, Chief of the General Staff for the Peruvian Navy Commander of the Pacific Operations (right).



Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller announced that the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, out of Camp Pendleton, California, would spend the next

year acting as the Corps' experimental unit, working with the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab to field-test new ideas and equipment over the course of ordinary training and operations. It's the first time the Marine Corps has ever designated an experimental unit, and underscores the heavy emphasis the Marine Corps and Navy communities are placing on innovation. The 3/5 was chosen because its schedule made it available. The unit is now deployed to Japan for six months with the Unit Deployment Program. Marines with 3/5 can expect to operate with quadcopters or other small unmanned aerial vehicles, try out new communications gear, and experiment with changes to rifle company operations. Photo shows testing of an experimental Legged Squad Support System .



On February 19, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve celebrated 75 years of serving the United States. The theme for the anniversary was "Thank

You," as the organization wanted to thank its members for their enduring commitment to professionalism, patriotism and preparedness as well as to thank the American public for their continued faith and support. The Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, signed February 19, 1941, designated the Coast Guard Reserve as a military branch of the active duty service. Since World War II, Coast Guard reservists have served in every major conflict or crisis the U.S. has faced. From the beaches of Normandy and Iwo Jima to the shores of the Gulf Coast for Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Coast Guard Reserve is a multi-mission workforce ready to respond to a variety of threats to the United States and its people. Whether the need is related to a domestic man-made or natural disaster or requires an international deployment in support of the Department of Defense, Coast Guard reservists remain Semper Paratus (Always Ready) to answer their country's call.



In early February, the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) hosted 250 Marine junior officers

from The Basic School (TBS), as part of a War Familiarization Exercise (WARFEX). Bataan's role in hosting TBS and purpose of the exercise was to familiarize the junior officers with the capabilities and limitations of multipurpose amphibious assault ships and orient them to what life will be like as part of a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) on board Bataan. "Part of Combat Cargo's responsibility to Bataan is coordinating the embarkation of landing forces, or any outside forces for that matter, and as such, we are honored to be able to host the future leaders of Marine Corps from The Basic School," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alan Gaddis, the combat cargo officer aboard Bataan. "For nearly all of these young officers, this is their first time aboard a ship, and giving them a positive first experience will help shape the way they view integration of the blue-green team, especially as the Marine Corps gets back to its amphibious roots and adheres to the commandant's planning guidance."

# FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL



Council President Glenn Wiltshire at the February dinner social

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