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MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

The Council hosted a dinner meeting on March 12 at Tropical Acres Restaurant.

Our guest speaker was Captain Shawn "Max" Koch, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami, which is one of our adopted units. The Captain spoke about his career and how he developed an interest in the Coast Guard while he was in school in a small town in Wisconsin. Captain Koch also spoke about his arrival to District 7 and the overwhelming task of preparing coordinated emergency responses for several hurricanes. He had to make the decision to send expensive air transport to Puerto Rico and evacuate families and their pets - including a pig. These families were brought to the United States and then returned to Puerto Rico after the hurricane and then those same families went through the transport again after the next hurricane struck.



Lawrence and Yuki Denmark



Above: Ren Lueder and Bruce Gottsch
Below: Council Chaplain Rick Braswell



Guest speaker Captain Koch



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Navy Leaguers,

Regrettably we have had to cancel our upcoming meetings and events including dinner meetings, Easter Egg Hunt at the Coast Guard Station and Fleet Week. Of course the health and welfare of our members, those in the sea services and the overall community and nation is paramount. Between receiving newsletters, you can check our Facebook page or website (www.bcnavyleague.org) for any additional updates. Also on our website you might like to click the Contact Congress tab on the right side for other issues about support of the sea services.

Funny how the defense of our nation has changed focus because of this new virus threat. However we need to keep those in our sea services and their families in our thoughts and prayers during these days of stress and uncertainty.

Best wishes for your safety and health,

Larry M. Ott

Council President



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Peter Paige of Fort Lauderdale

Simon Kearney of Fort Lauderdale

Simon is the owner of McSorley's Beach Pub where we have held several events and hope to hold even more in the future!

If you know a friend or family member who may be interested in joining the Navy League, please consider purchasing a one-year e-membership for them—it's only \$25. Visit NavyLeague.org to enroll them on-line or to print out a membership application that can be mailed to National. Please be sure to indicate Broward County Council as the preferred council.

RECOGNITION

Recognition ceremonies at our local Coast Guard and JROTC units are not taking place.

However, the Council wanted to acknowledge the outstanding Enlisted Person of the Quarter for Coast Guard Air Station Miami. She will be awarded a certificate of accomplishment and monetary award as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Congratulation to EPOQ AET2 Nicole Santarelli

Photo below is from the Facebook page of our adopted cutter, USCGC Margaret Norvell. Commanding Officer LTJG Christopher O'Meara recognized ET2 Martinez de la Paz as their sailor of the fourth quarter. Again, Council recognition will take place as soon as restrictions are lifted.



We'd also like to acknowledge two outstanding cadets from the Deerfield Beach Marine Corps JROTC. The Everglades Council previously honored this unit's cadets and our Council agreed to continue the same recognition they provided. If pictures become available, they will be posted in a future newsletter.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding cadets.

Cadet Dakota Fielding—Teddy Roosevelt Youth medal

Cadet Alice Silva—\$200 check

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EVENTS



Allison and Tim Garfield



Larry Ott with Mary Anne Gray



Larry Ott, Rick Ciravolo and George Reeves

Following recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor of Florida and Mayor of Broward County, our Council has postponed/cancelled several of our upcoming events including:

March 28 Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt

April 6 board of directors meeting

April 15 joint dinner social with Fort Lauderdale Council

April 27 board of directors meeting

Broward Navy Days also has informed us that Fleet Week has been cancelled, which means that our May 5 Junior Officers Party will not take place.

In addition to event cancellations, recognition ceremonies at our local Coast Guard units as well as at our JROTC units will not take place for the foreseeable future.

The Council hopes to get back to our normal activities as soon as CDC as well as state and local government restrictions regarding the COVID-19 have been lifted.

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USS PAUL IGNATIUS

The Council recently recognized outstanding sailors from our adopted ship, the USS Paul Ignatius. Each sailor received a certificate of accomplishment and monetary award.



Petty Officer First Class
Chase R. Pope
Senior Sailor of the
Quarter

Petty Officer Pope is a native of Glenwood, AR and enlisted in the Navy in August of 2010. Upon completion of boot camp, Petty Officer Pope served aboard USS RAMAGE from 2010 to 2015. Upon completing his tour of duty, he reported to NRD NASHVILLE, where he served as a recruiter in Arkansas. Upon completion of recruiting duty, he reported to USS PAUL IGNATIUS serving on her commissioning crew. While onboard USS PAUL IGNATIUS, he has served as President of the First Class Petty Officer Association, Leading Petty Officer and Master Helmsman. Petty Officer Pope's awards include nine Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals, two Good Conduct medals, two Meritorious Unit Commendations and was selected as USS PAUL IGNATIUS Senior Sailor of the Quarter, first quarter FY 2020.

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from January 2009 to March 2011. After his first successful tour, he reported to USS BATAAN where during his three-year tour, he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and advance to Petty Officer Third Class. Immediately following his tour onboard USS BATAAN, he transferred to Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, Pacific from May 2014 to December 2017. Bamberg is a plankowner and serves as an administrative clerk and work center supervisor. Bamberg's awards include Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and was selected as USS PAUL IGNATIUS Sailor of the Quarter, first quarter FY 2020.



GM3 Kayla R. Schlit
Junior Sailor of
the Quarter

GM3 Schlit is a native of Bloomdale, OH and enlisted in the Navy in November of 2017. She completed Apprentice Technical Training and Gunners Mate "A" school in Great Lakes, IL. In July of 2018, GM3 was assigned to USS PAUL IGNATIUS stationed out of Mayport, FL. From July 2018 to February 2019, she was assigned TAD to CSCSU Dam Neck where she graduated from both MK 41 VLS (Vertical Launching System) BASE LINE VII AND MK 41 VLS DIFFERENCE COURSE. Since checking on board USS PAUL IGNATIUS, GM3 Schlit has been awarded two NEC's and completed four Navy schools which have led to numerous shipboard qualifications ahead of schedule. She is the only weapons department sailor to be a qualified Duty Quartermaster. GM3 Schlit's awards include receiving a coin from SURFRON 14 in support of the ATG Explosive Safety Inspection, was meritorious advanced to GM3, and was recognized as USS PAUL IGNATIUS Blue Jacket of the Quarter, Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2019, and USS PAUL IGNATIUS Junior Sailor of the Quarter, First Quarter Fiscal Year 2020.

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YN2(SW/AW) Jarvis O.
Bamberg
Sailor of the Quarter

YN2 Bamberg is a native of Bamberg, SC and enlisted in the Navy in August of 2008. Upon completion of boot camp, YN2 Bamberg reported to Naval Air Station Meridian for Yeoman "A" school. He graduated in December 2008. YN2 Bamberg's

first duty station was Naval Support Activity, Norfolk

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USS PAUL IGNATIUS



PSSN Keeth R. Prince
Blue Jacket of the Quarter

PSSN Prince is a native of Gulfport, Mississippi and enlisted in the Navy on April 8, 2019. PSSN Prince attended bootcamp at Great Lakes, IL and graduated on June 7, 2019. He briefly attended CEODD

in Great Lakes, IL, where he sustained an injury and was re-rated to PS. PSSN reported to NAS Meridian, MS for PS "A" school. He graduated in September 2019. Following graduation PSSN Prince received orders to his first duty station, USS PAUL IGNATIUS at Mayport, FL. Onboard he completed various PQSs and JQRs and qualified in important watch stations such as Petty Officer of the Watch, Duty Quartermaster and Duty Administrative Officer. PSSN Prince awards include National Defense Service Medal and USS PAUL IGNATIUS Blue Jacket of the Quarter, First Quarter FY 2020.



On February 12, sailors and drill-members aboard the USS Paul Ignatius demonstrated shipboard, force protection procedures during

Exercise Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain 2020 which is an annual, two-part anti-terrorism force protection exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command on all CONUS Navy stations. (from USS Paul Ignatius' Facebook page; U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Alana Langdon)

USS LEYTE GULF

The Council recently recognized the outstanding sailors of the first quarter serving on our adopted ship, USS Leyte Gulf: Each sailor received a certificate of accomplishment as well as a monetary award. Unfortunately photos were not available.

Sailor of the Quarter: FC1 Colin Sanderson

Junior Sailor of the Quarter: ET2 Rodney Leonen

Blue Jacket of the Quarter: FCA3 Bailey Cox

On March 15, 2020 Captain William G. Musser turned over command of USS Leyte Gulf to Captain Andrew D. Bates at Naval Station Norfolk.



Captain Bates previously served on USS Ingersoll (DD 990), USS Cape St. George (CG 71), USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and as Commanding Officer onboard USS Truxtun (DDG 103).



The change of command marks the end of a successful 23-month command tour for Captain Musser that included a Basic Phase, Composite Training Exercise, and 9 month deployment.

(story and photos from USS Leyte's Gulf Facebook page)

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Council President Larry Ott with guest speaker Captain Shawn Koch

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