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FEBRUARY DINNER

BROWARD COUNTY AND
FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCILS
INVITE YOU TO OUR
GENERAL DINNER MEETING

Guest Speaker
Captain Michael E. Platt USCG
Commanding Officer, Air Station Miami

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Cash Bar 6:00-7:00pm
Dinner & Meeting - 7:00 pm

Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

Members and Guests - \$40

Please RSVP to 954-522-8995
no later than 9AM on
Monday, February 18
Admittance by reservation only

Checks should be made payable to
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INSTALLATION



CDR Robby Trotter USN was the guest speaker at the January 19th event onboard the Royal Princess



Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we do each year, the installation of Council officers was held on January 19th aboard the Royal Princess. Over the years, Princess Cruise Lines has been very gracious to this Council by hosting us for this event. Their ships, service, and lunch are all superlative and it is difficult to disembark after the luncheon. We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Commander Robby Trotter. Commander Trotter is the captain of a new destroyer to be commissioned in Port Everglades in July, the PCU Paul Ignatius soon to become the USS Paul Ignatius. Many present have come to know him and enjoy his friendship through the many planning meetings for the commissioning.

Also beginning the new year, we made our first of many Enlisted Person of the Quarter presentations at one of our adopted units. The first presentation was to ET3 Kimberly Davis of the USCGC Paul Clark. Congratulations to ET3 Davis for her devotion to her ship and crew.

Several council members have served as volunteers for the Shoebox Christmas program of Seafarers' House in Port Everglades. Christmas wrapped shoe boxes (over 2,000) of personal care items were delivered to each merchant marine ship visiting Port Everglades during the months of December and January.

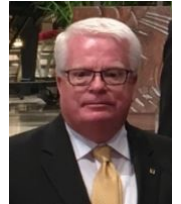
Planning has also begun for Fleet Week. Fleet Week is a great opportunity for Council members to get involved as volunteers. There will be many opportunities to serve and give back to those who serve our country in the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines.

Finally, I want to draw attention to those serving in the Coast Guard. The Broward County Navy League has 8 adopted ships and units in the local Coast Guard. During this partial government shutdown, the Coast Guard has not received paychecks as they are not part of the Department of Defense but rather fall under Homeland Security. These men and women continue to work without pay. To help them out, our Council is accepting checks so we can purchase gift cards to deliver to Sector Miami for distribution. We have already purchased cards for gas. Consider supporting this effort to help those serving us. The Coast Guard is on the job every day to protect us - we hope you will thank them by making a financial donation - any amount will help. Please make your check out to BCNL, indicate "Coast Guard support" on your check and mail it to:

Broward County Council
P O Box 39252
Fort Lauderdale FL 33339

I also would like to extend my thanks to many who have supported this Council over the past year and for the support the board has extended to me. Thanks, and let's look forward to another great year.

Larry M. Ott
Council President



NAVY RECRUITING



Congratulations to Navy Recruiting District Miami for being selected for the Gold "R" Award designating them as the Navy Recruiting District of the Year. In a recent ceremony, RADM McLane presented Navy Recruiting District Miami Commanding Officer CDR Delmy Robinson with the Gold "R" award.

According to the Navy Recruiting Command Awards Manual, a district must first earn the Region Silver "R" Award. The National Awards Board then reviews the Regional Silver "R" award winners and submits their recommendation for the Gold "R" award. The District selected as the Gold "R" Award winner is deemed to be the National Navy Recruiting District of the Year. (photo from Navy Recruiting District's Facebook page).

GUEST SPEAKER



Captain Michael E. Platt
US Coast Guard
Air Station Miami

CAPT Platt assumed command of Air Station Miami in July, 2017. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and entered the Coast Guard through the Minority Officer Recruitment Effort (MORE), now known as the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI). He graduated from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science, American Military University with a Master of Science, and the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. CAPT Platt was also a 2014 MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

CAPT Platt has served six Coast Guard aviation units including command of Coast Guard Air Station Detroit from 2010 through 2012. During the course of his career he accumulated over 3,600 hours of flight time in the H65 helicopter and HC-144 airplane.

Prior to attending flight training, Captain Platt was as a boarding officer and deployable officer in charge with Law Enforcement Detachment One, then after completing National Search and Rescue School, served as a Command Duty Officer at Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section (now Sector San Juan) Command Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

CAPT Platt's staff tours include the First Coast Guard District's Incident Management Branch in Boston; Special Assistant to the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard; and Chief of the Homeland Defense Division and Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J3 Directorate for Operations at the Pentagon.

CAPT Platt has earned various personal, unit, and service awards.

COMMISSIONING

Planning for the commissioning of the USS Paul Ignatius continues. As previously reported, the commissioning committee is chaired by Mary Anne Gray of Broward Navy Days and co-chaired by Navy League National Treasurer and Council Board Member Joe Giambrone and Fort Lauderdale Council Past President Oscar Romano. Those members who attended the installation of Council officers on January 19 had the opportunity to meet CDR Robby Trotter, Commanding Officer of the USS Paul Ignatius.

To support the commissioning of a ship, it will be necessary to raise funds for the week-long events. The Navy is precluded by law to fund any receptions or crew activities. Several members of the Council's Board of Directors are serving on the commissioning committee and we are reaching out to all Navy League members to request assistance with fundraising. Please review the sponsorship material and choose a level that best works for you and/or your company. Please share this information with family, friends and business associates who would like to be a part of the commissioning.

If you would like to become involved in the planning or become a sponsor, please contact Mary Anne Gray at maryanne@browardnavydaysinc.org. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, contact Shelley Beck at shelleybeck@bellsouth.net. If you have any general questions, please contact commissioning committee member Marianne Giambrone at giambrone11@gmail.com.



CDR Trotter with the Spruance Division Sea Cadets at the installation of Council officers

INSTALLATION OF 2019 COUNCIL OFFICERS

On January 19, approximately 65 guests boarded the Royal Princess in Port Everglades. Thanks to the generosity of Princess Cruises, we were once again able to hold our installation of officers onboard one of their beautiful ships. Although we experienced a delay in boarding, it did not impact our time in the Wheelhouse Lounge where guests were able to socialize and have a few cocktails. Council members and guests were able to meet our guest speaker, CDR Robby Trotter, Commanding Officer of the soon-to-be commissioned USS Paul Ignatius. Royal Princess hotel manager Michael Prasse stopped in to greet our group as did Staff Captain Ansaldi Paolo who also presented gifts to Council President Larry Ott, CDR Trotter and Board member Alan Starr.

The formal portion of the event began with the Spruance Division Sea Cadets presenting the colors under the leadership of Alan Starr. Reverend Justin Beam, pastor at New Presbyterian Church in Wilton Manors then gave the invocation. Council President Larry Ott spoke and introduced CDR Trotter who addressed the group before proceeding to swear in the 2019 Council officers. Shortly afterward, our group was able to move to the Concerto dining room where we enjoyed a delicious three course meal. Guests had the opportunity to explore the ship before disembarking.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Council and we thank everyone who attended. Again, thanks to Princess Cruises who provided the beautiful setting and excellent service.



Julie and Council Treasurer Tom Carney



National Treasurer Joe Giambrone and National Vice President Pat Dumont



Council President Larry Ott addressed the group



Erwin Sefton (left) and Bruce Gottsch

INSTALLATION OF 2019 COUNCIL OFFICERS



Royal Princess Hotel Manager Michael Prasse, Erwin Sefton, CDR Trotter, Bob Marks



Mary Anne Gray, Rosa Reeves, Wendy Mockel and George Reeves



Royal Princess Staff Captain Ansaldi Paolo, Larry Ott, CDR Trotter



Reverend Justin Beam



Fran Shaw, Past President Glenn Wiltshire, Estella Wiltshire



Gerald Horwitz

RECOGNITION

On January 18, Council President Larry Ott attended the holiday party of our Council's newest adopted cutter, the USCGC PAUL CLARK. The event was at Dave and Buster's in Hollywood and Larry took the opportunity to recognize the achievements of its outstanding crew member Enlisted Person of the Quarter ET3 Kimberly Davis. Commanding Officer Lt Kris Ensley is in the photo with Larry and ET3 Davis.



On January 24, Past President Glenn Wiltshire recognized the achievements of BM2 Ryan Etelamaki who was selected as both the Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Enlisted Person of Year of our adopted cutter, USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER. Also shown in the photo with Glenn and BM2 Etelamaki is Commanding Officer Nate Neuhardt and Captain Megan Dean.



On January 31, Past President Glenn Wiltshire visited our adopted cutter, USCGC ROBERT YERED to recognize the achievements of their Enlisted Person of the Quarter and their Enlisted Person of the Year. Glenn presented certificate of achievements and monetary awards to FN Bobbi Wolfenden, selected as Enlisted Person of the Quarter, and MK1 Michael Kocenski, selected as Enlisted Person of the Year.



FN Bobbi Wolfenden, Enlisted Person of the Quarter is joined by Glenn and Commanding Officer LT Joshua Tucker



MK1 Michael Kocenski, Enlisted Person of the Year is joined by Glenn and Commanding Officer LT Joshua Tucker

USCGC PAUL CLARK photo provided by Larry Ott

USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER AND USCGC ROBERT YERED photos provided by Glenn Wiltshire

FUTURE LEADERS

On January 6, Congresswoman Los Frankel held a reception for the military service academy nominees. There were 24 nominations sent to the four service academies for consideration for appointments. Past President Glenn Wiltshire served on the interview panel and provided the photo. Sonia Foster from the Palm Beach Council also served on the panel and is in photo at far right of the group. Glenn is at the far left in the photo and is standing next to Jenny Caesar, aide to Congresswoman Frankel.



MEMBER PORTAL

All Navy League members are urged to register for the Navy League Portal and become familiar with the resources that are available. You can access the portal at portal.navyleague.org where you will need to create a user name and password.

While you may not be interested in some of the resources available there, the Portal will make it convenient for you to renew your membership, update your personal information and view the list of member benefits (not available on the Navy League website). National has worked hard to team up with many companies to offer discounts to its members.

LOCAL DUES

Previous editions of the Helmsman have included information about the many ways the Council supports the Sea Services as well as local JROTC and Sea Cadet units and how payment of local dues assists us in continuing. Our Council is committed to providing support to as many Sea Service units as we can. We currently support two Navy ships, one NOSC, eight Coast Guard units/cutters, one Sea Cadet unit and five JROTC units. There are more units that need and want our support. If you have not done so already, we hope you will mail your check today.

NANCY IGNATIUS



Nancy W. Ignatius, an environmental activist, a longtime lay leader of Washington National Cathedral and a member of the Grammy Award-winning

Washington Chorus, died on January 18 from complications from breast cancer.

She was born on September 10, 1925, in Holyoke, Mass. She graduated in 1947 from Wellesley College, where she majored in philosophy and was head of the choir. In December 1947, she married Paul R. Ignatius, who later served as Navy secretary and as president of The Washington Post. She received a master's degree in international affairs in 1969 from American University, which hosts an annual Nancy W. Ignatius lecture on environmental issues. In 1970, Mrs. Ignatius was a co-founder of Concern, an organization that distributed Eco-Tips, consumer guides containing information on environmentally friendly products. She worked at the Environmental Protection Agency in the early 1980s.

Mrs. Ignatius, who held many roles at Washington National Cathedral, was a member of the Peace Commission and a board member of St. Albans School, a school for boys on the cathedral grounds that her sons attended. In the 1980s, she became president of the National Cathedral Association, a nationwide group to support the cathedral's mission. In 1990, when the final stone was put in place marking the completion of the cathedral's construction, Mrs. Ignatius took part in a ceremony led by President George H.W. Bush. A skilled pianist and singer, she was a member of the Oratorio Society of Washington (later known as the Washington Chorus) for two decades. She was a chorus member when it won a Grammy Award in 2000 for its recording of Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem."

In addition to her husband, survivors include four children, nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. (photo and excerpt of story from WashingtonPost.com)

Nancy Ignatius had planned to be by her husband's side in July at the commissioning of the USS Paul Ignatius. We send our deepest condolences to the Ignatius family.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are generally held the first Monday of each month – no board meeting is held in July. Any Council member is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Port Everglades Administration building, room 301 starting at 6:30 PM.

The dates for 2019 are:

February 4	March 4
April 1	May 6
June 3	August 26 (for September)
October 7	November 4
December 2	

SOCIAL EVENTS

Event dates are subject to change, please check the Council's website, Facebook page or emails for up-to-date information.

February 20 – Joint meeting with Fort Lauderdale Council – guest speaker Capt Michael Platt

March 14 – location and speaker to be announced

April 13 – annual Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

April 29 – May 6 – Fleet Week

June 13 – location and speaker to be announced

September - Sea Cadet Night – date to be announced – joint meeting with Fort Lauderdale Council

October – Oktoberfest – location and date to be announced

November 14 – location and date to be announced

December 12 – location and date to be announced

NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

SUPPORT

News from the Navy League's Portal:

The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space will take place from May 6—May 8, 2019 at the Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition was founded in 1965 as a means to bring the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event located in the heart of Washington, DC. Sea-Air-Space is now the largest maritime exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition is free for the following qualified attendees: Active duty, reserve and retired U.S. Military, U.S. federal, state and local government employees, Members of Congress and their staff, representatives of foreign embassies, representatives of exhibiting companies, Navy League members and invited guests of the Navy League.

The Navy League National Convention 2019 will be hosted in Norfolk, Virginia, the week of June 19—June 22. More information will be announced in spring 2019.

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.

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As you know, members of our Coast Guard were not getting paid during the government shutdown. Coast Guard personnel, especially the junior enlisted, were beginning to feel the stress of not being able to have the funds to pay their bills, buy food for their family or even have enough money for gas to get to their unit. Because the Council has such a close relationship with our local Coast Guard units, the Board of Directors agreed to make a financial donation to be used to purchase gas gift cards. The Council then sent out a message on our Facebook page as well as by email asking our members for donations to be used for the purchase of additional gas gift cards or for items deemed necessary by our Coast Guard contact. Board member Alan Starr served as the Council's liaison with the Coast Guard, collected funds from Council members and others, and recently delivered over 90 gas gift cards to be distributed to those Coast Guard personnel in need.

National Treasurer Joe Giambrone is a member of the Council's board of directors and is also on the advisory board of Operation Homefront. He made contact with the Senior Director, Region 5, and explained the needs of the Coast Guard units in Florida. As a result, arrangements were made with Omaha Steaks to deliver approximately 8,000 meals to various Coast Guard units across the country. Joe and the Senior Director then met in person so he could advise her of the large number of active duty personnel in South Florida as well as throughout the state. The Senior Director of Operation Homefront committed to continue to seek other companies that can assist during the government shutdown.

Chief Petty Officers Association President Jon Ostrowski posted the following message on Facebook:

"We are stronger because we have gone through this experience that we never expected in our lifetime. But, our fight isn't over. For the next three weeks I will continue to fight for the passage of S21 or HR367 to ensure the Coast Guard's budget is protected should we have another government shutdown. Your support in this effort is still needed and valuable."

We hope Navy League members will continue to contact their congressional leaders in support of the Coast Guard.

SEA SERVICE NEWS



Captain Dianna Wolfson was named the commander of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, making her the first woman to do so at any location in the United States in naval history. Capt. Wolfson will be leading more than 14,000 employees at the Bremerton, Washington shipyard, which has never had a female commander since

it was founded in 1891. The shipyard is the Pacific Northwest's largest naval shore facility and one of Washington state's largest industrial installations. Capt. Wolfson has been an advocate for women in the armed forces throughout her career. In 2001, she received the Capt. Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Award at the Annual National Women Officers Professional Association (now known as the Sea Services Leadership Association) for her leadership and community involvement. Wolfson will be replacing Capt. Howard Markle. (Story & photo from yahoo.com)



The Medal of Honor Convention which took place in Annapolis, Maryland brought together the youngest and oldest living Marine recipients of our nation's highest award for battlefield heroism. Retired Marine Cpl. Kyle Carpenter, 28, said that he was "beyond

humbled and honored" upon meeting with retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer-4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, 94, at the conference.

Born Oct. 2, 1923, Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during World War II at the Battle of Iwo Jima. On Feb. 23, 1945, then-Cpl. Williams, a demolition sergeant, repeatedly charged alone toward concrete pillboxes where the Japanese were firing machine guns in order to "wipe out one position after another" with explosive charges and flamethrowers. Carpenter, born on Oct. 19, 1989, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Battle of Marjah on Nov. 21, 2010, in which he threw himself on an enemy grenade that had landed on a rooftop security post, saving the life of a fellow Marine. Carpenter nearly died from the grenade shrapnel, which tore into his face and body. He lost his right eye and many of his teeth and has undergone dozens of surgeries since. (Story and photo from Taskandpurpose.com)



The Navy is set to commission the second ship in its Zumwalt class of destroyers as the USS Michael Monsoor in a ceremony at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California, on February 2, 2019. The new destroyer is named for Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Monsoor, a Navy SEAL who

was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" during a Sept. 29, 2006 firefight in Ramadi, Iraq, according to his award citation. (photo and excerpt of story from TaskandPurpose.com)



On January 24, Retired Captain Rosemary Mariner lost her battle with ovarian cancer at the age of 65. Mariner, the U.S.

Navy's first female jet pilot was born in 1953 and was one of the first women to earn their wings as a United States Naval Aviator in 1973. Mariner graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Aeronautics. After receiving her flight training, she then trained on the A-4C and A-7E Corsair II becoming the first woman to fly a front-line attack aircraft. In 1990, she made history again as the first woman to command a military aviation squadron, VAQ-34 during the Gulf War. She retired from the U.S. Navy in 1997 after 24 years of service, 17 carrier landings, and over 3,500 military flight hours. Mariner continued to mentor and connect with other women aviators as the president of the Women Military Aviators. She was a strong advocate for the integration of women in combat aviation roles and paved the way for many other female aviators to follow in her footsteps. (photo and excerpt of story from ConnectingVets.com)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS



2019 Council Officers - Marianne Giambrone, Erwin Sefton, Larry Ott, Bob Marks and Tom Carney. Missing was Secretary Shelley Beck. CDR Robby Trotter is swearing in the officers.