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## OKTOBERFEST

Broward County Council  
and  
Fort Lauderdale Council

Invite you to a joint

Oktoberfest Celebration

Wednesday, October 19  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Lauderdale Yacht Club  
1725 SE 12th Street  
Fort Lauderdale 33316

See flyer inside newsletter  
for additional information

Reservations must be made in advance

## NOVEMBER

The Council will not be hosting a dinner  
social in November.

The Helmsman also will not be published in  
November.

## SEA CADET NIGHT

On September 21, the Broward Council  
joined with the Fort Lauderdale Council to  
recognize Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month.



LCDR Alan Starr spoke about the training  
programs the Cadets attended over the sum-  
mer.

Coast Guard personnel were on hand for the  
evening's presentations.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all that were able to make it to the joint dinner meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club on Wednesday, September 21st to hear reports from the five Sea Cadets about their experiences during the summer training programs. It is amazing what training opportunities these young men and women get to attend over the summer, with many of them attending more than one session. My congratulations to Alan Starr for leading such a great program. For October, we will once again be joining with the Fort Lauderdale Council members for our annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 19th at 6 PM at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Hope to once again see many of our members there.

Also, I want all of our members to be aware of a new initiative of Navy Recruiting District Miami. I represented the Council at the initial meeting of the NRD Miami Recruiting District Assistance Council (RDAC) on September 6th. The mission of the RDAC is to assist Navy recruiting by joining together the many talents available in Navy-related organizations, the civilian community, and the Navy Reserve. By focusing on common problems and goals in Navy recruiting, the RDAC can enhance Navy recruiting effectiveness within the community. The main program objectives are to provide support in fulfilling the Navy's mission to recruit quality young men and women, to increase support and acceptance of the Navy among community Centers of Influence (COI) in order to enhance recruiting effectiveness, and to assist Navy recruiting in increasing public awareness of opportunities available in today's Navy. CDR Ketelsen is also looking for opportunities to get his staff more involved with the local communities. I will keep you updated on specific opportunities as they come up.

I also had the opportunity to visit the offices of our newest Community Affiliate member, DeAngelo Marine Exhaust Inc. in Fort Lauderdale to welcome them to the Council and present them their CA plaque. DeAngelo Marine Exhaust is a local company that specializes in marine exhaust systems and is the provider of equipment for the Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters and other Navy and Coast Guard vessels. We will be setting up a visit to their facility for those who want to learn more about the company.

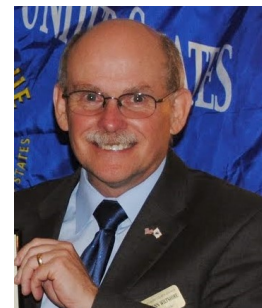
In some news from the National front, the Navy League is nearing the end of a multiyear process to replace the database used to track member information. As our Membership Coordinator George Reeves can attest, it has been a long and painful process as National has faced a number of challenges, but hopefully the new "Raiser's Edge" software will address the many shortfalls we have seen over the last few years.

Also, for those that may not be aware, there will be a Change of Command ceremony at Navy Operational Support Center Miami in Hialeah on October 16th at 10 AM, where CDR Harold Long will be relieved by CDR Tenisha Finley.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the slate of Board officers for 2017 will be the same team from 2016. My thanks to all of them for agreeing to continue to serve the Council another year to maintain and enhance our many unit and youth programs. As was noted in last month's newsletter, I am looking for other members who want to join our Board and become more actively involved in the Council's activities. Please let me know if you are interested.

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



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## IN MEMORIAM

## 2017 COUNCIL OFFICERS



Retired Lt. Col. Leo Gray, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen who fought in the skies over Europe during World War II, died on September 23 in his Coconut Creek home. He was 92.

Gray, a Boston native, enlisted after high school — when the U.S. military was segregated — and began training in 1942 at Tuskegee Army Airfield. He became an active-duty pilot the following year. He was stationed in Italy, where he flew 15 combat missions as a pilot with the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, which protected Allied bombers. He flew the P-51 Mustang, also referred to as a "Red Tail," logging 750 flight hours. He served 3 years and seven months active duty and remained in the United States Air Force Reserves until 1984. He retired after 41 years of service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, Gray earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics and became an executive with the U.S. Department of Agriculture until his retirement in 1984. Gray played a leading role in the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. organization, which provides scholarships to minorities studying aviation and aerospace. He served as president of the Miami and East Coast chapters. Gray is survived by his wife Dianne, his son Roger and his daughters Lynette Gayles and Kathryn Bryant. He is also survived by four stepchildren and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gray served as guest speaker at one of the Council's dinner socials and was a good friend to many of our Council members. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2017

President: Glenn Wiltshire

First Vice President: Erwin Sefton

Second Vice President: Marianne Giambrone

Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks

Secretary: Shelley Beck

Treasurer: Tom Carney

JAG: No candidate

Write-in candidates will be accepted by the secretary until October 31, 2016. The name of the proposed candidate and office for which they wish to be considered must be accompanied by 20 signatures of council members in good standing. Mail information to Secretary, BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339.

Elections will be held at the December dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

## NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

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# SEA CADET NIGHT

Each year, The Navy League proclaims the month of September as Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month and asks that Councils recognize these outstanding young people. The Naval Sea Cadet program provides training and education that prepare the cadets for any career field they choose while the discipline, core values and team work they learn help form the basis of their lives as leaders in their communities. Five cadets from the Spruance Division spoke about the training they participated in over the summer months. In addition, one outstanding cadet was awarded the Navy League's "Teddy Roosevelt" medal.



Joe Giambrone & Fort Lauderdale President Oscar Romano



LT Brittany Panetta (CO, CGC Margaret Norvell) and Council President Glenn Wiltshire



Tim Woody, Jenny Caesar (Congresswoman Frankel's office) and LTJG Jessica Shafer, Station Fort Lauderdale



Spruance Division Sea Cadets Color Guard



Joanne & Tom Melville (President Everglades Council)



LT Mark Ketchum (CO, Station Fort Lauderdale) praising Cadet Jake Scheiner for outstanding performance during his training assignment

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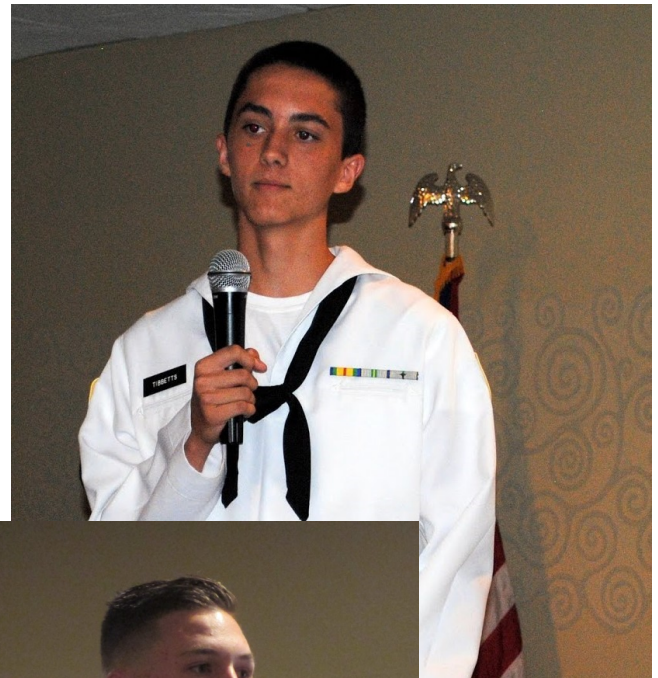
Five outstanding cadets gave presentations on their summer training experiences. They were: Cadets Alec Cooper, Jake Scheiner, Jonathon Pyne, Mathew Tibbetts and Blake Gamboa. Cadet Gabriel Green was recognized and presented with the Navy League's Youth Award aka the Teddy Roosevelt Medal. The presentation was made by LCDR Alan Starr, Fort Lauderdale Council President Oscar Romano, and Coast Guard Station Commanding Officer LT Mark Ketchum (see photo on last page). It was clear to everyone in attendance that these six cadets were the future leaders of our country.



Jonathon Pyne (above)



Alec Cooper (above) and Jake Scheiner (below)



Mathew Tibbetts (above)



Blake Gamboa (left)



# USCGC ROBERT YERED



On September 22, Council President Glenn Wiltshire recognized the Enlisted Person of the Quarter of our adopted ship, Coast Guard Cutter Robert Yered. FS1 Joshua Cruickshank was presented with a certificate and monetary award in recognition of his accomplishments. Shown in the photo are Council President Glenn Wiltshire, FS1 Joshua Cruickshank and Commanding Officer LT Soren Rose.

# COMMUNITY AFFILIATE

On September 26, Council President Glenn Wiltshire paid a visit to the offices of our newest Community Affiliate member DeAngelo Marine Exhaust Inc.

Glenn presented members Jorge Lang, Ozzie LaFont, Robert Montes, and Jason Paz with the Navy League Community Affiliate plaque.



# BAP UNION

On September 17, Latin America's largest sailing vessel, BAP Unión, made its way to Museum Park in Downtown Miami. The BAP Unión is a training ship of the Peruvian Navy and is a four-masted steel hulled full rigged barque built in 2014. The ship's name honors a Peruvian corvette that took part in the first stage of the 1879-1883 War of the Pacific as part of a naval squadron under the command of Miguel Grau, the most important hero of the Peruvian Navy. The Unión has been conceived not only for training purposes, but also to be a sailing ambassador for her home country. Due to its use as a training ship, the Unión's interior includes an auditorium, a library, a computing platform and classrooms to instruct cadets in astronomic navigation; meteorology; oceanography; hydrography; and naval operations and maneuvers. Prior to arriving in Miami, it visited Guayaquil Ecuador, Cartagena Colombia, and San Juan Puerto Rico. The vessel left Miami for Veracruz Mexico and Balboa Panama, where its cadets and crew will continue to promote Peruvian culture. There will be an arrival ceremony in November when the ship arrives at Peru's Callao port. Several Council members were able to tour the BAP Union and provided these photos.



# SEAFARERS' HOUSE

Seafarers' House is open throughout the year as a safe, friendly place for mariners whose ships are visiting Port Everglades. Seafarers' House provides access to pastoral care and counseling, emergency assistance, and local ground transportation. Their center provides access to free Wi-Fi as well as an international store stocked with the latest electronics and sundries. Their center also includes a recreational lounge with a library, microwave, television and pool table. Seafarers' House provides low-cost money orders as well as safe, economical wire transfers to 156 countries around the world.

Each year, Seafarers' House delivers wrapped shoeboxes filled with socks, toiletries, and holiday cheer to seafarers who come from all over the world into Port Everglades. Seafarers' House's "Shoebox Christmas" got an early start this year and they have begun the process of wrapping shoeboxes and collecting donations of personal care items. Board members Joe and Marianne Giambrone volunteer at Seafarers' House and have been involved in the program for several years as has Board member Larry Ott who has also volunteered his time to deliver shoeboxes to the ships.

There is always a need for additional volunteers and funds and there are several ways you can help:

Donate empty shoeboxes (with lids) and/or personal care items. The 10 items that go into each box are athletic white socks, combs, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, shaving cream, soap/shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils/pens/pencil sharpeners

Volunteer to wrap and fill shoeboxes

Volunteer to deliver filled shoeboxes to seafarers aboard their ships from late November to late December. Volunteers must be physically fit and over 18 years old.

Make a cash donation to help with the cost of the personal care items used to fill the shoeboxes

For more information, please contact Joe or Marianne Giambrone at [giambronejm@gmail.com](mailto:giambronejm@gmail.com).



# LOCAL DUES

Local dues notices will be sent out in the near future. The Council depends on these funds which directly support Council activities. The Council only receives a small rebate from your national dues but is able to utilize 100% of the local dues you pay. Please help the Council continue with our activities and more by sending payment of local dues when you receive the statement.

Examples of Council activities:

Support of our adopted units: USS Bataan, USS Leyte Gulf, USCG Air Station Miami, USCGC Robert Yered, Naval Operations Support Center (NOSC), Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, Aids to Navigation (ANT) and TACLET South. This includes recognition of outstanding achievements (i.e. sailor/enlisted person of the quarter) and financial support as requested by the individual unit.

Support of local Coast Guard units: Station Fort Lauderdale, USCGC Gannett, Aids to Navigation, Air Station Miami. This includes our annual Easter egg hunt/BBQ and holiday party

Support of Sea Cadets: Zeus Division of the Naval Sea Cadets are provided financial support. Teddy Roosevelt medals are presented to outstanding cadets.

Support of Fleet Week: Council members volunteer and are able to participate at various events which include welcome reception, ship visits, junior officers' party, and golf outing. Council hosts a junior officers' party.

Support of our adopted JROTC units: Cooper City High School, Flanagan High School, NOVA High School, Stranahan High School, and Taravella High School. The Navy League's Teddy Roosevelt medal is presented to outstanding junior cadets at each school.

Support of visiting military vessels: Council greets each visiting military vessel and hosts All Hands Parties for the crews. Ship tours and onboard receptions are arranged when possible.

Dinner Socials: Council provides guest speakers who will share information on issues affecting the Sea Services. This is a great opportunity to interact with other Navy Leaguers and military personnel.





# SEA SERVICE NEWS



On September 23, our adopted ship the USS Bataan (LHD 5) and the Bataan Amphibious Readiness Group (BATARG), Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 8 and the 24th Marine

Expeditionary Unit (MEU), completed a two-week PHIBRON-MEU Integrated Training (PMINT) exercise off the east coast of the United States. During PMINT, more than 1,800 Sailors from the Bataan, the USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) and the USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) along with 1,400 Marines from the 24th MEU, integrated for the first time, to complete a series of exercises designed to enhance interoperability between the Sailors and Marines. PMINT is comprised of a three-phase evolution and is typically about two weeks of training exercises. The first phase is embarkation. Sailors and Marines work together to practice mission essential tasks like flight deck qualifications, amphibious assaults, transportation of vehicles and gear from shore to ship and tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel. "The purpose of this exercise is the three ships, Navy support elements and the MEU come together to work collectively in the same place, at the same time," said Capt. Eric N. Pfister, commanding officer of USS Bataan. "Our next evolution will be our midterm, the ARG/MEU exercise, where we will have inspectors grading our homework, followed by the final phase, COMPTUEX (Composite Training Unit Exercise), which will be like our final exam."



During September, The Coast Guard celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month, paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic-Americans who have influenced and

enriched our nation. In a service of nearly 55,000 active duty, officer, reserve and civilian Coast Guard personnel, only 4 percent are Hispanic-Americans. In October 2015 in San Juan Puerto Rico, the Coast Guard commissioned the 154-foot Fast Response Cutter named after enlisted hero Heriberto "Eddie" Hernandez. Hernandez was a fireman aboard the CGC Point Cypress during the Vietnam War. On December 5, 1968, Hernandez joined the Point Cypress executive officer and a visiting Coast Guard officer in a boat patrol on a 13-foot Boston Whaler up the Rach Nang River in search for Viet Cong presence along the waterway. Thee boat crew and guerilla exchanged fire, severely wounding the three crewmembers. Hernandez' wounds proved fatal and he died later that day. Hernandez was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal with the combat "V" device for his professional skill, courage under enemy fire and his devotion to duty.



The Navy announced that it plans to send five ships to Baltimore to take part in Fleet Week which begins on October 10 - a cruiser, a de-

stroyer, two transport ships and the new stealth ship USS Zumwalt. Some 3,100 sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members are expected to take part. In addition to the Zumwalt, the ships the Navy plans to send are: the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19); the Council's adopted ship Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55); Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109); and Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Carson City (EPF 7). The weeklong event will also include an air show by the Blue Angels. On October 15, the Navy will formally commission the Zumwalt. The Navy describes the unusual looking ship as its most advanced surface ship, and its angular shape is designed to make it difficult to detect with radar.



The Marine Corps released a new operating concept that updates its 2014 Expeditionary Force 21 to include a renewed emphasis on maneuver warfare,

while retaining an emphasis on operations in an urban littoral environment against a technologically sophisticated enemy. The Marine Corps Operational Concept (MOC) begins with the admission that today's force is not organized, trained and equipped to succeed in a future operating environment where terrains and their populations are complex, technology has proliferated, information is used as a weapon, detecting enemy signatures and managing the Marines' own signatures is paramount, and the maritime domain is increasingly contested. In preparation for that future enemy and future fight, the concept calls for a Marine Air-Ground Task Force optimized to "[execute] maneuver warfare through a combined arms approach that embraces information warfare as indispensable for achieving complementary effects across five domains - air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace. The 21st century MAGTF ... blends maneuver warfare and combined arms to generate the combat power needed for simultaneity of action in its full range of missions," according to the released concept document.

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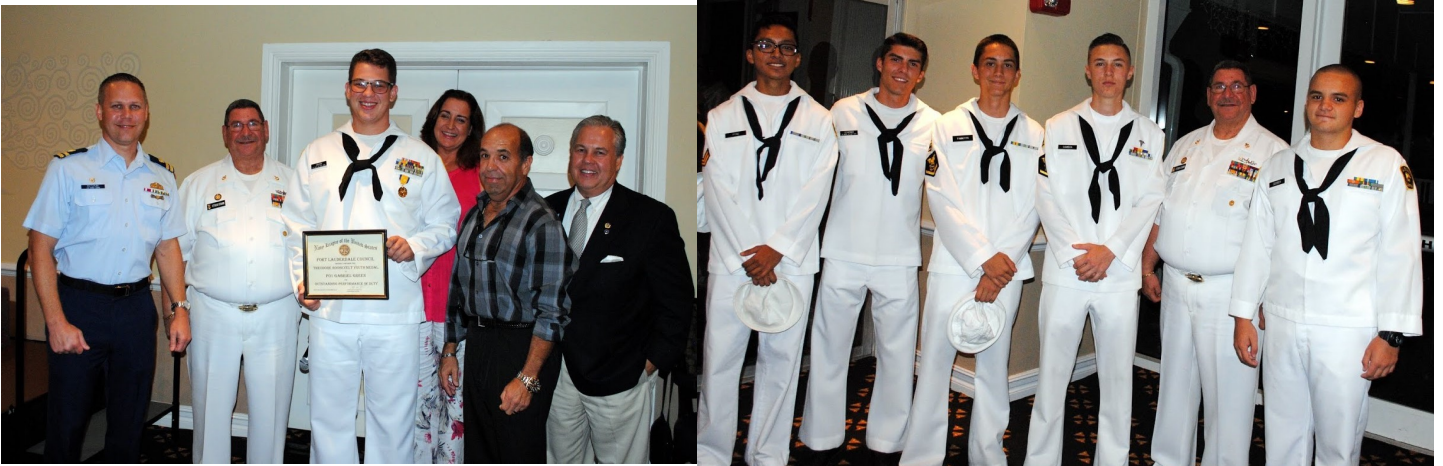


Photo on left: LT Mark Ketchum, LCDR Alan Starr, Cadet Gabriel Green, George Perez and Mr. & Mrs. Green.  
Photo on right: Jonathan Pyne, Jake Scheiner, Mark Tibbetts, Blake Gamboa, LCDC Alan Starr and Alec Cooper

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