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APRIL EVENTS



The start of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale



Lt. Carlos Crespo, with Carlos Jr and Laura Crespo at the Easter Egg Hunt. Carlos Jr. found the GOLDEN EGG!!



Bob Hein, President, RADM Jamie Barnett, USN, Sgt. Michael Nicholson, USMC, Cpl. Jesse Bergeron, USMC, QM1 Arthur Drago, USN, Cdr. Russell Larratt, USN, Maj. Jeffrey Houston, USMC.

MAY SOCIAL

When – Thursday, May 10, 2007

Where – Tropical Acres Restaurant

Time – Cocktails at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:15pm

Menu – Prime Rib of Beef or Shrimp Scampi

Cost - \$30

Speaker – Capt. Steve Mehling, USCG – Commanding Officer, Air Station Miami

This is Salute to the Coast Guard Night and we will be honoring the Enlisted Person on the Year from Air Station Miami and the Distinguished Sailor of the Year, Station Fort Lauderdale

Reservations: Celeste Keegan, 954-973-7814 or

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No later than May 6, 2007

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Denise & Robert Hein, Joseph Farrell President, Denise Johnston Vice President, Joe Giambone and Larry Ott at Resolve Marine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30 - ALL HANDS Party - Paradise Village at Seminole Hard Rock Café - 6-9pm
May 1 - Junior Officer's Party - Riverfront Briny Pub - 6-8pm - Fort Lauderdale - CPOA Party - Coral Ridge Yacht Club - 7pm -
??? - ALL HANDS Party - Ugly Tuna Saloon - Riverfront, Fort Lauderdale
May 2 - ALL HANDS Party - Tarpon Bend, Fort Lauderdale
May 5 & 6 - McDonald's Air and Sea Show, Fort Lauderdale
May 7 - Board of Directors Meeting
May 10 - Dinner Social - Tropical Acres Restaurant
May 13 - Mother's Day
May 19 - Armed Forces Day
May 22 - National Maritime Day
May 28 - Memorial Day

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BIRTHDAYS

May 2 - Carl Hallberg
May 3 - Robert Grenitz
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May 8 - Hank Petri
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May 10 - Lloyd Rhodes
May 17 - Nancy Lindberg
May 18 - Jeannie Knapp
May 19 - Mark Stein
May 20 - Michael Short
Hy Volaski
May 22 - Gayle Malone-Neary
Ann Hopkins
May 23 - Jay Porges
May 24 - Telmo Ortega
May 27 - Sandra Jones
May 28 - Robert Joslin

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 - Dinner Social at Tropical Acres Restaurant - Capt. Jay Chesnutt, USN from SOUTHCOM will be the speaker. This will be our last meeting until September.

December 3,4,5,6, 2007 - 20th 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

A British Broadcasting Company crew boarded USS Bataan March 29,30 and 31, 2007 to film part of a documentary on Naval forces in the Persian Gulf. Before coming to Bataan, the film crew had been aboard USS Stennis CVN 74, USS Eisenhower CVN 69 and 2 French Navy ships. The aim of their visit was to highlight the purposes of amphibious platforms.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Conway visited USS Bataan and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit on April 4, 2007 while the ship was under way in the Persian Gulf.

USS Carney DDG-64

The USS Carney, homeported in Mayport, Florida assisted a private vessel in distress off the coast of Martinique. When attempts by the Carney's crew failed to repair the engine, Carney's 7 meter boat towed the vessel to the safety of Marigot Bay, Dominica.

Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

The executive officer, Lt. Carlos Crespo will be leaving the station this summer for his new assignment in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He and his wife, Laura, are looking forward to returning home while they await the birth of their second child. Fair winds and following seas as you move ahead in your career, Carlos. We will miss you. His replacement will be arriving from her current duty station in Bahrain.



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Membership News

Visit our website at: 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

Jay and Dorothy Porges enjoyed an Easter Cruise with their family.

Joe and Marianne enjoyed a cruise to the Baltic Countries.

Caroline Seabright spent a week in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Bob and Nancy Viverito are off to Singapore again to visit their son and his family.

Bob and Denise Hein flew to California to visit their son, Steven and then moved on to Chandler, Az to visit their son Denis and his family.

Ailing and Recovering

Tom Powers has been under the weather lately, we hope he is soon back on his feet.

Other events of note

Two of our members – Jerry Rosenthal and Celeste Keegan were honored by Broward Navy Days at the annual Freedom Awards Luncheon for their dedication and commitment to the sea services and the community. Congratulations to both of them.

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Wayward Sailor Pub
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Ship Greetings and Events

USS McInerney FFG 8 and USS Robert G. Bradley FFG 49 visited Port Everglades on April 3-4, 2007. Boca Delray was the host for the USS McInerney FFG 8 as that is their adopted ship. A small reception was held on board on 3 April. The USS Robert G. Bradley FFG 49 was hosted by Broward County Council and declined any activities due to the short visit.

SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 Sailor in the Spotlight



MR1 (SW)
Kevin LaDon Lehmer

Hometown: Dothan, Alabama

Duty Title: E-Division LPO

Time in the Navy: 16 years

Why I joined the Navy: To support my country and to see the world.

Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience: Riding the USS Constitution

Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: Making First Class

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: To make Chief Petty Officer

Plans after Navy life: ?

The thing I like most about my job is: The ability to teach and even learn from other Sailors.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Where do I go from here?

Every mother should be given a medal. For those who care, we are getting a refresher course in geography, politics and maybe a bit of history.

Yesterday, I picked up a copy of USA Today and learned about the Great War, World War 1. After reading the article, I was made aware of the positives that conflict can bring to the forefront.

Women's rights got a boost from World War 1. Their contributions as nurses and telephone operators helped persuade Congress to give women the vote in 1920. Pressure by the Great War veterans helped Congress pass the GI Bill in 1944, this sent many men and women to college. These are the positives to global conflicts.

Being human, we feel the emotions of the loss of a son or daughter killed or just being in a part of the world we don't understand.

We feel pride as ships return home and families are there to greet their loved ones. We try to use our own judgment as we assess the news on TV or read facts in the newspapers.

As one young U.S. Navy Petty Officer assigned to the USS Bataan said, "My job is to defend my country and there is nothing I could say or do that makes me prouder than what I'm doing right now."

Happy Mother's Day. Right or wrong these sea service men, women, and their mothers deserve an applause. Next month I'll give three cheers to the fathers.

Denise Hein, Editor



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MAY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was a month for meeting admirals and learning about a variety of subjects. We had an additional event involving another admiral. The event was put on by Navy League & Council Presidents at the Tower Club. The topic was a Pentagon Briefing on Guantanamo and it was an opportunity to provide the facts regarding the U.S Government's detention policy and operations. This was a multi-council Navy League event and a unique opportunity to interact with other councils and the regional leadership.

May has arrived, and with Fleet Week over, the pace slowed down. The Snowbirds left but the activity continued with a discussion on Coast Guard Aviation by Capt. Mehling USCG, commanding officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami at Opa Locka.

We will take our summer break after the June 14th meeting and return in September to honor the Sea Cadets. Like the Navy, the job will continue, there will be ships and parties so we will not be dormant. I am hoping we will see the arrival of a special ship, which will mark the return of the Bataan Task Force. That ship is the USS Nitze, DDG94. It is commanded by my son CDR. Robert N. Hein. It would be the highlight of my presidency and a lifelong memory to greet him as president. I can find no more fitting way to end this letter than with this email I just received.

From: jemc62@aol.com [mailto:jemc62@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 2:55 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Fwd: The Marines want this to roll all over the US

This is a poem being sent from a Marine to his Dad. For those who take the time to read it, you'll see a letter from him to his Dad at the bottom. It makes you truly thankful for not only the Marines, but ALL of our troops.

THE MARINE

We all came together,
Both young and! old
To fight for our freedom,
To stand and be bold.

In the midst of all evil,
We stand our ground,
And we protect our country
From all terror around.

Peace and not war, Is what some people say.
But I'll give my life,
So you can live the American way.

I give you the right
To talk of your peace.
To stand in your groups,
and protest in our streets.

But still I fight on,
I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people
Who is doing your time.

I'm harder than nails,
Stronger than any machine.
I'm the immortal soldier,
I'm a U.S. MARINE!

So stand in my shoes,
And leave from your home.
Fight for the people who hate you,
With the protests they've shown.
Fight for the stranger,
Fight for the young.
So they all may have,
The greatest freedom you've won.

Fight for the sick,
Fight for the poor
Fight for the cripple,
Who lives next door.

But when your time comes,
Do what I've done.
For if you stand up for freedom,
You'll stand when the fight's done .

By: Corporal Aaron M. Gilbert, US Marine Corps
USS SAIPAN, PERSIAN GULF

March 23, 2003

Hey Dad,

Do me a favor and label this "The Marine" and send it to everybody on your email list.! Even leave this letter in it. I want this rolling all over the US I want every home reading it. Every eye seeing it.. And every heart to feel it.. So can you please send this for me? I would but my email time isn't that long and I don't have much time anyway. You know what Dad?! I wondered what it would be like to truly understand what JFK said in his inaugural speech.

"When the time comes to lay down my life for my country, I do not cower from this responsibility. I welcome it."
Well, now I know. And I do. Dad, I welcome the opportunity to do what I do. Even though I have left behind a beautiful wife, and I will miss the birth of our first born child, I would do it 70 times over to fight for the place that God has made for my home. I love you all and I miss you very much. I wish I could be there when Sandi has our baby, but tell her that I love her, and Lord willing, I will be coming home soon. Give Mom a great big hug from me and give one to yourself too.
Aaron

If this touched you as much as it touched me, please forward it on. Let's help Aaron's dad spread the word ...

FREEDOM isn't FREE Someone pays for you and me.

Robert Hein, President
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What a story!

Submitted by Denise Hein, Editor

A lady named Barbara, with emphysema and a tank of oxygen to help her breathe, related the most beautiful story to me.

A few years ago, she was a bank manager at one of the local banks. A group of navy personnel came into the bank to cash their government checks during Fleet Week. One of the bank vice-presidents told her not to cash the checks. These were government checks and these people did not have accounts at the bank.

Barbara decided to cash the checks with the chance of losing her job. Her boss told his mother of the incident. His mother felt badly. To her these people were true patriots. They had been at sea and were now coming to Ft. Lauderdale to enjoy a period of rest and relaxation. Their first impression was not good.

The mother of this bank vice-president decided to do simple act of kindness. She stayed awake most of the night making and bagging chocolate chip cookies. The next day going to the bank, she sat in one of the available chairs and handed out bags of cookies to every seaman coming into the bank to cash a check.

With a loud tone "No", she refused to give her son a cookie.