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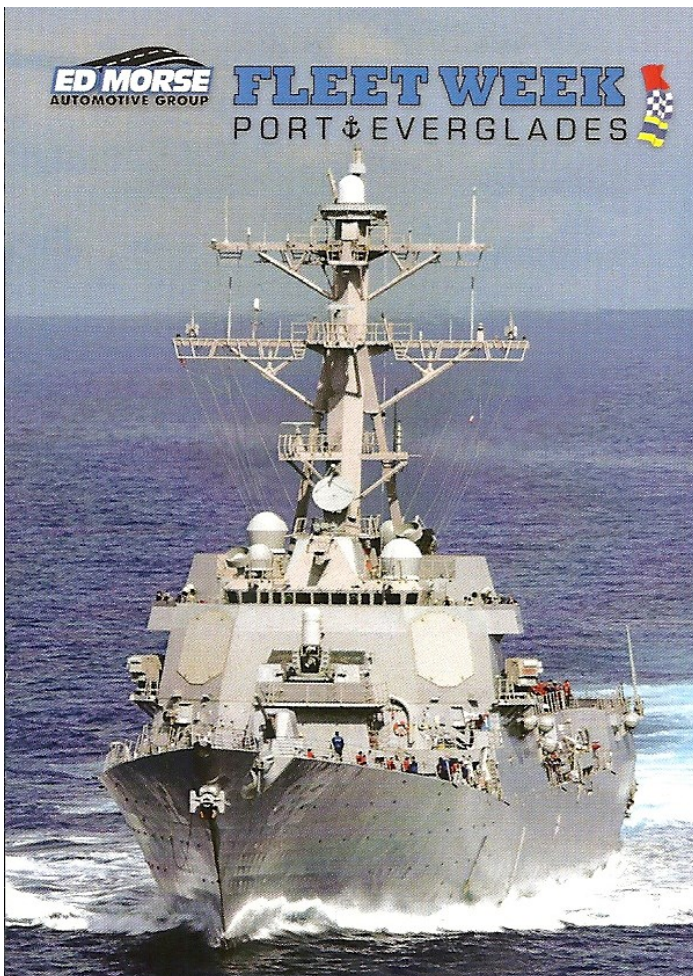


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Hurrah!

Fleet Week has returned!



As our headline suggests, its good news! Our annual Fleet Week Event staged by Broward Navy Days has returned. Albeit not on the same scale as we have had the privilege to enjoy in past years but nevertheless it has returned. This year we had two Navy DDG's attend, the USS Lassen and the USS Delbert D.Black.



BCNL wins 4 awards at National Convention



BCNL President Larry Ott getting help displaying Council Awards at the National Convention. Pictured are NLUS Past President Bill Stevens, Larry, current president Dave Reilly.

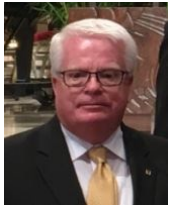
Congratulations Council! Once again our Council was honored at the Navy League National Convention. We were the recipients of 4 awards. Three of the awards were Mackie Awards, this is an award category that honors councils communication efforts. Here we won

- ◆ Newsletter—Silver
- ◆ Website—Bronze
- ◆ Social Media—Bronze

We also received a **2021 Council Adoption Award** for a medium sized council

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends,



Seems like a long time since our last newsletter probably because so much has happened since then.

Beginning with Fleet Week! So glad it has returned after the absence due to Covid. Many of our members were serving as volunteers either with tours or selling water, sodas and snacks to raise funds for our council. My understanding is that tours were conducted for 4,000 guests. Shelley Beck coordinates the volunteers each year and was recognized by Fleet Week leaders for her service.

Besides the events at the port, the council hosted the Junior Officers party at McSorley's. Everyone was having a good time and it only got better when Glenn Wiltshire got everyone involved with a game. Food was good, drinks and of course time to just relax and have a good time.

After Fleet Week was over, the Title Sponsor, Morse Automotive Group, hosted a "Thank You" party for the volunteers. Before we left, Teddy Morse invited all volunteers to join him and his staff for a premiere showing of Top Gun at the IMAX theatre downtown! What an experience! Teddy and his company have been generous supporters of Fleet Week.

Shelley Beck and I attended the Navy League National Convention in Orlando. The sessions I attended have been thought provoking and have challenged me with new ideas for our council.

While there, I accepted the plaques of recognition our council earned this past year. The four categories we earned are: Sea Service Adoption Excellence, Donald M. Mackie Award for Newsletter, Donald M. Mackie Award-Website, and Donald M. Mackie Award-Social Media. It was with the work of our officers and the council as a whole that we have served the Sea Services to the degree for us to earn such distinction. Thank you all.

Our next big event will be the Commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale. July 30th is the date and the anticipation keeps growing. So many details! Captain Quaresimo and his staff have made a number of planning trips here. Pat Dumont and Lynn Elsasser have gathered a group of creative, dedicated and influential team members to make this Commissioning the best yet!! USS Fort Lauderdale!!!

Although the council does not officially meet during the summer I am looking forward to implementing some ideas I gained from the Convention to better serve the sea services.

By the way, active military can now join the Navy League. There are many benefits for doing so and I hope we will see many joining.

July 30th. Bring sun screen.

Best wishes,

Larry Ott
Council President

Coming Events

July 30th, 2022

Commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale,
Port Everglades, FL

September 29th, 2022

In what will be our first meeting as we enter into the Fall season we will join with Ft Lauderdale Council for our annual Sea Cadet Night.

October, 2022

Our next regular Dinner Meeting will welcome the new Commanding Officer of Air Station Miami as the featured speaker.



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
Julie Carlson - JAG

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2022

June 8-12, 2022 | Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive



NAVY LEAGUE
of the
UNITED STATES

President's Report

Our secretary, Shelley Beck and I attended the National Convention of the Navy League in Orlando this month. We each attended different classes. For me it felt like “standing in front of a fire hydrant” with all the information presented. However, some of it I absorbed but overall I became more aware of the magnitude of needs our sea services need and the support of our Congress.

As a “maritime nation” we are bordered by two oceans. It is imperative for America’s prosperity that the shipping routes remain open and safe. We depend on our sea services to ensure this.

Related to international shipping is the size of our flagged fleet. Each year the number of US flagged ships decreases. In 1990 there were 408 US flagged ships and that number has descended to 183 in 2020. Not only having ships we can rely on for our commerce but having US ships provides American employment with construction and staffing.

Another “take away” from the convention is an acronym that can be used when explaining what the Navy League does. S.E.A.-Support, Educate, and Advocate. This is easy to remember and gives a brief outline to discuss the mission of the Navy League.

Besides the sessions that were presented, there were opportunities to meet other presidents and learn from their experiences. A lot of ideas and experiences were shared.

Have a safe summer,

Larry Ott

Coming Next

Navy League headquarters based in Arlington Virginia will host the fall Navy League meeting on Nov 3-5.

The 2023 national convention will be held in Dallas Texas on June 7 - 11.

Elections

At the National Convention an assortment of things take place. Various activities to help the attendees sharpen their skills relative to the Navy League, the annual meeting of members and the election of officers that will guide the Navy League for the next few years. This year the following were elected:

National President-Elect Christopher Townsend, National Senior Vice President Larry Salter, National Corporate Secretary Pamela Ammerman, National Treasurer Joseph Giambrone, Judge Advocate Mark Harden

Nearer to home, the following representatives were elected from the Florida region:

Florida Region

Lynn Atkinson

Shelley Beck

Maura Day

Patricia Du Mont

Lynn Elasser

Lucia Fanning

Gerard St. Germain

Rick Lecky

Andy Mohler

Elaine Nasta

Matt Robinson

Brad Smith

Theodore Turowski

Christopher Townsend

Skip Witunski

Mike Wooster

Lisa Coe

odds & ends...

New Coast Guard Commandant



Adm. Linda Fagan relieves Adm. Karl Schultz as the 27th commandant of the Coast Guard during a change of command ceremony at Coast Guard headquarters June 1, 2022. US Coast Guard Photo

Adm. Linda Fagan pledged her “highest priority as commandant will be to transform our policy management system” in remarks following her swearing in as the 27th leader of the Coast Guard and the first woman to lead a branch of the armed services.

Speaking Wednesday at the change-of-command ceremony in Washington, D.C., she said, referring to the men and women serving in uniform in the Coast Guard and the service’s civilian employees, “without you, steel doesn’t move.”

Fagan, who served as vice commandant since June 2021, said during her tenure as commandant she intended to give them “policy, training [and] support to succeed” as the Coast Guard modernizes its cutters, boats, aircraft and shore facilities.

Having graduated as one of 16 women from the Coast Guard Academy in 1985, Fagan added, “There has never been a more exciting time to be in the Coast Guard. ...The pace of change creates challenges.”

Speaking of her command ahead, Fagan noted “the demand for Coast Guard missions has never been higher. ... Today we will advance the Coast Guard America needs for tomorrow. Tomorrow looks different and so will we. We will be more adaptive and connected, generate sustained readiness, resilience and capabilities in new ways to enhance our nation’s maritime safety, security and prosperity.”

New Master Chief PO



Fleet Master Chief Jim Honea addresses sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson Feb. 8, 2021. He has been tapped to become the Navy's 16th master chief petty officer of the Navy later this year. (Navy via AP)

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday has selected Fleet Master Chief James Honea to become the 16th master chief petty officer of the Navy. Honea, who currently serves as the senior enlisted leader of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, will take on the new job Sept. 8.

“I selected Fleet Master Chief Honea because he has saltwater in his veins, embodies Navy values in every fiber of his being, and is the right leader to inspire and motivate our Chiefs Mess to continue to be the best in the world,” Gilday said. “I know he and I will work together to take care of our Sailors and ensure our Navy is the most formidable across the globe.”

Honea enlisted in 1987 and advanced through the ranks as a boatswain’s mate.

Fleet Week

This year we welcomed the USS Lassen (DDG-82) and the USS Delbert Black (DDG-119) to Port Everglades for Fleet week.

Along with the opportunity to tour these great ships we also got the opportunity to meet and greet the 320 officers and men from each ship.

This was accomplished in a variety of ways. From

trips to a ball game, various luncheons and dinners to other sporting events

Supporting these events were members of our council and other councils along with many, many volunteers.

To all the volunteers a giant THANK-YOU is extended.

In the photos that follow we will see some of our council members doing their various volunteer tasks.



Fleet Week Golf Classic

This year was held at the Plantation Preserve Golf Club in Plantation. Here sailors from the ships and people from the area had a great day of golf and fun.

Members Tom Melville, Patty Croonquist and Larry Ott volunteered at the event. We also had several members play in the tourney.



Tom Melville, Jeff Zelkowitz, Bill Pennypacker, Patty Croonquist, Larry Ott man a check-in table.

Ed Morse Volunteer Recognition for Fleet Week



Fran Shaw, Rich Fournier, Shelley Beck, Patty Croonquist, Tom Melville, Joan and Erwin Sefton, and Larry Ott

Fleet Week – continued

JO Reception

A really fun event that BCNL hosts each Fleet Week is a reception for the Junior Officers.

For the past several years we have held the event at McSorley's on Ft. Lauderdale Beach.

A fantastic venue with great ocean views, great food and drink.

A special shout-out to Tom Carney for once again organizing this great get-together. Another special note goes out to Glenn Wiltshire for MC'ing a really fun game that had all of the attendees engaged.



Local Coast Guard with Patty Croonquist (front) Fran Shaw (back)



Larry welcoming everyone



Unfortunately this year we only had one Marine able to attend.



Glenn providing the evening's entertainment (and doing a great job)

Fleet Week – continued

More JO Reception



Fleet Week – continued

JO Reception – BCNL Members in attendance



Fleet Week – continued

BCNL Refreshment Table

A regular activity for our Council each Fleet Week is our “Water Table”. It’s really a small scale refreshment stand but is welcomed by many of the folks attending ship tours. There are days when Port Everglades can be very warm and a cold bottle of BCNL water can be a life saver.

The great thing about our little enterprise is that it’s one of those win-win-win propositions. It gives council volunteers time to spend together, we get to meet (and sometimes recruit) new folks and last but not least it’s a revenue source for the council.



USS Ft Lauderdale



Barbara Militello and Lawrence Denmark

The USS Fort Lauderdale commissioning committee also had a table set up at Fleet Week. Its purpose was not only to share the exciting news of the forthcoming commissioning ceremonies to take place this July 30

in Port Everglades, but also to request public support for the ceremonies and to help the committee fund special ship enhancements which range from educational scholarships and resources to a quality onboard gym and social activities for the USS Fort Lauderdale sailors.

These grassroots donations are vital because *the Navy has neither the authorization nor funding* for commissioning activities which include local visits and community service activities by sailors leading up to the event, the event itself and crew welfare beyond commissioning.

If you wish to donate go to the committee's website and follow the appropriate links.

USS Ft Lauderdale



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The future USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship, will be commissioned, Saturday, July 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Capt. James Quaresimo, a 1997 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Jacksonville University, is the commanding officer.

“The commissioning of USS Fort Lauderdale is the result of many years of coordination and hard work by our lawmakers, commissioning committee, civic leaders, contractors, industry specialists, and especially our Sailors,” Quaresimo said. “I couldn’t be prouder of the uniformed men and women who gave a mountain of cold steel form and a heartbeat. And in turn they should be proud of what they’ve done.”

The ship was built by Ingalls Shipbuilding, a shipyard located in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The ship’s naming was in large part the brainchild of the late retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles "Chuck" Black, who led a years-long effort to get the U.S. Navy to name a ship USS Fort Lauderdale.

Black, who died at 63 years of age in 2016, served 20 years in the Navy and was involved in several of the annual Broward Navy Day Fleet Week activities at Port Everglades. He served on the Navy League's national board of directors as well. The Navy announced in March 2016 it would name an amphibious transportation dock vessel for the city that Black gained a great appreciation for after moving to Fort Lauderdale in 2003.

As an amphibious transport dock ship, USS Fort Lauderdale, whose motto is “Together We Fight” is a warship designed to embark, transport and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare missions.

LPDs are used to transport and land Marines, their equipment, and supplies by embarked Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) or conventional landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles (AAV) augmented by helicopters or vertical take-off and landing aircraft (MV 22). These ships support amphibious assault, special operations, or expeditionary warfare missions and serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious operations.



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, both on Capitol Hill and in our local communities.

Presently the NLUS has several campaigns underway. You are encouraged to go to their website <https://navyleague.quorum.us/NLUScampaigns/> and provide your support.

Energizing American Shipbuilding Act

The U.S.-owned commercial ocean carrier industry is relied upon to provide sealift in peace, crisis, and war. In addition, they provide our warfighters and humanitarian workers with the logistics ability to accomplish their mission by deploying military assets. Unfortunately, the American ocean-going fleet has dropped to only 85 U.S.-flag ships in foreign trade. Further, the Maritime Administration has testified that there are insufficient ocean-going ships in the domestic and foreign trades to fully crew all U.S.-flag commercial and government reserve sealift vessels for a sustained period of more than six months due to a shortage of approximately 1,800 mariners. The Energizing American Shipbuilding Act would overcome many of these current deficits and with China poised to become a major purchaser of American LNG, implementing the provisions of the bill has never been more urgent.

Fund Tanker Security Program

While our Armed Forces were able to primarily utilize foreign flagged tankers in the past, the strategic environment has fundamentally changed. China might not have intervened in the past with countries whose tankers supplied fuel to our forces because of capability limitations and lack of strategic interest, but they will likely hinder foreign flagged tankers from participating in operations contrary to their strategic interests, particularly in the Pacific. The bottom line is that maintaining the logistical ability to fuel a sustained force presence is a deterrent to action by our adversaries, and necessary in case of open conflict. For this reason, Congress and the White House must work together to establish and fund a fleet of Tanker Security Program ships capable of meeting the needs of American naval and ground-based forces conducting major operations in the Indo-Pacific.

Support the Jones Act

The Jones Act requires that vessels moving cargo between U.S. ports be American built, American owned and American crewed—is fundamental to our domestic maritime industry. You no doubt know that there was significant turnover in Congress in the last election and many new members need to learn about the Jones Act, its importance to America and its relevance to their constituents. This becomes even more critical when one considers that there are well-funded groups working hard today, advocating for repeal of the Jones Act.

The Jones Act helps support nearly 650,000 jobs across America, with an annual economic impact of more than \$150 billion. More importantly to the nation as a whole, the law provides important national, homeland, and economic security benefits. We all should be proud of the contributions we make to our nation under the Jones Act.

Additionally, the Jones Act plays a critical role in maintaining our Merchant Mariner force and sealift capacity. Both are foundational aspects of wartime transport and emergency resupply. When our nation went to war in Iraq and Afghanistan, Mariners from the U.S.-flag Jones Act and International trading fleets crewed the Reserve Fleet ships that answered the call to transport military equipment across the oceans to support our war effort. When natural disasters devastated Puerto Rico and neighboring countries like Haiti, it was the Jones Act vessels that delivered vital emergency supplies. Only the U.S. Flag Merchant Marine and its Allies can be relied upon in our time of need, and the Jones Act ensures that those forces remain strong and ready for whatever dangers await our nation in the future.

News from our Adopted Units

USS Paul Ignatius completes homeport shift following inaugural patrol to 6th Fleet



The guided-missile destroyer Paul Ignatius is now based in Rota, Spain, after completing a homeport shift from Mayport, Florida.

The ship departed Mayport on April 27 for an inaugural patrol to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations to team up with fellow destroyers Arleigh Burke, Ross, Porter and Roosevelt as one of the Forward Deployed Naval Force-Europe ships based in Rota.

During the patrol, the ship participated in exercises Cable Car and Green Light with British, Canadian, French, German and Norwegian allies. The ship also conducted interoperability exercises with the littoral combat ship Sioux City, which deployed to the 5th and 6th Fleet for the first time this spring.

It arrived in Rota June 17, and many of the sailors' families were on hand to greet them after relocating to the new home port.

"The ship's arrival to Rota is one of several scheduled homeport shifts to occur in support of the U.S. Navy's long-range plan to gradually rotate the Rota-based destroyers," the Navy said in a statement. "The arrival

also coincides with the arrival of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 79, which will provide rotary-wing mission capabilities to the FDNF-E destroyers."

The destroyer will back NATO's Integrated Air Missile Defense architecture under Commander, Task Force 65 and Destroyer Squadron 60. The FDNF-E ships have the flexibility to operate throughout the waters of Europe and Africa, from the Cape of Good Hope to the Arctic Circle, according to the release.

In January, the commanding officer of the destroyer was relieved "due to a failure to follow proper ship-board procedures," the Navy said. The decision was made following a command investigation.

The ship was commissioned in 2019, and is named after former secretary of the Navy, Paul Ignatius, who served during the Lyndon B. Johnson administration.

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From Navy Times

Adopted Unit News - *continued*

Coast Guard Sector Miami



Rear Adm. Brendan C. McPherson, Coast Guard District Seven Commander, Capt. Jo-Ann F. Burdian, the former commander of Sector Miami, and Capt. Christopher R. Cederholm, commander of Sector Miami, pose for a photograph during a change of command ceremony at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Seaman Ray Corniel)

MIAMI — Capt. Christopher Cederholm relieved Capt. Jo-Ann Burdian as the commander of Coast Guard Sector Miami, Friday, during a change-of-command ceremony at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach.

Cederholm reported to Sector Miami from Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound where he was the deputy sector commander since 2019. Burdian, the first Latina sector commander, will transfer to Coast Guard Headquarters as the assistant commandant for response policy.

Rear Adm. Brendan C. McPherson, the Coast Guard Seventh District Commander, presided over the event.

Sector Miami is comprised of more than 900 active-duty, reserve and civilian personnel, and more than 1,300 auxiliarists. The sector has four small boat stations, six Fast Response Cutters, three Coastal Patrol Boats, one Construction Tender, two aids to navigation teams and one Marine Safety Detachment.

In the past year, Sector Miami conducted, as part of the Coast Guard Seventh District, numerous search and rescue cases saving and assisting more than 1,400 lives. In the fourth largest port in the country, Sector Miami teams conducted approximately 9,000 vessel and facility inspections.

USCGC Robert Yered

In another adopted unit change of command USCGC Robert Yered received a new CO with Lt. Harrison Carter being relieved by Lt. David Allen



l-r: Lt. Carter, Capt. Francis DelRosso (Deputy Commander Sector Miami), and Lt. Allen

Did you Know?

As of June 2022 the current membership of Navy League of United States is 27,984 members a gain of 419 members since 2021. This number reflects 2678 E members, 17,834 life members, 358 active duty members, 4988 regular members, 75 community affiliate members and 234 corporate members. We currently have 190 councils across the world.

Adopted Unit News - *continued*

US Coast Guard Air Station Miami

In another change of command at an adopted unit, Capt. Eric Smith relieved Capt. Shawn Koch as the commander of Coast Guard Air Station Miami, during a change-of-command ceremony in Opa-Locka. The event was presided over by Rear Adm. Brendan C. McPherson, Coast Guard Seventh District Commander.



Capt. Shawn "Max" Koch, Rear Adm. Brendan McPherson, Capt. Eric Smith

Following the ceremony a celebration was held to honor Capt. Koch's retirement from the Coast Guard after 27 years of service.

The new commander, Capt. Smith reported to Air Station Miami from Coast Guard District Seven where he was the incident management branch chief since 2019.

Air Station Miami is comprised of more than 300 active-duty, reserve and civilian personnel, and more than 130 auxiliary members.



In attendance from our council were President Larry Ott, Directors Glenn Wiltshire, Robert Marks and Tom Melville.



L-R: Glenn Wiltshire, Robert Marks, Tom Melville



Bob and Tom getting briefed on a USCG H-65 helicopter

Did you Know?

The photos in our newsletters, such as the ones found in our coverage of Fleet Week that are BCNL sourced, may also be found in the Gallery pages of our website

www.BCNavyLeague.org

They are also available for download, thus should you find a particularly good picture you would like to use for a screen saver or whatever, its available there for download.

and in closing...



Happy
4th of
July

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28)
July 30

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Have a Great

