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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

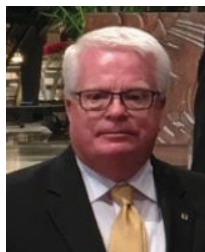
January 20, 2021 was a new day in the history of our country with the inauguration of President Biden. Hopefully, our country will come together and once again be united by shifting our focus from politics to the enemies at hand. The COVID virus is in the forefront but there are others as well: loss of jobs and income, natural disasters, criminal behavior, riots, disrespect for others, drugs etc. These affect our families and communities. Still there are other enemies that loom without our shores and threaten our freedoms and our way of living. Terrorists as well as other countries still are there. Truly these have become difficult and stressful days.

As members of the Navy League, we know that those serving in the sea services are not only facing these same enemies here but must remain on guard and vigilant to confront those foreign threats. As a Council, we are here to continue our mission to assist our local units, educate our members, support our youth organizations, and to promote needed issues to Congress.

With the cancellation of our major fundraising events, we have lost opportunities to raise funds and I want to express my appreciation to those who have given additional financial support to help make up the difference. Your financial support enables us to continue our support of the units we have adopted.

Thank you all.

Larry Ott
Council President



LEADERSHIP

Due to COVID restrictions, the Council was not able to host an in-person member meeting in November 2020 to elect officers. The officers sworn in at the February 13, 2020 dinner social will continue to serve as the Council's 2021 officers. .



President Larry Ott, First Vice President Tom Melville, Vice President Legislative Affairs Bob Marks, Second Vice President Bruce Gottsch, Secretary Shelley Beck, Treasurer Tom Carney. Florida Region President Lynn Drucker is also shown on the right.



The Council's Board of Directors is made up of the officers shown in the top picture as well as Glenn Wiltshire, Charlie Schmidt, Mark Lemay. Rick Braswell, Wayne McLaren, George Reeves and Alan Starr (last four listed are not shown in photo). Marianne and Joe Giambrone are shown in this February 2020 photo but have since moved to Maryland

PLEASE JOIN US!

Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Council

General Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

at the

Coral Ridge Yacht Club

2800 Yacht Club Blvd. • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

6-7 PM Cocktails • 7-9 PM Dinner

Guest Speaker

Commander Sean Foster, USN

Commanding Officer of Navy Talent Acquisition Group Miami

Commander Sean Foster hails from Davis, California. Upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 2001, Commander Foster earned his commission in the U.S. Navy. Following graduation from flight school in 2003, Commander Foster was designated a Naval Aviator.

Commander Foster's tours were as a pilot of the EP-3 Aries and with the World Watchers (VQ-1) at NAS Whidbey Island and subsequently as a pilot of the P-3 Orion and C-130 Hercules with the Bloodhounds (VX-30) at NAS Point Mugu. He then served as the operations officer with the Minute-men (VR-55) at NAS Point Mugu.

Commander Foster has a Master of Arts in business administration from UCLA Anderson and Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College and U.S. National War College. Commander Foster's most recent tour was as the Retired and Reserve Compensation Policy Section Head on the Chief of Navy Personnel's staff.



RSVP to 954-522-8995 or online at

www.ftlnavyleague.org/events

by noon on Monday, February 15, 2021

Prefer to attend virtually? Join us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86109103416> Meeting ID: 861 0910 3416

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Guests \$42 per person. • Admittance by reservation only.

RECOGNITION

The Council continued its support of our adopted units throughout 2020. Due to COVID restrictions, Council representations were unable to make in-person presentations of certificates of accomplishment and monetary awards instead relying on each unit to make the presentation on the Council's behalf.

We understand that many of the outstanding sailors and Coast Guard personnel that should have been recognized may not have been. We apologize and thank them for their accomplishments.

USCG STATION FORT LAUDERDALE

Enlisted Person of the Quarter EM1 Ashley Cruz

USCG AIR STATION MIAMI

Enlisted Person of the Year HS1 Brooke Muniz

Enlisted Persons of the Quarter

AST1 Travis Nash
HS3 Vincent Carraccio
AMT1 Andres Sermini
AET2 Nicole Santorelli

USCG TACLET SOUTH

Enlisted Persons of the Quarter

SK3 Edil Rodriguez Perez
HS2 Christopher Edington
ME2 Greg Thornton
ME2 Bianca Caraballo

USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER

Enlisted Persons of the Quarter

MK1 Michael Paks, EM1 Daniel Kotter

USCGC PAUL CLARK

Enlisted Person of the Year FA Brandon Baker

Enlisted Persons of the Quarter

MK2 Kristian Fowler
SN Tristan Browne
DC2 Robert Coke

USCGC MARGARET NORVELL

Enlisted Person of the Year EM1 William Gore

USCGC ROBERT YERED

Enlisted Persons of the Quarter

CS1 Karla Rivera-Guzman
GM2 Andrew Satterfield

USS LEYTE GULF

Sailors of the Quarter

FC! Colin Sanderson
DC1 Kierra Roulhac
FCA1 Christopher Fox
CS1 Harold Davis

Junior Sailors of the Quarter

ET2 Rodney Leonen
FCA2 Brendan Turner
LS2 Mathieu Rongione
BM2 Tristan McFarlin

Bluejackets of the Quarter

FCA3 Bailey Cox
FCA3 Blake Holliman
CTR3 Eric Carroll
IC3 Priscilla Defreitas

USS PAUL IGNATIUS

Senior Sailors of the Quarter

BM1(SW) Chase R. Pope
LS1 Courtney T. Mitchell

Sailors of the Quarter

YN2(SW) Jarvis O. Bamberg
HM2 Danica C. Laguardia

Junior Sailors of the Quarter

GM3 Kayla R. Schilt
PS3 Keeth R. Prince

Bluejackets of the Quarter

PSSN Keeth R. Prince
LSSN Tyreik C. Prince

The Council thanks all of our adopted units for their outstanding service during these unusual times. We look forward to visiting our local units in the near future.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Each year, the Council is joined by Broward Navy Days and Fort Lauderdale Council in hosting a holiday party for all the local Coast Guard personnel and their spouse and/or guest. Unfortunately, restrictions due to the pandemic prevented an in-person event this December.

In lieu of the holiday party, The Council Board of Directors approved contributions totaling \$1,600 to our Coast Guard adopted units' MWR funds. Units receiving the funds were Air Station Miami, TACLET South, Station Fort Lauderdale, USCGC Paul Clark, USCGC Margaret Norvell, USCGC Bernard C Webber and USCGC Robert Yered.

NATIONAL MEETING

On January 16 and 17, the Navy League held several meetings, both virtually and in-person in St Louis MO.

On January 16, the 2020 Board Meeting was held. As many Navy Leaguers may remember, the National by-laws were recently changed. One of the major changes was the elimination of National Director and the creation of National Delegates. During the 2020 board meeting, those nominated for National Delegate positions were elected. Joe Giambrone and Marianne Giambrone of our Council will serve as National Delegates.

On January 17, there was a special meeting of members followed by a meeting of National Delegates at which time they were sworn in. During this meeting, the National Delegates elected the next National President-elect Dave Reilly. Lastly, the 2021 Board Meeting was held.

Dave Reilly will become the 51st National President this summer at the National Convention which will also be held in St. Louis. Dave, who is a lifetime member of the Navy League out of the Camden-Kings Bay Council, most recently served as the National Senior Vice President and previously served as the Judge Advocate.

The Navy League will host their National Convention in St Louis on June 10–12, 2021.

FLEET WEEK

Broward Navy Days, Inc. recently announced that Fleet Week Port Everglades will be postponed to May 2022. Other 2021 Fleet Weeks in New Orleans and New York have also been postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Broward Navy Days, Inc. is currently planning several "Virtual Fleet Week" events for this spring. Watch for announcements soon about these upcoming events. To sign up to receive the latest news about Fleet Week Port Everglades, public ship tours, and Broward Navy Days, Inc. events, visit the Broward Navy Days website at browardnavydaysinc.org.

SEAFARERS' HOUSE

The following is an excerpt from a Seafarers' House news release dated December 2, 2020.

Seafarers' House at Port Everglades announced Jennifer Stewart as executive director, following the retirement of Lesley Warrick on December 31, 2020. Warrick has served as executive director of the Port Everglades-based nonprofit since 2005. Under her stewardship, Seafarers' House expanded its reach to serve nearly 150,000 seafarer visits annually and was recognized internationally as a leading seafarer welfare and care center. Upon Warrick's recommendation, the organization's board of directors offered Stewart the position effective January 1, 2021.

Stewart has served as development director since April 2016. Stewart has nearly two decades of experience leading development efforts and serving in leadership roles at several South Florida-based nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining Seafarers' House, she served as chief stewardship officer for the Community Foundation of Broward and as development director for Children's Harbor in Pembroke Pines. Stewart also served as development director and grant manager for Women in Distress in Fort Lauderdale. As development director, Stewart oversaw all fundraising and development for Seafarers' House. Under her leadership, participation and engagement in Seafarers' Houses fundraising events increased by 25%, raising money to support increased pastoral care and services at the facility. Stewart also spearheaded Seafarers' Houses first capital campaign, a \$3.5 million effort to secure funding for a new facility at Port Everglades, which is expected to open in late 2021.

We hope Lesley is enjoying her retirement and congratulate Jennifer and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Another year goes into the history books for the Legislative Affairs team, but let's take one last moment to remember all of the amazing achievements that we had in 2020 thanks to advocates like you!

- Our grassroots advocates and HQ legislative staff held 65 meetings with Members of Congress, addressing critical areas of concern for the sea services and achieving major legislative victories.
- We successfully advocated for passage of the WWII Merchant Mariner Gold Medal Act in 2020, NDAA language authorizing and appropriating full funding of a second Virginia-class attack submarine hull in FY21, authorization of the Tanker Security Program, as well as additional funds for the sea services.
- We successfully advocated in support of the continuing resolution for FY21 that includes authorization/appropriation for the Columbia-class program.
- We co-hosted and sponsored two shipbuilding caucus events with the Shipbuilding Council of America and the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus.
- We hosted a Navy-Marine Corps Caucus event with Reps. Susan Davis and Rob Wittman's offices.

These accomplishments were critical to safeguarding American national security, economic prosperity and global stability. When we ask Congress for something, it is never trivial. The Columbia-class funding ensured that we did not lose any time in replacing the older submarines in our fleet. The second Virginia-class hull is vital to our undersea dominance and our ability to keep China and Russia on the defensive. The Tanker Security Program provides necessary refueling capabilities in the event of a major military conflict. Our efforts make our nation safer and stronger.

The above is an excerpt from the Navy League's "Connections" email dated January 19, 2021

WREATHS

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Council President Larry Ott participated in Wreaths Across America at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Also participating were Lt. Raymond Milne (CO) and Lt. Peter Hutchinson (XO) of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale as well as MA3 Rodriguez, BM3 Marcelino and Lance Corporal Carta all of NOSC in Miami. After more than 1,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves, a lunch was served by Mission BBQ.



Lt. Milne is shown in photo above

Lt Hutchinson is shown in photo below



CHANGES OF COMMAND

We bid farewell to several of the commanding officers of our adopted units in 2020. We welcome the new commanding officers and look forward to building relationships with them.

TACLET SOUTH: CDR Frank Florio relieved CDR Joe Meuse

COAST GUARD Station Fort Lauderdale: LT Raymond Milne relieved LT Derek Wallin

USCGC ROBERT YERED: LT Harrison Carter relieved LT Soren Rose

USCGC PAUL CLARK: CWO Michael Jorgensen relieved LCDR Kristopher Ensley

USCGC MARGARET NORVELL: LT Kevin Laubenheimer relieved LT Christopher O'Meara

RECOGNITION



On January 20, the Council recognized Enlisted Person of the Quarter CS1 Karla Rivera-Guzman of the USCGC ROBERT YERED. Shown in the photo making the presentation is Commanding Officer LT Harrison Carter. (LTJG Benjamin K. Taminger provided the photo.)

COMMISSIONING

On January 21, Admiral Karl Schultz, commandant of the US Coast Guard, had the honor of presiding at the commissioning ceremony for USCGC CHARLES MOULTHROPE, the 41st Sentinel-class cutter. MOULTHROPE is one of six fast response cutters that will be homeported in Manama, Bahrain, replacing the 110-foot Island Class Patrol Boats supporting the Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA) mission.

USCGC Charles Moulthrop is named after Seaman Charles Moulthrop, remembered for heroic and selfless service as a member of the Revenue Cutter Service cutter Commodore Perry, en route to patrol Alaska, when he rescued multiple shipmates who ended up in the sea. They had attempted to rescue another crewman who was swept overboard during heavy seas. Moulthrop “grabbed a line and leaped over the side” into the freezing water to save the four men. Not long after, he lost his life in the performance of duties in Unalaska, Alaska, in 1896, when he fell from a mast while trying to free a fouled pennant. This ship will be the first modern Coast Guard cutter named for an enlisted man of the Revenue Cutter Service, bringing recognition to the service and sacrifice of hundreds of sailors who served their country aboard the ships of this precursor of the Coast Guard. (excerpt of article from depost.com; photo from Facebook)



LOCAL DUES AND/OR DONATIONS

HOW DO LOCAL DUES AND/OR DONATIONS HELP THE COUNCIL???

Each year, we ask our Council members to pay local dues or to make a donation to the Council. If you wonder why we need these funds, the following is a sampling of the support we provide to our sea service units and youth groups.

USS BATAAN, USS LEYTE GULF AND USS PAUL IGNATIUS

Each quarter, the Council honors the four sailors of the quarter from the USS Bataan, the four sailors of the quarter from the USS Paul Ignatius and the three sailors of the quarter from the USS Leyte Gulf with monetary awards. Each ship's sailors of the year are also provided with monetary awards.

USCGC PAUL CLARK, USCGC MARGARET NORVELL, USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER and USCGC ROBERT YERED

The Council honors each cutter's enlisted person of the quarter and enlisted person of the year with a monetary award.

COAST GUARD STATION FORT LAUDERDALE, COAST GUARD AIR STATION MIAMI, COAST GUARD TACLET SOUTH

The Council honors each unit's enlisted person of the quarter and enlisted person of the year with a monetary award

We were unable to host/participate in the following events this year. However, these events are in our 2021 budget in the event that they can take place.

COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT & BBQ

The Council hosts this annual event that is attended free of charge by approximately 150 Coast Guard personnel and their families. There are games and face painting for the children along with a bounce house. Everyone in attendance enjoys great food. Prizes are given out to the children and each child leaves with several small toys.

COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY

Each year the Council hosts a holiday party for local Coast Guard personnel and their spouse/guest. The event is co-hosted with Broward Navy Days and Fort Lauderdale. Each Coast Guard attendee is provided with two free drinks and all in attendance are provided with a buffet dinner.

FLEET WEEK

Each year, Council members serve on the Fleet Week planning committee. Many members serve as volunteers at various events. Monetary donation is made to Broward Navy Days.

FLEET WEEK JUNIOR OFFICERS PARTY

Council hosts a Fleet Week Junior Officer Party providing each attendee with two free drinks; all in attendance are provided with a buffet dinner.

Please help us continue our sea service support by paying local dues or making a donation.

The form is included in this newsletter.



BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
2021 LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
RENEWAL/REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: (changes only) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021: INDIVIDUALS \$35 HUSBAND/WIFE \$65

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT A SPONSORED UNIT WITH A DONATION IN ADDITION TO MY LOCAL DUES:

Please consider adding an additional amount to help sponsor our major benefactors:

- Youth Program - Sea Cadets Youth Programs - JROTC USS BATAAN USS LEYTE GULF
- USS PAUL IGNATIUS USCGC ROBERT YERED USCGC MARGARET NORVELL
- USCGC BERNARD WEBBER USCGC PAUL CLARK USCGC MANATEE USCG AIR STATION MIAMI
- USCG STATION FORT LAUDERDALE USCG TACLET SOUTH USCG ANT TEAM
- USCG Easter Egg Hunt USCG Annual Holiday Party***

***We were unable to host our annual Coast Guard Holiday party. Typically, the cost of the party is shared with Broward Navy Days and Fort Lauderdale Council. The Board of Directors elected to provide monetary donations to each of our adopted Coast Guard units. Due to this increased cost to the Council, we hope you will consider donating to this effort.

Make check payable to Broward County Council Navy League or "BCNL"

Mail to: Broward County Council Navy League P O Box 39252 Fort Lauderdale FL 33339-9252

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT PROVIDE OUR SECURITY

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNIZED



USCG D7 Chaplain Cameron visited the Air Station this week to recognize Chaplain Braswell, USCG Auxiliary Chaplain Corps, for completing all required training and being fully designated as an Auxiliary Chaplain. Chaplain Braswell serves the men and women of South Florida as a volunteer, bringing 40-years of full-time chaplaincy experience with him. Pictured is CAPT Koch, USCG Air Station Miami CO, presenting the completion certificate. This is one of many examples of the force-multiplying power of our USCG Auxiliary volunteers (from US Coast Guard Air Station Miami Facebook page post on January 8, 2021).

Chaplain Rick Braswell serves on the Council's Board of Directors. Congratulations Rick!

