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OKTOBERFEST

Please see flyer inside the newsletter for information on this year's Oktoberfest Celebration taking place on October 17, 2018 at Old Heidelberg Restaurant

NOVEMBER DINNER

Our November 8th Dinner Social will take place at Tropical Acres Restaurant
Guest speaker will be Captain James A. Passarelli
Chief of Staff, Coast Guard 7th District
See details inside newsletter

2019 COUNCIL OFFICERS

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2019:

President: Larry Ott
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, 2018. 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 November dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

SEA CADET NIGHT

On September 26, the Council joined members of the Fort Lauderdale Council to celebrate Sea Cadet Night. The evening was well attended by Navy Leaguers, local military and Sea Cadet family members. Also on hand was CDR Robby Trotter, Commanding Officer of the USS Paul Ignatius DDG-117 which will be commissioned in Fort Lauderdale in July 2019. Senior Chief Jasmine Williams and Chief Warrant Officer Sara Goodale accompanied CDR Trotter who spoke briefly about the upcoming commissioning (shown below with National Treasurer Joe Giambrone and National VP Pat Dumont).



Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although we have not had any meetings for the past couple months, members of the Board have kept busy with a variety of activities. Much of these have been recorded in our last issue of the Helmsman; however, I do want to mention that Joe and Marianne Giambrone attended the National Convention this summer in Portland, Oregon. While there, Marianne accepted our Meritorious Council award from National President, Alan Kaplan. Thanks to all who have been involved throughout the past year for Broward County Navy League to earn this recognition.

Now that autumn has arrived, we are looking forward to our annual activities. By the time this letter goes to publication, we will have enjoyed the Sea Cadet program at the Broward County and Fort Lauderdale joint dinner meeting. The Sea Cadet program not only prepares the cadets for future service in the military but also provides valuable skills they can use throughout life. This particular meeting will feature several cadets who will relate their summer experiences of training away from home.

I am pleased to announce that the Broward County Council has adopted the USCGC Paul Clark. Glenn Wiltshire and I met with their captain, LtCdr Kris Ensley, to sign the adoption papers. Stationed at the Coast Guard Station on Miami Beach, Paul Clark is our fourth adopted cutter there joining with the Bernard Webber, Margaret Norvell and the Robert Yered. While on board, we recognized their Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Enlisted Person of the Year.

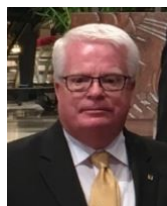
A new ship, the USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117), will be commissioned in Port Everglades next year. The Paul Ignatius is a guided missile destroyer and was christened in April. The ship is named in honor of the former Secretary of the Navy. Meetings will begin soon to plan for the commissioning. As this will be a large event, many organizations and individuals will be involved and there will be opportunities to volunteer.

Coming in October will be Oktoberfest. As in past years, our Council will partner with the Fort Lauderdale Council for this fun event. There will be a change in venue this year as it will be at Old Heidelberg Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

There are opportunities over the next few months to get involved in the life of this Council. Come join us and help support the mission of the Navy League and the work of the Broward County Council.

Larry M. Ott

President



PROCLAMATION

The Coast Guard announced in April that BMCM Mathew J. Coppola, who at the time was the Officer-in-Charge of the USCGC Gannet, was selected as the Thirteenth Silver (Enlisted) Ancient Mariner. The Ancient Mariner title recognizes the officer and enlisted person with the earliest designation as a permanent cutterman and requires a minimum of ten years of sea time. The award recipients must personify and uphold the core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty, along with the professionalism and leadership associated with long service at sea. The Council reached out to Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca and requested that BMCM Coppola's achievement be recognized. On September 25, Broward County Board of County Commissioners presented him with a proclamation naming the day as "Master Chief Coppola Silver Ancient Mariner Day". Many Coast Guard personnel and several Navy Leaguers were on hand on September 25 to join in honoring Coppola, currently Officer in Charge of the USCGC Manatee, on his selection. Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca presented the proclamation. Congratulations to BMCM Coppola and thanks to the Broward County Commissioners' Office for ensuring that his achievement was recognized.

Commissioner LaMarca and Board Member Glenn Wiltshire with BMCM Coppola, Coast Guard personnel and Broward County Commissioners



Glenn Wiltshire and Shelley Beck were on hand for the event



OKTOBERFEST



Broward County & Fort Lauderdale Councils
invite you to an

Oktoberfest Celebration



Wednesday, October 17th
6:00-9:00pm

Old Heidelberg Restaurant
900 W. State Road 84
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Featuring
Live Music, German Beers,
& German Fare

Please detach and return with your check

Oktoberfest Celebration

Wednesday, October 17th, Old Heidelberg Restaurant, 6:00-9:00 pm

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

attending (@\$35each) _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

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Send to: Lynn Drucker, 845 S. Southlake Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019

NOVEMBER DINNER

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

PROGRAM:

CAPTAIN JAMES A. PASSARELLI
Chief of Staff, Coast Guard 7th District

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Salmon

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

Please RSVP your dinner choice
on or before Nov 2
by e-mailing browardnavyleague@gmail.com or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610



Captain Passarelli graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelors of Science degree with Honors in Civil Engineering and was commissioned an Ensign in 1992. He has served aboard six cutters during his career, commanding three

of them while conducting Coast Guard operations around the globe. He has additionally served in a number of staff positions including two assignments in the Coast Guard Headquarters' Chief Financial officer's organization. CAPT Passarelli holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from George Mason University and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In his current capacity as the Chief of Staff of the Seventh Coast Guard District, he is second in command of the largest and busiest District in the Coast Guard, spanning 1.8 million square miles, five states and territories, and 31 sovereign nations. He leads six Sectors, four Air Stations, 20 Rescue Stations and 42 ships with a workforce of 4,000 active duty, 1,000 reserves, 800 civilians and 4,500 Auxiliarists.

RECOGNITION

On October 4, Past President Glenn Wiltshire and Board Member Senior Chef Alan Starr visited our adopted ship, USCGC Bernard C. Webber. Glenn and Alan recognized the accomplishment of their Enlisted Person of the Quarter CS3 Kennedy Penrod with a certificate and monetary award. Executive Officer LTJG Brandon Prout was on hand for the presentation and is shown in the photo.



Senior Chief Starr presented the Fleet Week Enlisted Person of the Year award to MK2 Ryan McDaniel. Ryan was unable to attend the presentation made during the Fleet Week dinner held in May. Many of you will remember Ryan from past Council events when he was one of the Spruance Division Sea Cadets.

Congratulations Ryan!



SEA CADET NIGHT

Six cadets from the Spruance Division Sea Cadets talked about their summer training experiences. Audience members were impressed with the ease in which each of these Cadets stood before a crowd of approximately 100 guests and talked about their experiences. During each cadet's presentation, a slide show allowed guests to view photos taken at the trainings.



Seaman Apprentice Tyler Jones attended Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Master At Arms Training.



Petty Officer Third Class Jordan Dawkins attended Small Boat Operations Training and the Petty Officer Leadership Academy.

Seaman Apprentice Juan Gonzalez, who recently transferred to the Spruance Division from Texas, attended Basic Scuba, Basic Medical and Master At Arms Training.



Petty Officer Second Class Bianka Harris attended the US Marine Corps Summer Leadership and Character Development Academy.



Petty Officer First Class Mason Green attended Staff, Navy League Cadet Corps Orientation. Petty Officer Green was also awarded the Navy League Teddy Roosevelt medal, shown with CDR Trotter and his father looking on.



Seaman Paul Spada attended Ceremonial Guard Training and Coast Guard Training.



NAVAL SEA CADET NIGHT



Casey Cruzpino, (USCGC Bernard Webber) Joann & Tom Melville (Everglades Council) and Lynn Drucker (Florida Region President)



Council members Rick Ciravolo and Glenn Wiltshire



SUPPO Janett B. Smith with Council member Eduardo Lombard

The Coast Guard was well represented—these are just a few from our local units that enjoyed the evening



Fort Lauderdale Council member Joanne Lewis and Broward Navy Days Executive Director Mary Anne Gray



Alan Starr, Commanding Officer of the Spruance Division, explained the role of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and their accomplishments.



USCG PAUL CLARK

On September 20, Council President Larry Ott and Commanding Officer LCDR Kristopher Ensley, signed the official Unit Adoption Certificate making the US Coast Guard Cutter Paul Clark WPC-1106 the Council's fourth adopted cutter.

The Paul Clark is the sixth Sentinel-class cutter and is homeported in Miami. The cutter was commissioned on August 24, 2013. The vessel is named after Paul Leaman Clark, who served as a fireman in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. Clark was staffing a landing craft during a large assault on a beach in French North Africa when the craft's two other crew members were wounded by a Luftwaffe fighter. Clark took command of the craft, took the wounded crew members to a Navy ship for medical care and then returned to his duties as a beachmaster, directing disembarkation activity. (from Wikipedia)

Council President Ott also recognized the achievements of the Paul Clark's Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Enlisted Person of the Year. Larry presented the Enlisted Person of the Quarter award to FN Derrick E. Knox (shown in top photo with Larry and CO Ensley) and the Enlisted Person of the Year award to MK1 Jason S. Hudson (shown in bottom photo with Larry and CO Ensley). A donation to the cutter's MWR fund was also made.



ADOPTED UNITS

Reference is often made in The Helmsman to our "adopted unit" but do you know what that means? The objective of adopting a unit is to provide continuing support to that unit. Adoption implies a commitment of continuing support. The Sea Service unit being adopted benefits from the adoption by having their crew members see that civilians care enough about what they do to thank them and provide individual recognition for their accomplishments. The unit's leadership can often develop personal relationships with members of the community. The Council benefits by developing working relationships with the unit's leadership and enhanced access to local Sea Service functions and personnel.

Currently, the Broward County Council has eleven (11) adopted units:

USS Bataan LHD 5 – homeported in Norfolk Virginia

USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 – homeported in Norfolk Virginia
commissioned at Port Everglades in 1987

Naval Operational Support Center Miami – home of
Navy Reservists – located in Hialeah

Coast Guard Air Station Miami – located in Opa Locka

Coast Guard Aids to Navigation – located in Dr. Von D.
Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, Dania Beach

Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale – located in Dr.
Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, Dania Beach

Coast Guard TACLET South – located in Opa Locka.

USCG Cutter Paul Clark – homeported in Miami

USCG Cutter Margaret Norvell – homeported in Miami

USCG Cutter Bernard C. Webber – homeported in Miami

USCG Cutter Robert Yered – homeported in Miami

We recognize the achievements of the sailors/enlisted persons of the quarter and sailors/enlisted persons of the year at all of the above units. We are able to have a more personal relationship with our local Coast Guard units. Annually we host an Easter Egg Hunt/BBQ at no cost for Coast Guard personnel and their families. We also annually host a holiday party for Coast Guard personnel and their spouse/significant other. Our local Coast Guard personnel attend many of our dinner socials and often serve as guest speakers.

LOCAL DUES

Local dues notices will be sent out in the near future. The Council depends on these funds which directly support Council activities. Examples of Council activities:

Support of our adopted units: USS Bataan, USS Leyte Gulf, USCG Air Station Miami, USCGC Paul Clark, USCGC Margaret Norvell, USCGC Bernard C. Webber, 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: The Council hosts an annual Easter egg hunt & BBQ as well as a holiday party for our local Coast Guard units: USCG Air Station Miami, USCGC Paul Clark, USCGC Margaret Norvell, USCGC Bernard C. Webber, USCGC Robert Yered, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, Aids to Navigation (ANT) and TACLET South.

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.

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 the above activities and more by sending payment of local dues when you receive the statement.

COMMISSIONING



Port Everglades has been chosen for the commissioning of the USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117). A meeting was recently held to begin the process of forming a Commissioning Committee. Mary Anne Gray, President/Executive Director of Broward Navy Days became Chair. Oscar Romano of the Fort

Lauderdale Council and Joe Giambrone of our Council will be Co-Chairs. The commissioning is tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2019

CDR Robby Trotter, Senior Chief Jasmine Williams and Chief Warrant Officer Sara Goodale from the USS Paul Ignatius were on hand for the meeting. CDR Trotter answered many questions and provided us with their ideas and wish lists. Many at the meeting were able to share their ideas, requests and experience with previous commissionings. David Anderson, Commissioning Director, was also in attendance and the Committee will work closely with him during the planning stages.

USS Paul Ignatius is named for Paul Ignatius who served as Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon Johnson from 1967 to 1969. Ignatius had previously served as a commissioned lieutenant in the Navy during World War II.

USS Paul Ignatius will be the 67th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, the fifth of 14 ships currently under contract for the DDG 51 program. The 9,200 ton vessel is 509 feet in length, has a waterline beam of 59 feet, and a navigational draft of 31 feet. Four gas turbine engines will power the ship to speeds in excess of 30 knots. DDG 51 destroyers are warships that provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities. They can operate independently or as part of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups and underway replenishment groups. DDG 113 and follow-on DDGs are being built with integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) capability.

The USS Paul Ignatius was christened April 8 at Huntington Ingalls Industries Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Paul Ignatius attended the ceremony, and his wife Nancy, the ship's sponsor, officially christened the ship. Paul and Nancy Ignatius have been married nearly 70 years and have four children together. *(photo and excerpts of story from The Maritime Executive)*

COMMUNITY AFFILIATE

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 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 browardnavyleague@gmail.com.

The Council appreciates the support of our community affiliate.

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BUSINESS CARD ADS

Do you own your own business or know someone that does? Please consider supporting the Council by placing a business card ad in the Council's newsletter, the Helmsman. For \$125, your ad will appear in the newsletter for an entire year (normally 10 issues). The Helmsman is sent out to more than 300 people including local politicians, military personnel and other military-related organizations.

For more information, please contact Marianne Giambrone at browardnavyleague@gmail.com.

<p>Larry M. Ott Funeral Director</p> <p>Kraeer-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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wings Over Homestead Air and Space Show
(wingsoverhomesteadarb.com)

November 3-4, 2018 - 8am-5pm

The United States Air Force Thunderbird's F-16 demonstration team will be tearing through the skies over Homestead Air Reserve Base during the 2018 Wings Over Homestead Air and Space Show. Also announced for the 2018 show is the U.S. Army parachute team, The Golden Knights. Homestead ARB is the winter home to The Golden Knights. Also joining the Thunderbirds will be a host of other aircraft, including everything from biplanes to supersonic jets to rocket cars. Besides the performing aircraft, many other warbirds, classic and vintage aircraft, along with military vehicles and aviation-related items will be on static display for up-close viewing by the public. Numerous food, beverage and memorabilia vendors will also be on hand to make the experience even more enjoyable for the public.

The 73rd Flight 19 Anniversary Memorial Ceremony*

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum building
4000 West Perimeter Rd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Annual Coast Guard Holiday Party*

Tentatively scheduled for early December

Visit by National Navy League President*

December 6-7, 2018

Joint Dinner Meeting with Fort Lauderdale Council*

December 19, 2018

Guest speaker will be Capt Joe Meuse, Commanding Officer, US Coast Guard TACLET South

*Additional information on these events will be shared when it becomes available

US COAST GUARD CUTTER PAUL CLARK



The crew of the USCGC Paul Clark joined Council President Larry Ott and Past President Glenn Wiltshire after the Unit Adoption Certificate was signed on September 20, 2018.