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## FEBRUARY EVENTS



Junior Officers of the USS Gridley DDG101 enjoy the party at the Savoy Club on Miami Beach.



Bob Hein with Capt. Karl Schultz, USCG at the February meeting



The Birthday Junior Officers of the USS Nashville LPD-13 enjoyed the party at MJ's Rock "n" Roll Clubhouse.

## MARCH SOCIAL—FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE RACES

When - Friday, March 16, 2007

Where - Pompano Park and Casino

Time - Cocktails at 6:00pm - Dinner at 7:00pm

Menu - Prime Rib of Beef , Poached Salmon or Half  
Roasted Chicken

Cost - \$30

Reservations: Celeste Keegan, 954-973-7814 or  
[bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com)

No later than March 7 with dinner choice.  
Checks made to BCNL: to be sent prior to  
that night to Celeste at:  
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This month is Get Acquainted month and the February dinner social was ½ price for friends and acquaintances to give them an opportunity get to know us and learn a little about our mission. Wow! It was an amazing success with the highest non-installation turnout ever. We have gained new members and made new friends.

Next month is strictly fun. First we will be going to the Harness Races at Pompano Park on February 16<sup>th</sup>; this will include dinner, races and slots. This always has been a relaxed enjoyable outing. At the end of the month will be our annual Coast Guard Easter Egg hunt. Be sure to bring the children and grandchildren. In addition to hunting eggs there will be face painting and balloon tying by our own Alsi Rivero and barbecue. This is true Florida fun in the sun.

As you know one of the groups we have adopted is the Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center. There is a group of Marine Reservists from the South Florida area in Iraq right now. They are the GCE RCT5 Scout Platoon and through our Marine Liaison Al & Shelly Stein we have been supporting them with the items they need and are unable to easily attain in country. We have been sending shampoo, conditioner and handy wipes. Peppermint candy and nutrition bars have also been sent. I am told they are an excellent source of energy when the troops are out on missions. We are certainly happy Al bought a computer, because now we get timely updates on how to help those who are on the tip of the spear. This is their email of January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stein,

Sorry it has taken me so long to respond. I read the email to the platoon and the respond was "Nutrition Bars". The Marines go out on missions and the bars would be a great source of energy that they could carry with them and use during these missions. The Address is correct and I want to thank you again for your continued support!

Semper Fi!

SSGT VERDURA, J. I.  
SCOUT PLATOON COMMANDER

After the nutrition bars had been researched by Al Stein and he conveyed what he thought would be a good choice the following email was received.

Mr. Stein,

By no means am I trying to be picky but the Hooah bars have not been a good choice out here due to the packaging. To give you some other options that have good rendition out here are Clif bars or Nutragrain.

Thanks

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robert N. Hein*

President

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5 – Board of Directors Meeting  
March 16 – Night at the Races Pompano Park and Casino  
March 17 – St.Patrick’s Day  
March 21 – Spring begins  
March 31 – Annual Barbeque and Easter Egg Hunt at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

## BIRTHDAYS

Mar 2 - Graeme Holman  
Mar 4 - Leroy Goldstein  
Mar 5 - Barbara Makris  
Mar 7 - Sandra Title  
Mar 8 - Jerry VanBeynen  
Mar 27 - Alan Stein  
Mar 28 - Larry Nelson  
Mar 29 - Henry Cooper

## NEW MEMBERS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, 2007 – monthly social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. “HONOR THE RESERVISTS NIGHT”. RADM H Blackwell, USNR – commander navy reserve region southeast – will be the speaker.

April 30- May 4, 2007 – FLEET WEEK. Many volunteers opportunities will be available. As the information is received you will be notified.

May 5 and 6, 2007 – McDonald’s Air and Sea Show – Fort Lauderdale Beach.

October 21,22, 23, 2007 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the commissioning of USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 at Port Everglades. Activities will be centered at the Sheraton Yankee Clipper Hotel. Volunteers are needed. Contact Celeste Keegan at 954-973-7814.

**USS Bataan LHD-5 Sailors of the Year**

Sailor of the Year – SK1(SW/AW) Kenneth L. Miller

Junior Sailor of the Year – PS2(SW/AW) Ester O. Chucaraiao

Blue Jacket of the Year – ENFN(SW) Daniel G. Biasotti

Our congratulations to these fine young men and women who have earned the respect and accolades of their shipmates and chief petty officers for their outstanding achievements in 2006. They will each receive a plaque and a check from the Council in recognition of this achievement.

**EPOY – Enlisted Person of the Year – Air Station Miami – AMT3**

**Jacob Brewer.**

He will be honored at our May Meeting. Congratulation, AMT3 on this achievement.



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954-989-2500

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4700 Flamingo Road Cooper City

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3045 North Federal Hwy. FTL

## Membership News

Visit our website at: [www.bcnavyleague.org](http://www.bcnavyleague.org). It is very informative.

**Council "Challenge" coins are now available. Cost - \$6.00. Contact Joe Giambrone at 954-389-0545.**

**Reminder to ALL members – If you make a dinner reservation and do not cancel 24 hours in advance, you will receive a bill for that event. We are obligated to pay for the number of dinners we order. Thank you.**

Travelers

Joe and Marianne Giambrone joined family members for a wonderful cruise.

Mary Gormley enjoyed a cruise with friends

Bob and Denise Hein traveled to Louisiana for a family reunion.

Ailing and Recovering

Roger Stary is now at home and continuing his remarkable recovery from several major surgeries. We look forward to seeing you soon, Roger.

Luke Thompson has been under the weather and we hope you will soon be back on your feet.

## Ship Greetings and Events

USS Nashville LHD-13 visited February 13-16, 2007. Fort Lauderdale Council was the host and sponsored an ALL HANDS party at the Blue Martini, Fort Lauderdale. Our council hosted a party for the Junior Officers at MJ's Rock "n" Roll Club. The CPOA hosted a party for the chiefs at the Wayward Sailor Pub. All good time was had by all.

USS Arleigh Burke DDG-51 is expected mid March. USS Blackhawk MCH -58 will be at the Coast Guard Station Miami in March and will be hosted by Broward Navy Days.

# SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## *USS Leyte Gulf CG-55* *Sailor of the Year*



FC2(SW/AW)  
Tammie Moore

*Hometown:* Henderson TX

*Duty Title:* FIRE CONTROLMAN SECOND CLASS

*Time in the Navy:* 7 years 6 months

*Why I joined the Navy:* To serve my country and see new places.

*Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience:* Returning home from deployment/ Advancing to E-5.

*Greatest achievement since joining the Navy:* Winning JSOY

*Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy:* Becoming an Officer in the Nurse Corps.

*Plans after Navy life:* Enjoying time at home with my family.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello Everyone,

Broward County Council of the Navy League seems to be setting records. Our council set record attendance at their February meeting.

Between attending all the parties and ships greetings, I am made aware that there is more to defending America than ships, armament and intelligence. There must be strong communication. I'm just one of thousands of Americans allowed to read and judge for myself the fate of our country.

Thanks to our adopted ships, reserve centers, and air station in south Florida, we are aware of all the committed individuals whose outstanding skills will guide our country into the future.

Every job is important. You are lighting one small candle for mankind. Thanks sea services. Never look back, what you are doing for us has not been done in vain.

Today, I visited the VA Clinic. Our council is excited that we are sponsoring a program there on February 13 to bring a few moments of happiness to those men and women that gave many moments of their time to allow us to see the Dawns Early Light

*Denise Hein*, Editor



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## BOSS LIFT

Contributed by Anita Carmell

Anita participated in a trip to Homestead Air Reserve Base and Key West Naval Air Station January 11-13, 2007. The event was sponsored by the ESRG ( employer support of the guard and reserve).

The tour started at Homestead Air Reserve Base with a briefing on the function of the base and the goals of the ESRG. By commercial bus the group then traveled to Key West Naval Station for a tour.

The next day the group returned to Homestead for the highlight of the event – They boarded a “Stratotanker”, converted Boeing 707 for a flight to observe the refueling of a jet fighter plane in mid air. The primary function of the KC135 is refueling fighter planes in mid air for the U.S. forces and Allied nations. The tanker has dual capabilities and can also transport ambulatory and litter patients who need transfer to another medical facility.

We took off for the three hour flight and watched in amazement as five jet fighter planes circled around us. As if that was not enough we were able to crawl into a glass dome at the rear of the plane and witness the refueling process while looking directly into the eyes of the pilot. It was, as they say, AWESOME!!!!

Looking around at the young reservists in action, piloting the plane and attending to their duties as well as attending to us passengers evoked a feeling, in me, of gratitude and pride. They are so dedicated, committed and responsible.

I am ever so grateful to the people who took/take the opportunity to make the public aware of how safe we should feel with such responsibility in the hands of our younger generation.

### USS McInerney FFG-8 Makes Biggest Seizure of Deployment

Source – Navy News Service 9 February 2007

The USS McInerney FFG-8, the adopted ship of the Boca-Delray Council, NLUS, added to its string of successes on her counter-narco terrorism deployment by supporting the seizure of 2.3 metric tons of cocaine in mid-January from a fishing vessel off the coast of Costa Rica.

Notably, this was the first joint seizure between Costa Rica and the United States.

U.S. Coast Guard boarding teams aboard McInerney safely apprehended the vessel, its contents and personnel. According to Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) officer in charge Ltjg Adam Disque, “After the two other vessels we boarded turned up with negative results, we were fortuitous to interdict a vessel with contraband aboard. I knew my team and the support from McInerney’s VBSS(visit, board, search and seizure) Team would get the job done.

After monitoring the vessel, McInerney was given permission to board from Coast Guard District 11 and the Costa Rican government late that night. Initial inspections and tests proved that McInerney and Her Coast Guard LEDET had in fact met with success. Lt. Erik Bodiscomassink, McInerney’s engineering officer and tactical action officer, said “Any time you approach a vessel, you’re not quite sure what you’re going to encounter. Part of you always wonders what their intentions are. Just get as much information as you can and rely on your training.”

McInerney embarked two Costa Rican Coast Guardsmen to assist in the boarding. They remained on board for several days as the case was being wrapped up, which further proved the value of combined operations in this effort. They returned home as honorary McInerney crew members.

Hospital Corpsman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Guiseppa Trovato, Hospital Corpsman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Christian Betancourt and Aerographer's Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Harvey Collazo were escorts for the Costa Ricans. Betancourt said, "We were happy to facilitate relations between their Coast Guard and McInerney. Our countries are all after the same goal and if we could help in any way to better relations and give them a great experience, we were all for it. We had a great time."

After the seizure, McInerney safely turned over the vessel, detainees and representative samples of the contraband to the Costa Rican government and Coast Guard.

This interdiction brings the McInerney's total of seized contraband to 5.8 tons less than halfway through their deployment.

McInerney is deployed under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command as part of a Joint/Inter-Agency Task force conducting counter-narcotics trafficking operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific.

### **STUDENTS PRESENT GIFTS TO VETERANS CLINIC**



Denise Nein, Lexie Perraras, Dr. Phillip Greenberg, Stephan Lucas  
At Gift Presentation Ceremony

Contributed by Denise Hein

Lexie Perreras, a senior at Cardinal Gibbons High School, with five other students presented a handmade poppy wreath to the Veterans Administration Clinic in Oakland Park, February 13, in honor of Remembrance Day. The project was sponsored by the Broward County Council of the Navy League.

Her idea of creating a wreath and presenting it to the Veterans was born, while she attended Girls State in Tallahassee this past summer. Not having knowledge of the location or being able to bring this idea to fruition, she came in contact with a member of the Broward County Council Navy League, Denise Hein, public relations, director for the council.

Lexie wanted to do this to bring joy to a group of men and women having served their country during times of war. Her thoughts were to also bring awareness to people her age of the veterans.

The students served refreshments to the veterans on Tuesday and presented them with gifts. This particular clinic is hidden from the ocean, beautiful condos and just sits northwest of Ft. Lauderdale.

Two prominent members of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs were also in attendance, Stephen Lucas, Director of Miami Medical Center and Dr. Phillip Greenberg, M.D. Chief Medical Officer of Oakland Park Outpatient Clinic.

Poppies are sold on Veterans Day to help raise money for the Veterans Hospitals throughout the United States.