

# THE HELMSMAN

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## Seasons Greetings



*Coast Guard Holiday Party*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Holiday Greetings,

After many months, the Broward County Council finally had our November Dinner Meeting at Tropical Acres Steakhouse. Great to see so many present. CDR Sean Foster of Naval Talent Acquisition Group was our speaker. Also during the meeting we had the election of officers.

Last week our council joined with the Fort Lauderdale Navy League and Broward Navy Days as hosts for the Coast Guard Holiday party at McSorley's on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Fort Lauderdale Council president, Abiud Montes, provided the entertainment and captured the attention of all. It was a great evening with good weather, good food, beautiful venue, and time to relax and have a good time. I know we civilians enjoyed it just as much as our Coast Guard guests.

Plans are progressing with the Commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale next summer. Several from our council are serving on the Commissioning Committee. It is a privilege and honor to be involved with this historic event for Fort Lauderdale and I really encourage all to get involved by being a volunteer or a donor. It is expected that 10,000 will attend the commissioning so there will be many opportunities to serve.

Next dinner meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> with CDR Frank Florio. CDR Florio is the Commanding Officer of TACLET and his men and women are involved with large drug confiscations. Don't miss this interesting and enlightening meeting.

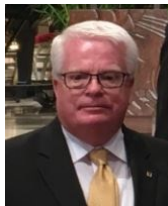
Finally, after much consideration, active duty personnel are now able to join the Navy League. Go to: [navyleague.org](http://navyleague.org) to join.

That being said, I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and Holiday.

Until next time,

Larry M. Ott

Council President



*Thanks for serving!*

Larry Ott - President  
Tom Melville - First Vice President  
Bruce Gottsch - Second Vice President  
Tom Carney - Treasurer  
Shelley Beck - Secretary  
Robert Marks - Legislative Affairs  
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## Coming Events

### December 10th

Once again we host our annual Coast Guard Holiday Party at McSorley's on the beach

### December 14th

Ft Lauderdale Council will be holding their Holiday Dinner Meeting and Toys for Tots collection at 6PM at the Lauderdale Yacht Club

### December 18th

The cadets and staff of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Spruance Division, Fort Lauderdale are having a Retirement and Change of Command Ceremony for LCDR Alan M. Starr, NSCC from 10AM to 2PM at VFW Post 1966

### January 13th

On January 13th we return to Tropical Acres for our January Diner Social. This month our speaker will be CDR Frank Florio the CO of TACLET

### April 4th - April 6th, 2022

Sea-Air-Space 2022 will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD.

### June 8th - June 12th, 2022

2022 Navy League National Convention in Orlando, FL

## LCDR Alan M. Starr, NSCC



On December 18th the cadets and staff of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Spruance Division, Ft Lauderdale will celebrate the retirement of LCDR Alan M. Starr. LCDR Starr has had a long and distinguished career in the US Navy and with the Sea Cadets.

Senior Chief Starr began his career in Uniform at the age of 14 when he joined the first Sea Cadet Unit in Boston the year the Sea Cadets received their National Federal Charter, 1964.

Senior Chief Starr Enlisted in the US Navy in 1965. He attended training at Naval Communications Training Center, Pensacola, FL, and began a 27 year career as a Cryptologic Technician, serving at Naval Security Group Activity, Homestead, FL, NSGA Rota Spain, NSGA Winter Harbor Maine, NSGA Skaggs Island, CA. CINCLANT FLEET Norfolk, USS Coral Sea CV43, NAVCAMS EAST PAC, HI, RAF Edzell, Scotland, and was honored to have his Retirement Ceremony on board the Frigate USS Constitution, in Boston Harbor, in 1993. Upon Retirement, Senior Chief Starr became the President of the Miami Chief Petty Officer's Association, President of the Broward County Council NAVY League, Vice President of Fort Lauderdale Council, Navy League, Chairman of Broward Navy Days Fleet Week Port Everglades.

His most important position has been Commanding Officer of Spruance Division, US Naval Sea Cadets, for 27 Years. Starr was selected as Regional Director of the year twice, 2010 and in 2013. He has implemented many Training opportunities for Cadets in South Florida, including with the Royal Navy, in Portsmouth England, the Royal Canadian Navy in Halifax. He has invited the Royal Canadian Navy Sea Cadets Barri Ontario to participate with our Cadets in the Commissioning of the USS Bainbridge. LCDR Starr invited other Units in the Region to participate in the Commissioning of USS Gridley, and most recently the USS Paul Ignatious.

He Instituted the first Regional Flag Ship Competition held at the US Coast Guard Station, FT Lauderdale. The Unit has won Awards for the world famous Winterfest Boat Parade, and other patriotic Parades and Ceremony's. LCDR Starr has had Winter Survival Training and Mini Boot Camp weekend Away Training. He has arranged for Cadets and Staff to have Underway Sea Training on Navy Ships participating in Fleet Week, Port Everglades, and has had one of our Cadets selected as Sea Cadet of the Year, and address Congress in support of National Headquarters. LCDR Starr has spent a lifetime making a difference in the lives of his Cadets and Staff, many going on to Service Academy's, and Enlistments in our Armed Forces, all becoming his "Shining Starrs".

## Father Ron Perkins



Congratulations to Father Ronald Perkins, who has been named by his peers as "Chaplain of the Year" by the Federation of Fire Chaplains! Rev. Perkins has been a public safety chaplain since 2009 and serves as senior chaplain for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, and the Coral Springs Parkland Fire Department.

# IN REMEMBRANCE: GENERAL COLIN POWELL 1937-2021



## Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is an organization that pays tribute in veterans cemeteries nationwide each December. The WAA mission includes raising awareness of the sacrifices veterans make for the country and encouraging more people to remember. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. One of those ceremonies took place at Forest Lawn North cemetery. In addition to council President Larry Ott the ceremony was attended by members of TACLET Miami and personnel from Coast Guard Station Ft Lauderdale.



## Southcom Change of Command



*Back in November Glenn Wiltshire attended the Southcom Change of Command Ceremony. Here he is with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley.*



# *Coast Guard Holiday Party*



An annual event that is welcomed by all, is the Coast Guard Holiday Party staged by the Broward Navy Days, Ft Lauderdale Council and Broward County Council. This year held at McSorley's on the beach. Here we see Abiud Mortes of Ft Lauderdale Council, Rene Moffat of Broward Navy Days and our own Larry Ott offering welcoming comments and Holiday Greetings to the party.



*New member Patty Croonquist, with Shelley and Larry*

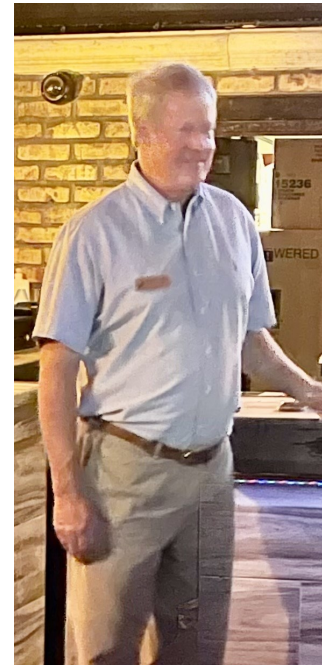


*Ft. Lauderdale Council President Abiud Montes with CO of Coast Guard Air Station, Captain Shawn Koch*

## CG Holiday Party - *continued*



*CDR Mike and Mrs Gillham from Coast Guard Air Station, Miami*



*Bravo Zulu Tom Carney for putting together another great party.*

## *PCS Ft Lauderdale*



*Check out this shot from Huntington Ingalls Industries of the Mighty Fort Lauderdale at sea during Builder's Trials!*

### *It's not too late!*

Before you know it summer will be here and it will be time to commission the Mighty Fort Lauderdale.

This will be a major event with thousands attending. To do something like this requires many, many volunteers.

So before its too late we encourage you to grab a volunteer sign up sheet and submit it. Volunteers of all descriptions are needed.

To get one go to our website <http://bcnavyleague.org> and go to the Events page. There you will find a link to the volunteer sign up form.



# Legislative Affairs



## Advocating on Behalf of the Sea Services

Advocacy is a main pillar of the Navy League's mission. As a nonprofit organization, we are able to mobilize our grassroots membership to get to the heart of the issues that matter to the sea services,

### Energizing American Shipbuilding

America and the international community are caught in the grips of a global shipping crisis and a global energy crisis. There is one bipartisan bill currently introduced in Congress which could help America to navigate its way through both of these disasters. This is the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act, which will substantially expand the U.S. shipbuilding industrial base and the U.S. Flag Fleet by giving American vessels a larger role in the export of Liquefied Natural Gas.

### Late breaking news – NDAA

From the NLUS Office of Legislative Affairs -

The Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act after weeks of delay, sending it to President Biden for his signature. The final bill includes the ~\$25 billion plus-up, reforms to the UCMJ, and a pay increase for military servicemembers.

A summary of the bill by category follows with a focus on the procurement aspects of the bill.

#### Seapower

Includes a \$4.7 billion increase for shipbuilding, including 5 additional battle force ships: 2 destroyers, 2 expeditionary fast transports, and 1 fleet oiler.

#### Destroyers

Authorizes \$4.9 billion for Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, an increase of \$2.9 billion to build three guided missile destroyers in fiscal year 2022.

Authorizes an increase of \$120.0 million for long lead material for the Arleigh Burkeclass destroyer program.

#### Submarines

Authorizes \$3.1 billion for the Columbia-class submarine program, an increase of \$130 million, for industrial base development and expansion in support of the Virginia and Columbia shipbuilding programs.

### NDAA con't

Authorizes \$6.6 billion for the procurement of two Virginia-class submarines and advance procurement of future submarines, including an additional \$200 million to expand the submarine industrial base.

#### Amphibious Ships

Extends through fiscal year 2022 an authority granted in last year's NDAA to enter into a multi-ship procurement contract for up to four amphibious vessels.

Authorizes \$250 million for LPD Flight II advance procurement, an increase of \$250 million to support a multi-ship procurement or long-lead time material procurement for amphibious warships.

Authorizes \$168.6 million for the LHA replacement, an increase of \$100 million to gain efficiencies by accelerating construction of LHA-9.

#### Other Shipbuilding

Authorizes 120.0 million to purchase two used sealift vessels.

Adds \$540.0 million for the procurement of two expeditionary fast transport vessels.

Authorizes \$286.7 million for the procurement of four Ship-to-Shore Connectors, an increase of two vessels.

Supports the President's budget request to procure one Constellation-class frigate, one T-AGOS vessel, two Navajo-class vessels, and four landing craft vessels.

Adds \$668 million for procurement of one fleet oiler.

#### Oversight

Prohibits the early retirement of naval vessels unless the Secretary of the Navy makes certain certifications to Congress.

Prohibits the retirement of more than five Ticonderoga-class cruisers in fiscal year 2022.

Prohibits the retirement of Mark VI patrol boats in fiscal year 2022.

## NDAAs con't

### Aircraft

Authorizes \$1.0 billion for 12 F/A-18E/F aircraft.

Authorizes \$191 million to purchase an additional E-2D aircraft.

Authorizes \$197.0 million to purchase two additional C-130J aircraft.

Authorizes \$197.9 million to purchase two additional KC-130J tanker aircraft.

Authorizes \$250.0 million to purchase two additional CH-53K helicopters.

Authorizes \$323.0 million to purchase two MQ-4C Triton unmanned aerial systems.

Authorizes \$117.8 million to purchase additional F-35B spares.

### Sensors

Authorizes \$303.52 million for sonobuoy procurement, an increase of \$54.4 million.

Authorizes \$304 million to purchase eight additional G/ATOR systems for the Marine Corps.

## USS Daniel Inouye



*The Navy's newest warship, the Arleigh Burke-class missile destroyer USS Daniel Inouye, was officially commissioned at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Wednesday, December 8.*

## *Items from National*

### **Navy League Announces Active-Duty Military Now Eligible for Membership**

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy League of the United States announced Dec. 2 it has opened membership to active-duty service personnel from every branch of the military to join the organization as individual members.

The Navy League is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

This historical change in the Navy League's bylaws, passed by its board of directors, has shifted its membership from an all-civilian organization to a joint civilian and active-duty organization. The Navy League currently has 30,000 members in 200 councils around the globe.

"This important shift in our membership eligibility will lend to greater diversity and gravitas to the Navy League's mission of education, advocacy and support to our sea services and its members." said Navy League National President Dave Reilly. "This change also provides an important growth opportunity for the Navy League as we continue to expand our membership and the Navy League's impact on our sea services."



# News from our Adopted Units

## CGC Bernard C. Webber



*BM2 Muschalek and CS1 Roper putting on LTJG Quirino's new shoulder boards*

Congratulations go out to ENS Quirino of the CGC Bernard C. Webber on her promotion to LTJG!

## CG Station Ft Lauderdale



Recently the CO of CG Station Ft Lauderdale Lt Milne, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander. He was joined by his wife in a small ceremony presided over by Sector Commander, Captain Burdian.

## CGC Robert Yered EPOQ



*Seaman Devon Hatch with her awards*

Adopted unit the USCGC ROBERT YERED presented our Enlisted Person of the Quarter award to Seaman Devon Hatch on our behalf. She was recognized for volunteering to go aboard the USCGC IBIS to temporarily backfill for a vacant billet and providing critical skills as well as taking a leadership role and performing many maintenance functions in the cutter's Deck Department.

**R U kidding?**

*In their December 9th edition the Wall Street Journal reported that a container ship named the A Kinka waited 54 days off the California coast before being unloaded. While the A Kinka's wait may have been extreme, its not unusual for ships to wait for weeks to be unloaded.*

## Adopted Unit News - *continued*



*Master Chief Jason Vanderhaden is on the left*

Recently the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Master Chief Jason Vanderhaden paid a visit to the units at Coast Guard Station Ft Lauderdale.

Master Chief Jason Vanderhaden is the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

## USS Leyte Gulf Thanksgiving



*Check out what the Culinary specialists on the USS Leyte Gulf whipped up for Thanksgiving*

# Adopted Unit News - *continued*

## Coast Guard Station Ft Lauderdale



*Director Glenn Wiltshire, BM2 Brendon Smith and Station CO LCDR Milne*

Director Glenn Wiltshire visited Coast Guard Station Ft Lauderdale recently to present the Enlisted Person of the Quarter certificate to BM2 Brendon Smith.

BM2 Smith was recognized for his overall performance as Station OOD (Officer of the Day) and boat coxswain coordinating a number of high profile migrant interdiction cases between Florida and the Bahamas.

He will be promoted to BM1 in January, and has been selected for transfer to Coast Guard Station Rochester

## Operation Homefront



*Master Chief Salazar of Coast Guard Air Station Miami and BCNL director Alan Starr*



Photos of the boxes of Operation Homefront stocking stuffer toys donated by Dollar Tree Store customers that were donated to Air Station Miami and Coast Guard Base Miami Beach. Boxes were also provided to CG Station Fort Lauderdale and the Navy Recruiting District office. In all almost 2000 items were collected.

Once again we thank Dollar Tree Stores and council Director Glenn Wiltshire for these special gifts for our adopted units.



*Earlier this month we honored the 2,403 American lives lost on December 7th, 1941. Eighty years after the attack, we remember the heroism of all those who fought and died in defense of our nation.*



The First-Tee Broward and Mission United organizations sponsor frequent eight week hourly golf clinics for veterans at no cost. Recent clinics have been at Weston Hills and Pompano Municipal golf courses. Several teaching professions are at each clinic providing instruction in putting, chipping, and the full swing. Beginners are also welcome and golf clubs can be provided. If you are interested in the program, contact the First-Tee Broward web site for further information.

Our own Charlie Schmidt has been a participant. Check out Charlie, second from the right.

and in closing...



*Being underway on Halloween didn't deter the crew of the USCGC Robert Yered from having a little Halloween fun. Here we see some of the contestants in the Halloween costume contest.*



## COAST GUARD



## TURDUCKEN

*Turducken* is a dish consisting of a chicken stuffed into a duck, further stuffed into a turkey.

What we are seeing here is a Coast Guard version where a H-65 helicopter is being "stuffed" inside a C-130

Happy Birthday

*On October 13th, 1775 the Continental Navy was born. This year the United States Navy celebrated its 246th birthday.*

*In the same year on November 10th, 1775 the US Marine Corps was formed by the second Continental Congress*