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FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL



Thursday, February 8, 2018

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

PROGRAM:
Paul Doell
National President
American Maritime Officers

You'll hear about the US Merchant Mariners
and the Jones Act

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of:
Prime Rib of Beef
Sea Bass Francaise

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

Please RSVP your dinner choice on or before Feb 1
by e-mailing browardnavyleague@gmail.com or
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USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER

The Council officially adopted the USCG Cutter Bernard C. Webber at the December 20th dinner social. The paperwork was signed by President Glenn Wiltshire and Commanding Officer LT Nate Neuhardt. As one of our adopted units, the Council will honor its sailors and provide financial support to its MWR fund.

USCGC Bernard C. Webber was the first of the Coast Guard's 58 Sentinel-class cutters and was commissioned on April 14, 2012 at the Port of Miami. The cutter is named after a heroic enlisted member of the Coast Guard, Bernard C. Webber, who was coxswain of the 36-foot wooden Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat CG 36500 that ventured out in 60-foot seas to rescue men from the stricken T2 tanker SS Pendleton that had broken in two during a Winter storm off Chatham, Massachusetts on February 18, 1952. The rescue of the survivors of the shipwrecked Pendleton is considered one of the most daring rescues of the United States Coast Guard. The story of the Pendleton rescue has been made into a motion picture entitled The Finest Hours.

Shown in the photo with Glenn Wiltshire are CO Neuhardt (holding certificate) along with some of the Bernard C. Webber crew members.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new president of the Broward County Navy League, I'd like to give a little of my background for those who may not know me. Born and raised in Michigan, BA degree from Trinity College, (now Trinity Int'l University), AS degree in Mortuary Science from Miami Dade Community College, funeral director with Kraeer Funeral Homes (Dignity) for 26 years, member of the Broward County Navy League since 1996 and a board member for many years. Never served in the armed forces. Volunteer for several organizations and events each year.

other Navy League members and I volunteer each December to deliver shoeboxes of personal care items to the officers and crew of the Merchant Marine. This project is sponsored by the Seafarers House in Port Everglades and is always a rewarding event as the seamen are deeply grateful that someone has thought of them during the holiday season. Over 1,100 boxes were delivered this year-it is a huge project as each box is gift wrapped and filled with many items-all done by volunteers.

Speaking of the Merchant Marine, Port Everglades is a major port for ships delivering fuel, lumber, containers of products, etc. as well as reloading the ship with items to export. This cargo area is very expansive and most are unaware of the size of the port and the magnitude of cargo. Along with the merchant ships are many cruise ships leaving and arriving from our port. It is critical to our community and country that ships have the freedom to cross the oceans without fear of foreign countries harassing or attacking. Having a strong sea service permits this safety. Not only for the import and export of goods, but also protecting our shores from dangerous cargos and people that would threaten our quality of life. Navy League National and the local councils support a strong sea service through legislation and education.

National Navy League informs membership of items being sent to Congress and makes it very easy for membership to support these items simply by clicking on a prepopulated letter to our congressmen and women. Education is provided through Sea Power magazine and by speakers at dinner meetings.

May we all be actively supporting the sea services both nationally and locally.

Larry Ott

Council President



GUEST SPEAKER



Paul Doell was elected National President of American Maritime Officers—an affiliate of the Seafarers International Union of North America—in December 2014. Now in his 45th year of service to AMO, Doell had served for eight years as the union's Legislative Director in Washing-

ton DC, where he worked with key figures in both political parties and in both Congressional chambers to promote the privately owned and operated U.S.-flag merchant fleet and to sustain jobs for civilian American merchant mariners in domestic and international trades. In the Capital, he was active as well in maritime industry-labor coalitions defending the Jones Act, the Maritime Security Program, the PL-480 "Food for Peace" program and the U.S.-flag cargo preference laws. From June 1980 through March 2007, Doell served as the union's communications director, working directly with three AMO Presidents and overseeing print and online publications and preparing all correspondence to AMO members in the deep-sea, Great Lakes and inland waters sectors and to industry interests, other unions and Congressional offices.

Doell—who lives in Hollywood FL with Barbara, his wife of 42 years—began his AMO career in November 1972 at the union's headquarters in Brooklyn, and he spent much of his early time on staff in the AMO Great Lakes homeport of Toledo, OH. On the lakes, Doell served as the union's liaison to media outlets in the eight-state Great Lakes region, assisted with organizing drives, worked in local political campaigns and walked picket lines in support of striking unions active in the Toledo Port Council of the AFLCIO Maritime Trades Department.

Doell has a lifelong link to American Maritime Officers. His father, Ray Doell, was a founding member of the Brotherhood of Marine Engineers, the union that evolved into AMO. The BME was chartered in May 1949 by labor legend Paul Hall as an affiliate of the SIUNA, and Ray Doell served as the BME's New York Port Agent, as a contract negotiator, as Director of Membership Benefits and as the BME's first elected Secretary-Treasurer before returning to sea on his Chief Engineer's license in 1960. With its strong roots in the Seafarers International Union of North America and the AFLCIO Maritime Trades Department, American Maritime Officers has emerged through often turbulent times as the nation's largest and strongest union of licensed seagoing professionals—the finest merchant marine officers in the world.

ANNUAL COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY

Each year, we honor the Coast Guard by hosting a holiday party. This year's event, co-hosted by our Council, Fort Lauderdale Council and Broward Navy Days, was held on December 1 at Briny's Irish Pub. The event was attended by members of many of the local Coast Guard units including Station Fort Lauderdale, Aids to Navigation Fort Lauderdale, Air Station Miami, TACLET South, USCGC Margaret Norvell, USCGC Robert Yered and USCGC Bernard C. Webber. It was an evening for us to thank these brave men and women and their guests and for them to relax and have an enjoyable evening. All in attendance enjoyed the delicious buffet provided by Mike and Aileen Brennan of Briny's. LTJG Anna Wade from the USCGC Margaret Norvell entertained the crowd with a few songs!

Thanks to Board Member Ewin Sefton (left) for arranging the event. He's shown below with LT Derek Wallin, Commanding Officer, Station Fort Lauderdale and his wife Jordan.



XO Jessica Shafer, Heather and EPO Josh Herring representing Station Fort Lauderdale



USCGC Robert Yered crew members



CO of the USCGC Margaret Norvell and members of the crew



Elaine and Bob Hogg with Barbara Zane Kelleher, members of Fort Lauderdale Council

SEAFARERS' HOUSE



Seafarers' House at Port Everglades is pleased to announce that The Reverend Sanford Raymond Sears is its new port chaplain. Father Sears comes to Seafarers' House from Holy Guardian Angels Church in Lantana, Fla. where he served as vicar. He is an ordained priest in the Anglican Church who

worked as a hospice chaplain for six years prior to serving at Holy Guardian Angels. Father Sears is a retired United States Coast Guard Officer and spent two years in the United States Army. Father Sears' pastoral experience, as well as his service to the sea services as a member of the Coast Guard for many years, makes him a perfect fit for his new role," said Seafarers' House Executive Director Lesley Warrick. "We are lucky to have found someone with his background to fill this critical role of providing support to the thousands of seafarers who visit our port each year." One of the most demanding jobs at Seafarers' House is that of chaplain. No two days are the same and no task is too small. From ensuring the chapel is fully stocked with necessary items, to ship visits, to responding to emergencies, the port chaplain is on call 24-7. "While the role of a seafarer often is romanticized, it can be a difficult and lonely existence," said Father Sears. "To become part of an organization that makes such a positive impact on the lives of these hardworking mariners is a role I am very honored to accept." Father Sears will lead a group of volunteer chaplains from various faiths who also support Seafarers' House mission by providing counseling, assistance and spiritual resources.

ABOUT SEAFARERS' HOUSE

Open throughout the year, Seafarers' House is a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect with their families, relax, or get emergency assistance if needed. With the help of its supporters and volunteers, Seafarers' House offers many services including free transportation, Internet access, counseling services, and liaison with authorities as well as recreational facilities. Seafarers' House annually hosts nearly 150,000 visits by cruise and cargo ship crewmembers. For additional information visit www.seafarershouse.org.

Story and photo from Seafarers' House's press release on January 9, 2018.

DECEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

The December 20 dinner social was held jointly with Fort Lauderdale Council. As is tradition, toys were collected for the Toys for Tots drive. The guest speaker was 1st Sgt Michelle Hill, USMC who talked about her life in the Marine Corps as well as Marines serving in Caribbean and South America embassies.

CDR Robby Trotter, Commanding Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit USS Paul Ignatius (DDG-117), attended the dinner meeting. He is shown in the photo with President Glenn Wiltshire



Fort Lauderdale Council President Abuid Montes, 1st Sgt Michelle Hill and Council President Glenn Wiltshire
Photo from Navy League News, publication of Fort Lauderdale Council

RECOGNITION AT OUR ADOPTED UNITS

On November 22, BM2 Ryan Owen was recognized at the Enlisted Person of the Quarter aboard the USCGC Robert Yered. BM2 Owen was presented with a financial award and certificate recognizing his achievements. He is shown with President Glenn Wiltshire and Commanding Officer Soren Rose.



On December 11, ME3 Nathan Emborski was recognized as Enlisted Person of the Quarter at TACLET South. Council officers were not available to make the presentation of a financial award and certificate of achievement. Instead, the presentation was made by CDR Joseph Meuse (on right in photo) and MEC Kurt Yockel (on left in photo).



On December 13, Enlisted Person of the Quarter EM1 William Gore was recognized for his achievements. EM1 Gore serves aboard the USCGC Margaret Norvell. President Glenn Wiltshire made the presentation of a financial award and certificate of achievement. Also in the photo is Commanding Officer LT Brittany Panetta.



On December 6, Enlisted Person of the Quarter AMT1 Christopher Grantham of Air Station Miami was recognized for his achievements. Board Member Senior Chief Alan Starr made the presentation. Also in the photo are Captain Michael Platt (far left) and Command Master Chief Robert Dryburgh (far right).



INSTALLATION OF 2018 COUNCIL OFFICERS

On January 27, the Council held its installation of 2018 Officers aboard the Caribbean Princess. This event is a major fundraiser for the Council and we were delighted to have a great turnout. The Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors under the leadership of Alan Starr. Reverend Justin Beam, pastor at New Presbyterian Church in Wilton Manors gave the invocation. Our guest speaker was CDR Joseph Meuse, Commanding Officer, TACLET South who addressed the group and also swore in the officers. Jenny Ceasar of Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office read a message to the audience on the Congresswoman's behalf. After enjoying cocktails and conversation in the ship's Wheelhouse Lounge, we moved to the Palm dining room where guests enjoyed a delicious 3-course lunch. A special thanks to Robert Russell, Senior Consultant/former owner of Kraeer Funeral Homes for making a large donation for this event. A big thank you to Princess Cruises for providing the beautiful setting for the ceremony.



Past President with his wife Estella who he thanked for her patience during his three years in office



Elaine Hogg, Beverly Filippidis and Edward Dambach, XO at Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC)



Guest speaker CDR Joseph Meuse with his wife Kathrine and Council Treasurer Tom Carney



Newly elected President Larry Ott with Rev Justin Beam



Nadine LaGuette with Pamela and Rick Ciravolo

Photos on this page courtesy of Charles Schmidt

INSTALLATION OF 2018 COUNCIL OFFICERS



Jenny Ceasar, Bob Marks, Lynn Drucker (South Florida Area President)



Sitting: Lynn Elsasser, Pat Dumont (National Vice President)
Standing: Barbara Wells, Monika Lent



President Larry Ott, Ramdesh Gopaul, Shirley O'Neill and Larry's sister Cheryl Cox



Spruance Division Sea Cadets



Bonnie Goner and Danny Ben-Joseph



Brad Rinsem and Mary Anne Gray (Executive Director of Broward Navy Days)

INSTALLATION OF 2018 COUNCIL OFFICERS



CDR Joseph Meuse swore in the 2018 Officers (from left) Treasurer Tom Carney, VP Legislative Affairs Bob Marks, Secretary Shelley Beck, 2nd VP Marianne Giambrone, 1st VP Erwin Sefton, President Larry Ott



Above—Rebecca Beam and Marge Muth
Below—Rosa Reeves, Diane Schmidt and George Reeves



Above -Deborah and Robert Koebele with Connie Arneson
Below—Past President Glenn Wiltshire with CDR Alan Starr



NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

FLEET WEEK

Community Affiliate members support our Council's grassroots efforts. Community Affiliate benefits include up to 4 individual Navy League memberships, a subscription to SEAPOW magazine and annual SEAPOW-ER ALMANAC and recognition by our Council.

If your company would like to find out more about becoming a Community Affiliate, please contact us at browardnavyleague@gmail.com.

The Council appreciates the support of our community affiliate.

Ship Supply of Florida
10800 NW 103 St Ste 1, Miami

The Sea-Air-Space is the largest maritime exposition in the United States and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support. Products that are intended to enhance and advance the quality of America's Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or U.S.-flag Merchant Marine will be on display at the exposition. This year's event will be held from April 9-11, 2018 at the Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. There is no charge to attend the exposition for Active Duty and Active Reserve U.S. Military, Retired U.S. Military and Navy League Members. For more information, visit seairspace.org.

The 2018 Navy League National Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon from June 6-9, 2018. The convention begins in the middle of the Rose Festival and Fleet Week kicks off at the end. The content of the convention is being enhanced to appeal to a wider audience with the goal of providing support to those members who attend. Special Navy League hotel rates will be available at the Portland Marriott Waterfront. For more information, visit navyleagueconvention.org.

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.

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

The following are the dates of Council events for 2018. These dates are subject to change so please check your email, the Council's website or our Facebook page.

February 8 - dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant

March 8 - dinner social

March 24 - Coast Guard Easter egg hunt & BBQ at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

April 12 - dinner social

April 30 - May 6 - Fleet Week

May 1 - Junior Officers Party (Fleet Week event)

June 14 - dinner social

September 19 - Sea Cadet Night - joint meeting with Fort Lauderdale Council

October 11 - Oktoberfest - details to be announced

November 8 - dinner social

December 13 - dinner social

Board Meetings - Any Council member interested in getting more involved is welcome to attend any board meeting. The meetings are held at the Port Everglades Administration Building starting at 6:30 PM.

The 2018 dates are:

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

August 27 (for September)

October 1

November 5

December 3

SHOP & HELP COUNCIL

Do you shop on-line using Amazon? Would you be willing to help the Council while you shop?

If you do not personally shop on Amazon, we ask that you pass this information along to family and/or friends that do.

For the past few years, the Council has been able to benefit from members who use AmazonSmile for their on-line shopping. All you need to do is register the Council's name in AmazonSmile and shop as you usually do - the only difference is that the Council receives a rebate based on the amount of the purchases. We are hoping that more members will begin doing their on-line shopping on AmazonSmile. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. The Council is officially registered to receive rebate donations; the link is: smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0179407. You can also find the link on the Council's website (bcnavyleague.org) or you can select Navy League of the US - Broward County Florida Council on smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

PEARL HARBOR

A ceremony on Sunday, December 3, at the Coast Guard Station at Port Everglades commemorated the 76th anniversary of the surprise attack that killed thousands of sailors during World War II. Seated in the front row was the guest of honor: 101-year-old Sgt. Joseph Iscovitz, who jumped up from his breakfast 76 years ago and grabbed a submachine gun as bombs dropped on the ships at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Iscovitz is one of the last remaining Pearl Harbor survivors in South Florida. For many years, another veteran, Edward Hammond, attended the annual Broward Navy Days commemoration of the Japanese attack. Hammond died in September at age 93. But Iscovitz, who lives in a Coconut Creek nursing home, decided to attend after learning about Hammond's death and the ceremony. A presentation of colors from a group of young U.S. Naval Sea Cadets began the ceremony, which included speeches from Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, state Rep. George Moraitis, R-Fort Lauderdale, and Alan Starr, chairman of Broward Navy Days. The ceremony culminated with servicemen placing a wreath into the waters of the port as a sole trumpeter played taps. As the ceremony ended and cake was cut for serving, young servicemen and women walked instead to the front row to have their picture taken with Iscovitz.

Story from Sun-Sentinel.com

NEWS FROM OUR SEA SERVICES



On January 18 Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul Zukunft visited Coast Guard Base Miami Beach and Coast Guard Sector Miami. He post-

ed the following statement on his Facebook page: "This morning I met with members of Coast Guard Base Miami Beach and Coast Guard Sector Miami to thank them for their hard work during the unprecedented 2017 hurricane season. Yet, threats do not take a break and Coast Guard men and women continue to operate nonstop to ensure security and prosperity for our great Nation." *Photo from Facebook*

The following are excerpts from stories that appeared on Navy.mil regarding crew members of our adopted ship, the USS Bataan.

On December 6, 2017 the USS Bataan gained a new U.S. citizen, Seaman Ingrid Seixas. Born in Rio De Janerio, Brazil, Seixas is the first in her family to gain her U.S. citizenship. She felt as though she lost the structure she previously had and wanted something in her life that was fast paced and organized which is what inspired her to join the Navy. "I've been in the United States for 10 years, so if I do at least four years in the Navy it's like I'm giving back to the country," said Seixas. "I didn't join the military to become a citizen, it's just a plus." While becoming a citizen is a quicker process for service members than most immigrants, it's still a difficult task. Seixas's naturalization process started in November 2016 while attending basic training, at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, located in Illinois. Her naturalization continued in January 2017 while attending the Surface Common Core course. She had to pass an interview on American history and geography and also had to pass an English proficiency test. Seixas's naturalization process was put on hold when in February 2017, she was assigned to the Bataan and deployed for seven months. By the end of the year her citizenship was back on track and two weeks before the holidays she was able to give her Oath of Allegiance.

To Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Charles Hendrickson, aboard the Bataan, music is a chance to inspire people and a motivator for accomplishing goals and dreams in life. Hendrickson grew up in a family whose passion for music became an integral part of life. Raised in Peoria, Arizona, he performed with his high school's band playing the clarinet, before moving onto Northern Arizona State University where he majored in music performance. Hendrickson has learned to play a variety of musical instruments from guitar, bass guitar, drums, saxophone along with the bass clarinet and piano. Hendrickson hopes to use his talents of fulfilling his dream of making a Christian Rock Christmas album come true. Hendrickson already recorded a song and has it uploaded on his YouTube channel. In 2015, Hendrickson decided to enlist in the Navy to serve his country, but he found out the Navy can also help him accomplish more than just that. During his last deployment Hendrickson participated in several talent shows, music nights and karaoke nights along with being a worship leader for Christian services on Sundays, where he would play his guitar and sing. He is even working on getting an audition for the Navy Band, with hopes of reaching his dream of becoming a renowned musician.



1st Lt. Aaron Cranford speaking in an interview with Justin Kinjo and Yusuke Teruya, divers who almost lost their lives

at the hands of a rip current, after he receives the Navy and Marine Corps Medal on January 8, 2017, at the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Headquarters building on Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan. Cranford was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for risking his life while rescuing three divers and a local Okinawan who were caught in rip current during a recreational dive at Onna Point, Okinawa, Japan on April 23, 2017. Cranford, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is a supply officer with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. *Photo and story from Marines.mil*



Coast Guard Air Station Miami hosted a memorial remembrance ceremony January 17 at Miami Opa-Locka Executive Airport. The annual ceremony

honored those air crew members who lost their lives in the line of duty in the Miami area. *Story and photo from US Coast Guard 7th District Photo Release*

COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY



Above: President Glenn Wiltshire (with Santa hat) is shown with crew members of the newly adopted USCGC Bernard C. Webber
Right: Joe Rivas, Aids to Navigation Fort Lauderdale



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