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## **MAY EVENT**

**Joint Dinner Meeting  
with Fort Lauderdale Council**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
Cash Bar 6PM Buffet Dinner 7PM**

**\$40 per person**

**Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale**

**Guest Speaker  
RADM Karl Schultz  
United States Coast Guard  
Director of Operations  
United States Southern Command**

**Please phone your RSVP  
to 954-565-6778  
no later than 9AM on Monday, May 18**

**Admittance by reservation only**



## **FLEET WEEK**

**Junior Officers' Reception**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Briny Irish Pub Restaurant  
305 South Andrews Avenue.  
Fort Lauderdale  
(Las Olas Riverfront  
on the New River)**

**Two Free Drinks for Guests  
in Uniform**

**Cash Bar for Civilians**

**Free Buffet for All**

**Entertainment**

**For more information contact Erwin  
Sefton at 954-868-2107**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fleet Week 2015 is almost here, with the opening welcoming event at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on May 4, 2015. Volunteers are still needed to assist with tours, special events, etc., so go online to register as a volunteer at [www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org). Shelley Beck is coordinating the volunteers this year and I'm sure she can use your help. I am also coordinating the staffing of our table, where we will be selling cold drinks and coins, and this year will be helping out Broward Navy Days by selling Fleet Week t-shirts and coins. A number of members have stepped forward, but I can still use a few more volunteers to staff the table during the week and donate soda and water. In addition to this being a fundraiser for our youth programs, it's also an opportunity to recruit new members, so let me know if you are available. Erwin Sefton is also coordinating our hosting of the Junior Officers Party at Briny's on Tuesday, May 5th, and we're looking for a good turnout of Council members to greet the JO's. There are numerous other events throughout the week for our members to participate at. See [www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org) for a complete list of events.

Thanks to all who were able to make it to our April Council dinner meeting on Thursday, April 9th at Tropical Acres. Our guest speaker was CAPT Melissa Bert, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, who spoke to us about the wide range of Coast Guard missions in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. Due to the Fleet Week events in May, we have cancelled our normal dinner meeting date and will be holding a joint dinner meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 20th. RADM Karl Schultz, USCG, SOUTHCOM Director of Operations (J-3) will be our guest speaker. Hope to see plenty of members there.

Senior Chief Alan Starr and I were able to attend our adopted unit Coast Guard Air Station Miami's monthly awards ceremony to present awards to their 2014 Enlisted Persons of the Quarter and Year. We were thanked for our Council's support

of the unit. Some of us will be back there on May 1st to attend the Seventh Coast Guard District Change of Command Ceremony and Retirement Ceremony for RADM Jake Korn, who has been a strong supporter of the Navy League during his two years as District Commander. We wish RADM Korn and his family well as he makes that "last flight" into retirement!

As always, please feel free to contact me at 718-619-7402 or at [wiltbrit@aol.com](mailto:wiltbrit@aol.com) if you have any ideas on what our Council should be doing to make your membership more valuable to you.

Glenn Wiltshire  
CAPT, US Coast Guard Retired  
Broward County Council President



## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member:

Phil Von Kahle

We ask all Council members to serve as recruiters. If you know anyone who might be interested in supporting the Sea Services and joining our Council, please invite them to one of our events. You can also refer them to the Council's website ([www.browardnavyleague.org](http://www.browardnavyleague.org)) so they can review photos of past events, previous editions of the Council newsletter as well as other information that will allow them to learn more about what we do. Annual national dues for an individual are \$65 and for a husband/wife are \$117.



## GUEST SPEAKER

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Rear Admiral Karl L. Schultz  
United States Coast Guard  
Director of Operations  
US Southern Command

Rear Admiral Schultz serves as U.S. Southern Command's Director of Operations, J3. As the J3, he directs military operations across the Caribbean Basin and Central and South America. His prior flag officer assignments were as Commander, 11th Coast Guard District where he was responsible for multi-mission Coast Guard operations from the California-Oregon border to Peru, and before that as Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C., where he was responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media, and inter-governmental entities. Previous operational assignments include Sector Command in Miami from 2006-2008, where he oversaw multi-mission operations in Southeast Florida, as well as sea-going command tours aboard Coast Guard Cutters VENTUROUS (WMEC-625), ACACIA (WLB-406) and FARALLON (WPB-1301). He also served afloat aboard cutters PETREL (WSES-4) and GENTIAN (WLB-290).

Staff assignments include Chief of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; Congressional Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives; Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL); Assignment Officer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command; and Command Duty Officer in the Seventh Coast Guard District Operations Center in Miami.

Rear Admiral Schultz is a 1983 Coast Guard Academy graduate, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 1992, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut, and in 2006 completed a one-year National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

As noted in the April edition of *The Helmsman*, Past President George Reeves was on hand at the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) on March 7th to recognize outstanding reserve and active duty personnel. Unfortunately photos of all the honorees were not available but we did want to share these 3 photos.



# FLEET WEEK 2015

Fleet Week 2015 will be held from May 4-May 10 with the following ships tentatively scheduled to participate: USS COLE, USS WASP, USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS, USS NEW HAMPSHIRE, and USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE. As in the past, there will be numerous events that the Navy League members and the general public can attend. Volunteers are needed to assist with these events. You can register to become a volunteer on the Broward Navy Days website ([browardnavydaysinc.org](http://browardnavydaysinc.org)).

Listed below are some of the public events that Council members may want to attend:

Come out and welcome the sailors to South Florida at the ALL HANDS ON DECK WELCOMING PARTY Monday, MAY 4 - 6:00 - 10:00 PM  
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Paradise Shops Courtyard, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood

SHIP TOURS-PORT EVERGLADES, TERMINAL 21  
Registration required on [browardnavydaysinc.org](http://browardnavydaysinc.org)  
Tuesday, May 5: 9-11:30 AM and 1-4 PM  
Wednesday, May 6: 9-11 AM and 2-4 PM  
Thursday, May 7: 9-11:30 AM and 1-4 PM  
Friday, May 8, 9-11:30 AM and 1-4 PM (all ships except Wasp)  
Saturday, May 9: 9-11:30 A. and 1-4 PM

FLEET WEEK PORT EVERGLADES GOLF CLASSIC  
Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Fort Lauderdale Golf & Country Club  
415 Country Club Circle, Plantation  
Registration required, contact POC Pete Swanson  
954-821-2867, [usatgsf@bellsouth.net](mailto:usatgsf@bellsouth.net)

JUNIOR OFFICERS PARTY  
Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Briny's Irish Pub & Restaurant  
(Las Olas Riverfront)  
305 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale  
Hosted by Broward County Council  
Two Free Dinks for those in Uniform  
Civilians welcome (cash bar)  
Buffet for all in attendance  
Any questions, contact Erwin Sefton, 954-868-2107, [erwinsefton@bellsouth.net](mailto:erwinsefton@bellsouth.net)

ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR RECEPTION  
Thursday, May 7, 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Hyatt Regency Pier 66  
2301 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale  
Hosted by Fort Lauderdale Council  
RSVP on [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com) (search for event titled Sea Services Enlisted Person of the Year Awards)  
Any questions, contact Lynn Drucker, [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com); 954-325-9102



# COAST GUARD AIR STATION MIAMI

Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Board member Alan Starr made award presentations at Coast Guard Air Station on April 1. Enlisted Person of the Quarter awards were presented to HS3 Benedito Oliveira and SK2 Hannah Philips. AMT2 David Hetticher was presented with Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Enlisted Person of the Year awards. Not present was SK3 Jacob Bryan who will also receive an Enlisted Person of the Quarter award.

Glenn and Alan were also able to make a presentation to CDR Steven Pruyn, Executive Officer, who will be retiring later this month.



AMT2 David Hetticher



HS3 Benedito Oliveira



Council President Glenn Wiltshire with  
CDR Steven Pruyn and Board member  
Alan Starr

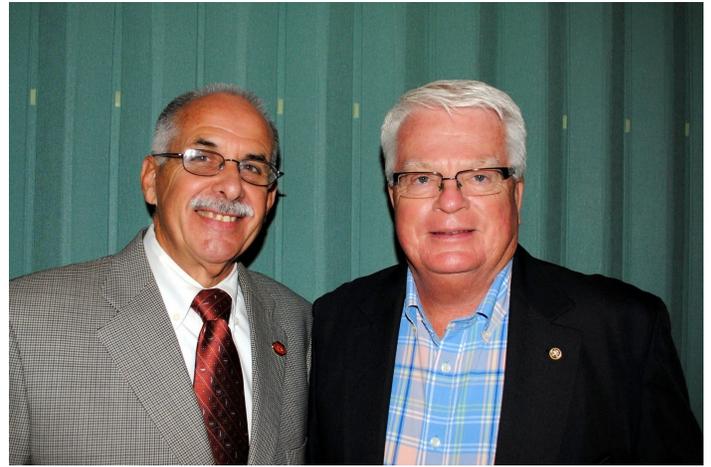


SK2 Hannah Philips

# APRIL DINNER SOCIAL

On April 9, the Council held its dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. The guest speaker was CAPT Melissa Bert, Chief of Staff of the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, who gave us some history of the Coast Guard and its missions. She focused mainly on the smuggling of drugs and illegal immigrants into the United States, which are two very important missions in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. CAPT Bert noted that, although there have recently been many cutters commissioned, the Coast Guard is in need of additional larger vessels.

Mary Anne Gray, Executive Director, Broward Navy Days was on hand to talk about Fleet Week. She invited everyone to come out and show the sailors how much they are appreciated. She also thanked everyone in the room since almost each individual was involved in some capacity during Fleet Week.



Eduardo Lombard and Larry Ott



Alan Starr and LT Mark Ketchum, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale



Above: Marianne Giambrone, CAPT Bert, Bob Marks

Below: Mary Anne Gray



Fort Lauderdale Council President Lynn Drucker with members Rudy and Louise Oetting. Both ladies were lucky and each won a raffle item.

## APRIL DINNER SOCIAL



Rick Ciravolo, Charlie Schmidt and George Reeves



Tom Melville, President of Everglades Council, shared information about the Fleet Week golf classic



Joan Sefton, Carolyn Marks and Erwin Sefton

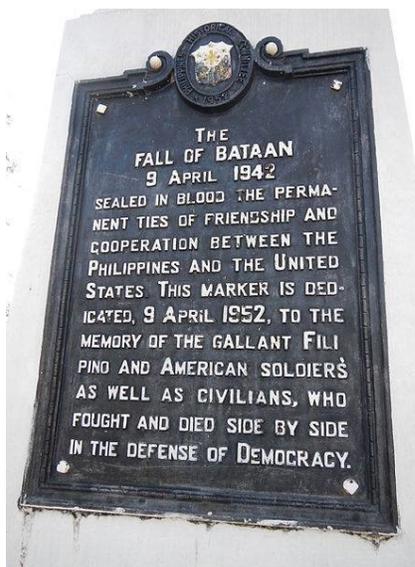
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Seafarers' House will be hosting their 2015 International Golden Compass Award dinner on Saturday, May 2, at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six in Fort Lauderdale. This year's honoree is Joseph E. Farrell, Jr., President & CEO of Resolve Marine Group (one of our Council's community affiliates). There will be a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, award presentations, entertainment and dancing. Visit their website for registration information ([www.seafarershouse.org](http://www.seafarershouse.org)).

The Fort Lauderdale Council will be recognizing the accomplishments of the Spruance Division Sea Cadets and League Cadets with an awards ceremony and banquet. The event will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 4PM at Tropical Acres Restaurant. Cost is \$45 per person. To make a reservation, go to <http://bit.ly/seacadetawards>. Any questions, contact Lynn Drucker, Fort Lauderdale Council President at [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com) or 954-325-9102.

## USS BATAAN

The following was posted on the Facebook page of our adopted ship, the USS Bataan, on April 9.



Our ship was named Bataan in honor of those who suffered the Bataan Death March in World War II. Today, the people of the Philippines remembered that event with the observance of Araw ng Kagitingan (Filipino for Day of Valor). Also known as Bataan Day or

Bataan and Corregidor Day, this was a national observance there which commemorated the fall of Bataan during World War II.

# SEA SERVICE NEWS



Seventeen service members from the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) participated in a community

relations event at King's Children Home (KCH) in Belmopan, Belize, on April 10 in support of Continuing Promise 2015 (CP-15). Continuing Promise is a collaborative effort between the United States, partner nations and non-governmental and support organizations to conduct civil-military operations including humanitarian and civic assistance, as well as veterinary, medical, dental and civil engineering support to send a strong message of compassion, support and commitment to Central America, South America and the Caribbean. KCH, one of the very few orphanages in Belize, is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping and providing care for children in difficult circumstances. The Christian-based orphanage, founded 1985, has expanded over the years, opening its doors to hundreds of children. After finishing work in the cafeteria, the volunteers played sports with the children while musicians from the U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Band, Enchanted Waters, arrived to play a brief concert. The COMREL volunteers also delivered 80 stuffed animals, 10 soccer balls, 80 school supply packs and 80 coloring books to the 80 children who currently reside in the home, ranging in age from newborn to 20.



On March 28, The Coast Guard commissioned Isaac Mayo, the 12th fast response cutter and 6th to be based in Key West. Lt. Ginny R. Nadolny,

Isaac Mayo's commanding officer (shown in photo), said before the ceremony that she was excited to see the crew's hard work pay off and was looking forward to beginning operations. The cutter was named after Isaac Mayo, who received a Gold Lifesaving Medal in November 1879 for

leading the rescue of four sailors from a wrecked schooner off the shore of Cape Cod that April. Audie Dodson, Mayo's great-great-great-granddaughter, served as the ship's sponsor. Cynthia Martin, also Mayo's great-great-great-granddaughter, presented a long glass to the crew as part of the tradition of setting the ship's first watch. The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace its 1980s-era 110-foot patrol boats. The service has ordered 32 FRCs so far. In addition to the 12 now in service, 12 are under production.



On April 9, six Camp Pendleton Marines were honored for their bravery in Afghanistan: one with the Navy Cross, and the others with the

Bronze Star. All part of a Marine Corps Special Operations Team, they were vastly outnumbered and surrounded by the enemy in a small village in the volatile Helmand Province of western Afghanistan in June 2012. Gunnery Sgt. Brian Jacklin (shown in photo) and his team of nine special operations Marines had taken heavy fire for hours from outside a compound. His captain and a sergeant had been hit and were bleeding out. Jacklin saw blowing out the wall as the only way to evacuate his wounded comrades and get his team to a landing zone and an arriving copter. After the wounded and his team were evacuated, Jacklin stayed behind providing intelligence and personal fire to the assisting SEAL Team 3 and local Afghan forces. Jacklin, 32, a critical skills operator with 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, was awarded the Navy Cross - the nation's second-highest award for valor. For their efforts, Gunnery Sgt. William Simpson IV, Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Buckminster, Staff Sgt. Hafeez Hussein, Sgt. William Hall and Sgt. David Harris received the Bronze Star.

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

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9540-960-1000

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Resolve Marine Group, Inc.  
1510 SE 17 ST., STE 400  
Fort Lauderdale  
954-764-8700

Ship Supply of Florida  
15065 NW 7 Ave, Miami  
305-929-7090

Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale  
954-989-3500

## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Are you looking for a way to advertise your business at a reasonable cost? Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear in The Helmsman for one year (ten editions). If you would like to advertise your business or organization and provide financial support to the Council at the same time, contact Joe Giambrone at [giambronejm@gmail.com](mailto:giambronejm@gmail.com) or 954-389-0545.

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## MILITARY LOUNGE

Through the efforts of Armed Forces Service Center, thousands of military personnel travelers have a place to call home at the Military Hospitality Lounge at Miami International Airport. The Lounge is located at Concourse E on the 2nd level before entering TSA security and it welcomes traveling active duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard U.S. military and their authorized dependents; all other honorably-discharged traveling U.S. military Veterans; and traveling active duty allied military and their authorized dependents. The military will find complimentary snacks and beverages, magazines, TV, WIFI, pay phones, computers with internet access and printers, and a children's area. The lounge operates from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The Lounge relies on a group of volunteers to act as hosts and staff the lounge 365 days per year. They are seeking additional volunteers (minimum age is 21) to assist them with various activities throughout the year including fund raising and event coordination. Volunteer hosts receive passes for employee parking at MIA where they can park free of charge.



Recently the lounge had a visitor-"Jake" an English bull and a trained epileptic alert dog accompanied his master retired army transportation specialist Jose Santiago on a trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador. Santiago suffers from occasional epileptic seizures and Jake is always by his side. Jake

had the run of the lounge and entertained the other guests in attendance but spent most of his time in a private room with specialist Santiago. Pictured is director/volunteer Cesar Lastra, specialist Jose Santiago and Jake.

To find out more about the Military Hospitality Lounge, to volunteer or to make a donation, visit their website at [militaryloungeiami.com](http://militaryloungeiami.com).

# APRIL DINNER SOCIAL



Council President Glenn Wiltshire made a presentation to CAPT Bert thanking her for serving as guest speaker

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