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MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

PROGRAM:

Reverend Sanford Raymond Sears
Port Chaplain
Seafarers' House at Port Everglades

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of:
Prime Rib of Beef
Salmon

Members and Guests - \$35
Active Military and Spouses: \$25

Please RSVP your dinner choice on or before
March 1 by e-mailing
browardnavyleague@gmail.com or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610



EASTER EGG HUNT/BBQ

You and your family are cordially invited

to attend the annual

USCG Easter Egg Hunt/BBQ

Saturday, March 24, 2018

US Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM followed by picnic

****bring Easter basket to collect eggs****

coloring contest, bounce house, face painting,
hula hoops

\$15 per civilian adult / civilian kids under 10 Free
Coast Guard Personnel and families – FREE

Make Checks out to: Broward County Navy League
Please mail check to:
Shelley Beck
301 N. Pine Island Road, Apt. 262
Plantation, FL 33324

****If unable to attend, donations appreciated****

See flyer inside newsletter for directions to Coast
Guard Station Fort Lauderdale



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our last newsletter, we have had the Installation of Officers aboard the Caribbean Princess cruise ship. How fortunate this council has been to enjoy the hospitality and generosity of Princess Cruise Lines for many years. Attendance at this event exceeded our expectations. Commander Meuse from TACLET South gave the address and Oath of Office to the board members. Although Mr. Bob Russell was not able to attend, he generously sponsored a table of eight which seated our special invited guests.

The February dinner meeting also had attendance that surpassed our expectations and Tropical Acres seamlessly adjusted to additional attendees. Mr. Paul Doell, President of the American Maritime Officers (AMO), gave a most interesting talk about the Jones Act. The following question and answer time was most spirited. He was introduced by Mr. Charles Murdock and the council received a most generous donation from AMO.

February has several important dates to observe, the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln as well as Valentine's Day. Another less known birthday is that of the 76th birthday of the Coast Guard Reserve on February 19th. The reservists assist in responses to terrorism threats, hurricanes as well as port security and they serve as a critical partner to the Coast Guard.

Our next dinner meeting at Tropical Acres will be on March 8th. Newly appointed chaplain at Seafarers House, Rev. Sears, will be our speaker. Father Sears brings a lot of energy to the mission at Seafarers House. Some of our members had opportunity to work with him during the Shoebox project in December. Hope to see you there.

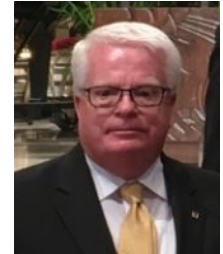
We are also looking forward to March 24th for the Easter Egg Hunt at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Children of the Coast Guard members from several local units enjoy not only gathering Easter eggs but other activities. The adults on the other hand enjoy watching the children having a great time, conversing with the "Coasties" and a Barbeque. This event is open to our membership so do plan to attend. We can always use help with the activities (counting eggs, awarding prizes, preparing for the barbeque etc.) Donations to underwrite some of the costs are always welcome.

Getting involved with the council is not only important for the council but also a rewarding experience for the member. The board members and I have all been volunteers for many years and we have been blessed

by being of service. Getting involved enriches our lives and I encourage all to not deprive themselves of the many upcoming opportunities.

Contact me by email at: lar9601@aol.com or by phone: 954-253-2786 for any questions or concerns.

Larry M. Ott
President
Broward County Navy League



NEW MEMBERS

The Council would like to welcome our new members

Rick Ciravolo

Barbara Doell

Paul Doell

Johnny M. Jackson Jr.

Charles Murdock

The Council is also pleased to welcome 129 new members. These members joined the Navy League through a special arrangement with the San Diego Navy Federal Credit Union but they live in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. In order to give these members the ability to become more active and to participate in local Navy League events, they were recently reassigned to our Council. We hope to see some of these new members at our upcoming events.

GUEST SPEAKER



The Reverend Canon Sanford Raymond Sears was born in Bridgeport Connecticut. He served in both the US Army and US Coast Guard. Father Sears was commissioned in the Army through ROTC in 1973. He served in the National Guard as a 81mm Mortar Platoon Leader, 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon

Leader 102nd Inf. Company A "The New Haven Greys" 26th Inf. Division "The Yankee Division" CTARNG. He served in the following positions: Asst Division Commander's Aide-de-Campe, 26 Inf. Division, CTARNG; Connecticut State Assistant Recruiting and Retention Officer, CTARNG; Platoon Leader Co B, 88th BN USAR; Custodian of Postal Effects, 1st AGMMT, Camp Humphrey's, Korea; Postal Inspector, 1st AGMMT, Camp Humphrey's, Korea and Garrison Postal Officer, FT Dix, NJ. In 1982, Fr Sears enlisted in the Coast Guard and was commissioned in 1986. His active duty positions included Marine Inspector, COPT New Haven; Marine Safety Officer, COTP Portland, ME; Aide, Commander MLC Atlantic; Coast Guard Research and Develop Center, New London; Public Affairs Officer Group Corpus Christi; Operations Officer, Operation Gulf Shield, Corpus Christi; International Public Affairs Officer, Y2k USCG Headquarters; Committee Member Korean War Commemoration, Pentagon; Historian, USCG Historians Office, USCG Headquarters and returned to AD as Drug Interdiction Officer US Embassy, Honduras. As a Coast Guard Reservist, he served in these positions: Unit Yeoman, USCG Cutter Duane, Portland ME; Unit Yeoman, USCG Unit Southwest Harbor; Maine Inspector, MSC Bangor, ME; Unit Admin Officer USCG(R) Unit Rockland, ME; Group Southwest Harbor (R), ME Admin Officer; CO, Unit Jonesport (R); and Public Affairs Officer, USCG COTP New York Harbor.

Fr Sears has been a priest in the Anglican Catholic Church for 16 years. He served as Interim Rector at Saint Peter the Apostle in Christiansburg, VA; Rector at Saint Bartholomew's, New Bern, NC; Vicar at Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana, FL and Hospice Chaplain, 3HC Newport, NC. He became Port Chaplain, Seafarers' House, Port Everglades in November 2017.

SEAFARERS' HOUSE

You often read about Seafarers' House in the Helmsman but you may not know what really takes place there. Tours are available of their Casa where you will find out more about how they support the mariners that visit Port Everglades. Inside the Casa you will see the chapel, the money exchange office and a store where mariners can buy a variety of items. The Casa is where the mariners can relax, use the free wi-fi, or talk to the chaplains. Tours are scheduled for April 18 at 4PM and May 16 at 10AM. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 954-734-1583 or email her at jennifer.s@seafarershouse.org.

DINNER MEETING

On February 21, Fort Lauderdale Council held their monthly dinner at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The guest speaker was Lt. Derek Wallin, commanding officer of our adopted unit, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Lt Wallin talked about his decision to join the Coast Guard in July 2000 as well as the various positions he held. He also explained how he developed his leadership style based on the good as well as the bad experiences he had during his career.



Above: Lt Wallin with Council President Larry Ott
Below: National Vice Presidents Joe Giambrone and Pat Dumont with Council President Larry Ott

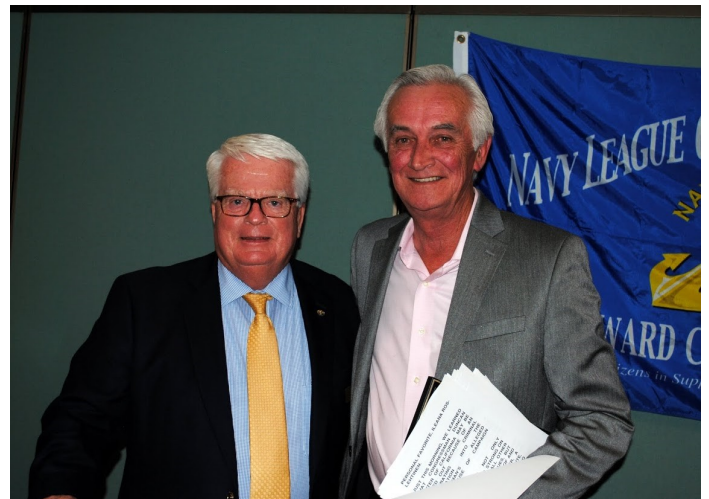


FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL

On February 8, the Council held its dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant under the leadership of new Council President Larry Ott. Larry welcomed our guest speaker Paul Doell, National President of American Maritime Officers (AMO). Paul was joined by his wife Barbara as well as Charles Murdock, National Secretary-Treasurer of AMO. Paul talked about the Jones Act and its benefits such as employment of thousands of Americans through shipping activities, the guarantee of a ready force of merchant mariners and the assurance that well-built safe ships travel our country's waterways. For those not familiar with the Jones Act, it is in Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act and deals with cabotage (coastwise trade) and requires that all goods transported by water between U.S. ports be carried on U.S.-flag ships, constructed in the United States, owned by U.S. citizens, and crewed by U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents.) Paul explained that the Jones Act has been misunderstood by many and has recently come under fire after Hurricane Maria damaged Puerto Rico. A very lively discussion took place during Paul's question and answer session. A special thanks to AMO for making a very generous donation to our Council.

Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale personnel were on hand to help recognize MK2 Michael Daniels as the Station's Enlisted Person of the Quarter. Chief Herring assisted in the presentation and spoke a little about the reasons MK2 Daniels was selected. President Ott presented MK2 Daniels with a certificate of accomplishment, a Council coin and a monetary award.

The Council is proud to sponsor the Zeus Division of the Naval Sea Cadets, which is under the leadership of commanding officer LTJG Maria Miranda. The Council's Board of Directors recently approved making a donation towards the cost of furniture for their new training site. LTJG Miranda was not able to attend the dinner, therefore, LCDR Alan Starr accepted the Council's check on her behalf.



Above: President Larry Ott with Paul Doell
Below: South Florida Area President Lynn Drucker and
LT Ed Dambach, XO, NOSC



President Larry Ott, MK2Daniels and Chief Herring

Photos at the event were taken by Charlie Schmidt and Marianne Giambrone



FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL



Tom Carney and Charles Murdock



Alicia Romano, Joann Black, Charlie Schmidt, Jim Black



Lt Jessica Shafer (XO, Station Fort Lauderdale) and Tim Woody



Tom Stenger and CMDCS Gary Rosenberg (Senior Enlisted Leader, NOSC Miami)



George and Rosa Reeves with Eduardo Lombard



Rudy and Louise Oetting, Oscar Romano and Mary Anne Gray

RECOGNITION

On February 8, Council President Larry Ott and Past President Glenn Wiltshire visited our adopted ship, USCGC Margaret Norvell to honor two of their crew members. A certificate of accomplishment and monetary award was presented to Enlisted Person of the Year BM1 Anthony Acosta. Sailor of the Quarter BM2 Ryan Rose was not available during their visit and the cutter's Commanding Officer, Brittany Panetta, made the presentation on the Council's behalf when he returned from leave. *Photos from Margaret Norvell's Facebook page*



President Larry Ott, Past President Glenn Wiltshire, BM1 Anthony Acosta and CO Brittany Panetta



CO Panetta, BM2 Ryan Rose and XO LTJG Nick Rogers

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 24—Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

Volunteers are needed to help “hide” the plastic eggs, count the collected eggs, assist with contests and food distribution. Contact Shelley Beck if interested shelleybeck@bellsouth.net

April 12—Council's Dinner Social—details to be announced

April 30—May 6—Fleet Week

Events available to the public will be provided via Council email.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with the many events taking place during the week – register on-line at browardnavydaysinc.org

Volunteers will be needed to man the Council's table at Port Everglades where beverages and Council coins will be sold. Contact browardnavyleague@gmail.com if interested

Tours of visiting military vessels will take place – registration is mandatory at browardnavydaysinc.org

May 1—Junior Officers' Party (Fleet Week event)

Annual event sponsored by the Council

Drink tickets will be provided to Junior Officers; cash bar for civilians. Event will take place at Briny's Irish Pub

June 6-9—National Convention

The convention takes place in Portland Oregon during the Rose Festival and Fleet Week.

Visit navyleagueconvention.org for detailed information

June 14—Council's Dinner Social—details to be announced

Board of Directors' Meetings

Our Council's Board of Directors will meet at the Port Everglades Administration Building at 6:30 PM on March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4. Members that would like to get more involved are welcome to attend. Meetings generally last two hours. If you need more information, email browardnavyleague@gmail.com

COMMUNITY AFFILIATE

Community Affiliate members support our Council's grassroots efforts. Community Affiliate benefits include up to 4 individual Navy League memberships, a subscription to SEAPOWERS magazine and SEAPOWERS ALMANAC and recognition by our Council.

If your company would like to find out more about becoming a Community Affiliate, please contact us at browardnavyleague@gmail.com.

The Council appreciates the support of our community affiliate.

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BUSINESS CARD ADS

Do you own your own business or know someone that does? Please consider supporting the Council by placing a business card ad in the Council's newsletter, the Helmsman. For \$125, your ad will appear in the newsletter for an entire year (normally 10 issues). The Helmsman is sent out to more than 300 people including local politicians, military personnel and other military-related organizations.

For more information, please contact Marianne Giambrone at browardnavyleague@gmail.com.

VOICE TO CONGRESS

You will often receive email requests from the Council asking you to contact your local Congressman on issues related to our sea services. It is easy to do through the Navy League website's Voice to Congress feature. In the most recent *AnchorUp!*, it was noted that "Navy Leaguers made it happen! Navy Leaguers from around the country sent letters to Congress urging them to increase the Coast Guard's portion of the supplemental funding for hurricane response and to increase the Budget Control Act budget caps. Meanwhile, the Navy League staff was meeting with Capitol Hill offices about these issues. Due to our unified efforts, both of these items were included in the recently passed budget bill. The Coast Guard hurricane funding relief was increased by \$411.1 million over the administration's original proposal, nearly doubling it. Your advocacy makes a difference!"

FLEET WEEK

The 28th Fleet Week Port Everglades will be held from April 30 – May 6, 2018. The participating ships have not yet been confirmed; the schedule is expected to be published early next year.

The community will welcome visiting Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen on Monday, April 30 at Esplanade Park on the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk. The public is invited to this festive ceremony.

Public tours of visiting Navy and Coast Guard vessels will be offered May 1 through May 5. Due to Port security restrictions, advance registration is required and will be conducted online beginning in early April. Broward Navy Days has indicated that they cannot take advance reservations before that time and will not respond to requests. You can sign up for their e-mail newsletter and receive information about ship tour registration when it opens. Visit their website at browardnavydaysinc.org.

If you are interested in getting more involved, you can attend one of the three planning sessions. Meetings are held in the auditorium of the Port Everglades Administration Building at 1850 Eller Drive. The last meeting will take place on April 3. The meeting starts at 9AM; coffee is available starting at 8:30.

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NEWS FROM OUR SEA SERVICES



Norma Gene Rambow, Phyllis Bradford and Muriel Kupersmith were honored on February 13 as part of a celebration of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve's 75th anniversary at the Armed Forces Retirement home

in Washington, D.C. Now in their mid-90s, they were some of the first to enlist in the Women's Reserve. Rambow kept applying until she was old enough to be accepted. Bradford enlisted because she thought it would be fun. Kupersmith wanted to join so badly that she toted a handkerchief filled with pennies to help her meet the weight requirement. "In those days, the slogan was 'Free a Man to Fight,'" Bradford said. She and thousands of other women joined the Marines to replace men taxed by the demands of World War II. Rambow, Bradford and Kupersmith now live at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, which bills itself as the oldest continually operating retirement home for veterans in the United States. It houses 380 residents. Nearly 40 of them joined the celebration, with many donning the colors of the uniforms they wore decades ago. Betty Moseley Brown, national president of the Women Marines Association, reminded the crowd of women and men gathered that once a Marine, always a Marine. "We are women, but we are Marines for life," Moseley Brown said in an address. *Photo and excerpt from story appearing in The Washington Post*



At 104, Pearl Harbor survivor Navy Lt. Jim Downing was feted as the second-oldest man who endured the events of December 7, 1941. on February 13, Downing died from complications after

surgery. He loved talking with school kids and, even in the last months of his life, he would roll into classrooms and gyms aboard his electric scooter. He joined the Navy at 19 in 1932. Three years later, he found faith by hearing the testimony of the man who would change his life, Navigators founder Dawson Trotman. Downing sailed through World War II aboard West Virginia and was commissioned as an officer after the war, commanding the supply ship USS Patapsco through the Korean War before retiring from the Navy in 1956. Downing went from fighting for his country to fighting for souls, moving to Colorado Springs and joining the Navigators. He held several positions for the ministry, from head of its bookkeeping to leading its evangelism in Europe and the Middle East.

He announced his retirement in 1983, but Downing never quit working. From public speaking to sharing Scripture, the sailor kept underway. His autobiography "The Other Side of Infamy," was published two years ago, giving Downing the Guinness record as the oldest male author of a new work. Downing is survived by six children and nine grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Morena, in 2010 after 69 years of marriage. *Photo and excerpt from story onmilitary.com*



On February 13, Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer announced the next Freedom and Independence variant Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) will be named USS Nantucket (LCS 27) and USS Savannah (LCS 28). The future USS Nantucket, a Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship, will be the third commissioned U.S. Navy ship to honor the maritime history of Nantucket. The future USS Savannah, an Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship, is the sixth ship to bear the name of the oldest city in Georgia. LCS is a modular, reconfigurable ship, designed to meet validated fleet requirements for sur-

face warfare, anti-submarine warfare and mine countermeasures missions in the littoral region. Secretary of the Navy Spencer also announced the next Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) ship will be named USNS Newport (T-EPF 12). This is the fourth ship to bear the name honoring the Rhode Island city. Newport is home to several Navy activities, including Naval Station Newport and the Naval War College. The Expeditionary Fast Transport, formerly named the Joint High Speed Vessel, is a shallow draft, all aluminum, commercial-based catamaran that is designed for High Speed Intra-Theater Surface Lift and serves in a variety of roles for the military branches to include support of overseas contingency operations, conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions and supporting special operations forces. *Story and photos from navy.mil*



**US COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT / BBQ
BROWARD COUNTY NAVY LEAGUE**

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**Civilians RSVP by mailing checks
Checks made out to Broward County Navy League
Please mail check to:
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301 N. Pine Island Road, Apt. 262
Plantation, FL 33324**

****If unable to attend, donations appreciated****

**Directions: Dania Beach Blvd East and head North (A1A) to Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula
Johnson State Park, 6503 N. Ocean Drive, Dania Beach, FL 33004 (formerly John U.
Lloyd Beach State Park)**

At gate house, let them know you are heading to Coast Guard Station

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETINGS



Past President Glenn Wiltshire with Barbara and Paul Doell at the Council's dinner social



CMDRCM Rick Moreyra of Navy Recruiting District Miami with Council President Larry Ott at Fort Lauderdale's dinner

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