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DECEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

Hosted by Broward County Council

and

Fort Lauderdale Council

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club

2800 Yacht Club Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cash Bar

7:00 P.M. Dinner & Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

First Sergeant Michele J. Hill

US Marine Corps

Bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

R.S.V.P. 954-565-6778 no later

than 9:00 AM, Monday, December 18

Guests \$40 per person.

Admittance by reservation only

COAST GUARD PARTY

Join us for our annual holiday party

Friday, December 1, 2017

see flyer inside newsletter

INSTALLATION

Broward County Florida Council
cordially invites you to join us for the
Installation of Officers for 2018
aboard the Caribbean Princess

Port Everglades, Florida
on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

The following officers will be installed

President – Larry Ott
First Vice President – Erwin Sefton
Second Vice President – Marianne Giambrone
VP Legislative Affairs – Robert “Bob” Marks
Secretary – Shelley Beck
Treasurer: Thomas “Tom” Carney

Boarding begins at approximately 10:30 AM
followed by Installation and Luncheon
\$45 per person

Please return security information
(full name, date of birth and
Drivers’ license number)
along
with your check
no later than January 10, 2018
To

Marianne Giambrone
1546 Barcelona Way
Weston FL 33327

Reservations cannot be guaranteed
After January 12, 2018

see additional information inside newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My personal thanks to all from the Council who were able to join us at our Council Dinner on Thursday, November 9th at Tropical Acres, where we heard Captain Michael Platt, the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami, speak about the great things that the crews and aircraft from the Air Station accomplished during the responses to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Marie. We also welcomed the Air Station's new XO, CDR Jeffrey Graham, and Command Master Chief Robert Dryburgh. I was also pleased to be able to present the Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale Enlisted Person of the Quarter award to BM2 Edwin Pinto at the dinner.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Coast Guard Holiday Party for the local units at Briny's on Friday, December 1st at 6 PM. Once again, the Fort Lauderdale Council and Broward Navy Days will be co-hosting the event with us. Please do plan on coming out to thank our local Coast Guard men and women and their guests for all that they do to keep us safe and secure. We will also be joining up with the Fort Lauderdale Council on December 20th for our December meeting in place of holding a separate dinner meeting. Provided that their schedule doesn't change, we're planning to present the Adoption Certificate to the crew of our newest adopted unit, the USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER (WPC-1101) at the meeting. Please also remember to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

Finally, my congratulations to the new slate of officers that were elected to fill the key leadership positions on the Council for 2018. Long time Board member Larry Ott will become President of our Council next year and all of the other officers will remain in their current positions. Princess Cruises has once again made the CARIBBEAN PRINCESS available to host us on Saturday, January 27, 2018 for our Installation Luncheon, but seats are limited, so please get your reservations in quickly. This is one of our key events for raising funds for our adopted unit and youth programs so we hope it will be a sellout.

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



VETERANS DAY

Numerous events were held on Veterans Day. One such event was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Davie where hundreds of flags were placed on the graves of veterans. Michael Walsh of Forest Lawn South organized the event and invited local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to participate. Board member Larry Ott reached out to Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Shown in photo are LTJG Jessica Shafer USCG, Larry Ott, scout leader and MKC Herring USCG. *Photo provided by Larry Ott*



The City of Sunrise held its annual celebration at their Civic Center Amphitheater. The ceremony featured a motorcycle procession, a three-round volley, distinguished speakers, the presentation of colors, and a display of military vehicles. Board Member Alan Starr served as a speaker and the Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors (shown in photo below). *Photo provided by Luke Han via Facebook.*



GUEST SPEAKER – DECEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



First Sergeant Michele J. Hill was born in San Diego, CA, and raised in Nebraska. Upon graduation from high school Hill enlisted in the Marine Corps. Private Hill graduated from MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina and reported to Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. After completing MCT, she received orders to her Military Occupational Specialty School of Supply Administration in Camp Johnson, North Carolina in January 2000. During school, Pvt Hill was promoted to Private First Class in Feb 2000. PFC Hill graduated MOS School and reported to Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines Regiment in March 2000 where she served as the Fiscal clerk. During her extended tour in Okinawa with 12th Marines, PFC Hill was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal in June 2000 and Corporal in December 2000. In March 2002, Cpl Hill was given orders to History and Museums Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington, Virginia. There, Cpl Hill worked as the Supply NCOIC, Publications NCOIC, and as the security manager. Cpl Hill graduated from Supply Intermediate Course April 2002. In November 2002, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt Hill requested special duty orders to Marine Security Guard School and graduated in May 2004. While on Marine Security Guard, she served as the Assistant Detachment Commander in Bolivia, Italy, and Nicaragua. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant in June 2006. After successfully completing her MSG duty, SSgt Hill returned to her MOS of Supply Administration with orders to Inspector Instructor duty, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. During this tour, she served as the Supply Chief and as the Toys for Tots Coordinator for all the Caribbean. SSgt Hill was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in November 2010. GySgt Hill was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California in November 2010, as the Fiscal Staff Non-commissioned Officer In Charge (SNCOIC), Supply Management Unit, 1st Supply Battalion. In September 2011, Gunnery Sergeant Hill was selected to serve on the I Marine Expeditionary Force Female Engagement Team (FET) 12-1 as the SNCOIC. After completing a 6-month intensive work up; she deployed with the I MEF FET in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Regional Command Southwest, Afghanistan in March 2012. After her deployment in August of 2012, GySgt Hill returned to 1st Supply Battalion as the Customer

Service SNCOIC. In June of 2013, GySgt Hill reported to the Wounded Warrior Detachment aboard Balboa Naval Medical Center San Diego where she served as the Operations Chief and later as the Company First Sergeant. After selection to First Sergeant, she reported to Combat Logistics Battalion 1 aboard Camp Pendleton in March 2015 where she served as both the Remain Behind Element Sergeant Major and the Headquarters and Service Company First Sergeant. In June 2016, First Sergeant Hill reported to Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard where she currently serves as the Region 9 First Sergeant.

Her personal awards include a Navy Marine Corps Commendation medal with 3 gold stars in lieu of 4th Award, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 1 gold star in lieu of 2nd Award, Good Conduct Medal with 4 bronze stars, Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Security Guard Ribbon.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE



Each year, Broward Navy Days hosts a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. This year, for the first time, there will not be a Pearl Harbor survivor in attendance. Alan Starr, Council board member and Chairman of Broward Navy Days, was interviewed by the Sun Sentinel and the article appeared on November 20.

For the past several years, Ed Hammond (shown in photo) attended the ceremony but he passed away earlier this year. For those of you who may want to attend his internment, it will be on December 7 at 10 AM at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth. Broward Navy Days has arranged for a Navy honor guard, Coast Guard chaplain and a Coast Guard flyover.

For those wanting to attend this year's Remembrance Ceremony, it will be held at 2 PM on December 3 at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, 7000 N. Ocean Drive in Dania Beach. The entrance is through Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, formerly John U. Lloyd State Park. Parking is available inside the Coast Guard station.

ANNUAL COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY



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FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE
BROWARD NAVY DAYS INC**

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USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE WPC 1102
USCGC MARGARET NORVELL WPC 1105
USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER WPC1101**

WITH A HOLIDAY PARTY AT

**BRINY RIVERFRONT RESTAURANT
305 SOUTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE
(Las Olas Riverfront on the New River)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
6:00—8:00 pm**

**TWO FREE DRINKS FOR COAST GUARD PERSONNEL
AND THEIR SPOUSE/GUEST**

FREE BUFFET FOR ALL***ENTERTAINMENT**

CASUAL HOLIDAY ATTIRE—UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Thanks to Princess Cruises, we will once again install our newly elected Council officers aboard a beautiful cruise ship. On January 27, 2018, we will board the Caribbean Princess in Port Everglades for a reception with open bar; our selected guest speaker will perform the swearing-in of the officers as well as make some remarks. We will then move to one of the ship's beautiful dining rooms where we will be treated to a delicious lunch. Then, if you wish, you will have time to explore the ship.

Join us and experience the beautiful Caribbean Princess for yourself. We are sure you will enjoy a wonderful event and, most importantly, you will be supporting the Council at this major fundraiser.



LOCAL DUES/DONATIONS

The Council only receives a small rebate from your national dues but is able to utilize 100% of the local dues and donations you pay. Please help the Council continue with the our activities by sending payment of local dues or by making a donation.

Examples of Council activities:

Support of our adopted units: USS Bataan, USS Leyte Gulf, Coast Guard Air Station Miami, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, Coast Guard Aids to Navigation (ANT), Coast Guard TACLET South, Coast Guard Cutter Robert Yered, Coast Guard Cutter Margaret Norvell Coast Guard Cutter Bernard C. Webber (to be formally adopted at December dinner social) and Naval Operations Support Center (NOSC). 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: This includes our annual Easter egg hunt/BBQ and holiday party. Financial support is provided as requested by the individual unit.

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 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.

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

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.

NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

FLEET WEEK



The Navy League of the United States has named Ryan Spiegel as its new National Judge Advocate. Spiegel was appointed during a special meeting of the Steering Committee on Monday, November 6, 2017. His term will continue through the Navy League's June 2018 annual convention in Portland, Oregon.

Ryan is a principal with the law firm of Paley Rothman in Bethesda, MD, and chairs the firm's Government Contracts practice and is a member of its Litigation, Corporate and Science & Technology practice groups. He has received a number of awards and recognition for his legal work, including being named a Rising Star by both Law360 and Super Lawyers. Driven by a strong commitment to community service, Spiegel performs countless hours of pro bono work. He also serves as an elected City Council member in Gaithersburg, MD and is an active member of the boards of directors of the Maryland Municipal League and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Community Affiliate members support our Council's grassroots efforts. Community Affiliate benefits include up to 4 individual Navy League memberships, a subscription to SEAPOWER magazine and annual SEAPOWER ALMANAC and recognition by our Council. If your company would like to find out more about becoming a Community Affiliate, please contact us at bcnavyleague@gmail.com.

The Council appreciates the support of our community affiliate.

Ship Supply of Florida

10800 NW 103 St Ste 1, Miami

The Council welcomes new members

Jean-Michel Caffin of Pinecrest

Barry Shade of Sunrise

David M. Sink of Zephyrhills

The 28th Fleet Week Port Everglades will be held from April 30 – May 6, 2018. The participating ships have not yet been confirmed; the schedule is expected to be published early next year.

The community will welcome visiting Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen on Monday, April 30 at Esplanade Park on the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk. The public is invited to this festive ceremony.

Public tours of visiting Navy and Coast Guard vessels will be offered May 1 through May 5. Due to Port security restrictions, advance registration is required and will be conducted online beginning in early April. Broward Navy Days has indicated that they cannot take advance reservations before that time and will not respond to requests. You can sign up for their e-mail newsletter and receive information about ship tour registration when it opens. Visit their website at browardnavydaysinc.org.

If you are interested in getting more involved, you can attend one of the three planning sessions. Meetings are held in the auditorium of the Port Everglades Administration Building at 1850 Eller Drive. The meetings will take place on January 25, February 27 and April 3. Meetings start at 9AM; coffee is available starting at 8:30.

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 954-389-0545 or giambronejm@gmail.com.

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NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

The Council hosted its dinner social on November 9 at Tropical Acres Steakhouse. The guest speaker was Captain Michael Platt, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami. Captain Platt shared many stories about the Coast Guard's activities during the three recent hurricanes. Council President Glenn Wiltshire honored Enlisted Person of the Quarter BM2 Edwin Pinto of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. (photo below)



Captain Platt with Council President Wiltshire



Mary Anne Gray, Captain Platt and his wife Crystal



LTJG Jessica Shafer, XO, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale who spoke about BM2 Pinto's accomplishments



Larry Ott (elected to serve as 2018 Council President at the event)

Photos by Charlie Schmidt

OUTSTANDING SAILORS – USS BATAAN

The Council is proud of the outstanding sailors that serve aboard our adopted ship, the USS Bataan. We recently recognized their 4th Quarter Sailors of the Quarter as well as their 2017 Sailors of the Year with Certificates of Accomplishment and monetary awards.



Top Row—Left to Right

Senior Sailor of the Quarter AC1 Jonathan Riggans

Sailor of the Quarter MM2 Hanyang Kong

Junior Sailor of the Quarter ABF3 Lionel Nunn—Nunn was also the Junior Sailor of the Year

Middle Row—Left to Right

Bluejacket of the Quarter CTTSN Jessica Johnson

Senior Sailor of the Year IT1 Michael Mills

Sailor of the Year ABH1 Joseph Sokpoli

Bottom Row: Bluejacket of the Year FN Fernando Sanchez

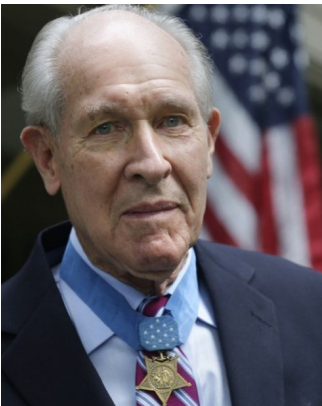
Photos provided by the USS Bataan

NEWS FROM OUR SEA SERVICES



On November 10, Captain Brad Busch (right in photo) relieved Captain Eric Pfister as the commanding officer of the USS Bataan LHD 5. Busch is the

15th commanding officer since Bataan's commissioning in 1997. "It has been the highest honor serving as the Bataan's Commanding Officer," said Pfister. "Seventeen months ago, I stood at this podium, with a mile-wide grin excited at the prospect of assuming command; awed by the responsibility, but confident in the preparations the Navy provided me. Throughout my eight months of training prior to arriving to Bataan, at every turn I met people who had been Bataan Sailors, Bataan commanding officers or they worked with the Bataan all they echoed what a great ship this was." *Story and photo from USS Bataan's Facebook page.*



On November 13, former U.S. Navy captain and pilot Thomas Hudner Jr. died; he was 93. Hudner was awarded the Medal of Honor during the Korean War in 1950 after his plane came under enemy fire and he crash-landed in an unsuccessful effort to save the life of his wingman and friend, Ensign Jesse Brown, the Navy's first

black combat pilot. Hudner watched this year as the USS Thomas Hudner, a destroyer, was christened at Bath Iron Works in Maine. *Story and photo from MarineCorpsTimes.com*



Rob Jones is a retired Marine Corps Sergeant. He lost both of his legs while serving in Afghanistan in 2010. While in Afghanistan, Jones was responsible for clearing an area of explosive devices in Tali-

ban territory. A landmine detonated near him, injured his legs and resulted in doctors having to amputate both of his legs. Jones is not letting his injuries prevent him from helping other injured veterans. On Veterans

Day, he completed his 31st marathon in 31 days; he competed in one marathon every day. His goal is to raise money for a group of charities that benefit wounded warriors. So far he has raised more than \$125,000. "My objective with the 31 marathons in 31 days is to just get a story out there about a veteran that went to Afghanistan, had a traumatic experience, came back you know minus two legs, but was still able to find my new way that I was going to contribute to my country and my society and keep fighting for my brother veterans," Jones said. Jones has also won a bronze medal in the Paralympics, biked 5,200 miles across the country and climbed 104 flights of stairs at the One World Trade Center in New York City. *Story from wgmtv.com; photo from USA Today.com*



On November 14, the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Spencer offloaded approximately 10 tons of cocaine and 23 kilograms of heroin in Port Everglades worth an

estimated \$300 million wholesale seized in international waters off the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The drugs were interdicted along Mexico and Central America by multiple U.S. Coast Guard cutters. The offload represents 14 separate, suspected drug smuggling vessel interdictions by the Coast Guard. *Story and photo from Coast Guard News.mil*



On November 15, the Navy accepted delivery of future guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) from shipbuilder Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII). DDG 114's namesake, Pfc. Ralph H. Johnson, received the Medal of Honor for his actions during Operation Rock in the Vietnam War, 1968. Johnson jumped on top of a tossed grenade to spare his fellow Marines from the blast. The heroic action took Johnson's life but saved the lives of his brothers in arms and undoubtedly prevented the enemy from penetrating his sector of the perimeter. "The namesake of this ship is a true American patriot who sacrificed his life for the safety of his fellow Marines and his country," said Capt. Casey Moton, DDG 51 class program manager, Program Executive Office Ships. DDG 114 is the 64th Arleigh Burke class destroyer and the third of the DDG 51 Flight IIA restart ships to deliver. *Story and photo from Navy.mil*



BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

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NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



Left to right: AMTCM Robert Dryburgh, Council President Glenn Wiltshire, Erwin Sefton and CDR Jeffrey Graham

