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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Crew members of the USS Nitze DDG-94 enjoy the welcome party with Council members.



Mayor James Naugle presents a key to the City to CDR Hein whilst his mother and father look on.



Crew members of the USS Nitze DDG-94 donated their time to Habitat for Humanity while in port.

## OCTOBER SOCIAL

When - Thursday, October 11, 2007

Where - Old Heidelberg Restaurant, 901 SR 84, Fort Lauderdale

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

Menu - Wiener Schnitzel, Hungarian Goulash,,Chicken Cordon Bleu, Pork Roast or Mixed sausage platter.

Cost - \$30

Reservations: Celeste Keegan, 954-973-7814 or [bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com) No later than October 8, 2007.

This is a "just for fun" night. Candidates for office will be allowed to give a short campaign address if they wish.

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2008

President - Bill Weiler

First VP - Brian Kling

Second VP - Bob Haab

VP- Legislative Affairs - Jerry Corcoran

Secretary - Marianne Giambrone

Treasurer - Peggy Raben

JAG - Ed Rumin, Esq.

Write in candidates will be accepted by the secretary until October 31, 2007. The name of the proposed candidate and office for which they wish to be considered must be accompanied by 20 signatures of council members in good standing. Elections will be held at the November social. You must be present to vote.

The mailing address is: 1546 Barcelona Way, Weston, Florida 33327.

E-MAIL— [bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is the time we hear what the Sea Cadets did last summer and they sure were busy as we learned at the September meeting. Though September appeared to be a quiet month on the surface, plans are going forward for the Twentieth Anniversary Leyte Gulf Celebration

The United States Southern Command hosted a Navy Ball October 5, 2007 and Captain Jay Chesnut asked us to partner with them. He was our speaker in June. For those of you who were there, it was a unique opportunity to meet Admiral James G. Stavridis, Commander United States Southern Command and his staff. Parrot Jungle Treetop Ballroom was a wonderful setting for the event.

USSOUTHCOM is a joint command comprising more than 1200 civilian and military personnel consisting of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and several other federal agencies. It is responsible for protecting our Southern Flank. That would be the Caribbean and its resources, our territorial waters, Central America, South America, the Panama Canal, the Bahamas and Cuba . I doubt that Cuba wants our protection, but they get it anyway.

October turned into party month with the Navy Ball and Oktoberfest which is always a fun event. Your president, future president and our newly elected National Representative will be going to the California Desert to attend the Navy League National Convention at Desert Springs October 30- November 4, 2007. For those of you who golf, this is a wonderful opportunity to get away, go to parties and of course play golf. It is tax deductible, Get your clubs out and I will see you there

**Robert N. Hein**  
President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 8 - Board Of Directors Meeting - all are welcome to attend. 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Auto Nation Building, 110 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale. 7:00pm sharp. Columbus Day observed.  
Oct. 11 - October Social - Oktoberfest at Old Heidelberg German Restaurant, 901 SR. 84, Fort Lauderdale - Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:15pm.  
Oct. 13 - Birthday of the U.S. Navy  
Oct. 16 - National Boss Day  
Oct. 24 - United Nations Day  
Oct. 28 - Daylight Savings Time ends  
Oct. 31 - Halloween

### NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Deana Smiley 1917 Twin Dolphin Lane Fort Lauderdale, 33316 954-523-0368 <a href="mailto:fdhsmiley@aol.com">fdhsmiley@aol.com</a> Sponsor - Bob Hein	Debbie Ramsden 2004 SE 26 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Fort Lauderdale, 33316 954-463-0019 deboramsden@hotmail.com Sponsor - Bill Weiler
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### BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 02	<i>Michael Balcom</i>
Oct. 04	<i>Wayne E. Burns</i>
Oct. 05	<i>Tom Jones</i>
Oct. 07	<i>Deana Smiley</i>
Oct. 09	<i>Marianne Giambrone</i>
Oct. 09	<i>Jerry Corcoran</i>
Oct. 10	<i>Bob Viverito</i>
Oct. 11	<i>Roberta Wayne</i>
Oct. 15	<i>George Fredlund</i>
Oct. 18	<i>Tom Powers</i>
Oct. 19	<i>Don Bannister</i>
Oct. 21	<i>Barbara Bone</i>
Oct. 26	<i>Leroy Smith</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Wu</i>
	<i>Sharon Miller</i>
	<i>Phyllis Bannister</i>
	<i>Peter Grady</i>
Oct. 30	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30 - November 4, 2007 - Navy League National Convention, Dessert Springs Marriott, Palm Springs, California. Registration information, etc. available On the Navy League Website: [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org).

November - Dinner Social, Thursday, November 8, 2007, - Tropical Acres Restaurant. The speaker will be Joe Farrell, Resolve Marine Group.

**December 3,4,5,6, 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 for day and evening activities. Contact Celeste Keegan at 954-973-7814.

## News from the US Navy and the Coast Guard

USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 is scheduled to be out of the yards after a big upgrade in most of her systems and will be like new when she visits in December. Welcome to the new XO – Cdr. Bruce Apgar. Cdr. Apgar, in the past, served aboard USS Bataan LHD-5 and is very familiar with the warm welcome extended to the sailors when they visit Port Everglades. He is looking forward to visiting in December. We are happy to have you aboard, sir.

USS Bataan LDH-5 was host to VADM Evan Chanik, Commander Second Fleet and ADM Vladimir Masorin, Commander of the Russian Navy. The visit was part of a tour the ADM. was conducting during his most recent visit to the U.S.A.

We send a warm welcome to LTJG Colleen Mullen, USCG who has relieved LT. Carlos Crespo as executive officer at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale.

## Community Affiliates



**Corcoran Associates**  
305-371-7612

**Downtowner Saloon**  
954-463-9800

**Grady Marine Construction, Inc.**  
954-523-1212

**Gunn Allen Financial**  
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**Todd Kazdan DO**  
954-581-7660

**Resolve Marine, Inc.**  
954-764-8700

**Ship Supply of Florida**

**Tropical Acres Restaurant**  
954-989-2500

## 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 Giambone 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

Barbara Bone has traveled to Oregon for a college reunion and then was off to the western Provinces of Canada to view the fall colors. Bob and Denise Hein enjoyed a 10 day cruise from Quebec to New York City to view the fall colors and just relax after their son's visit with the USS Nitze DDG-94. Bob and Jean Haab celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with family during a vacation on the west coast of Florida. Tom and Sandra Jones were in Colorado visiting their younger son and his family.

Condolences To Kristen Corcoran on the death of her father.

### Ailing and Recovering

### Thought for today and everyday

Definition of "Veteran" – a veteran, whether active duty, retired or national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life". That is HONOR, and there are way too many people in the country who no longer understand it.

Author unknown. Contributed by Bill Weiler.

## SUPPORTERS

Bahia Cabana Resort  
954-524-1555

Publix Cordova Road  
954-847-2844

Second Edition Book Shop  
954-431-0884

Walmart  
4700 Flamingo Road Cooper City

Wayward Sailor Pub  
3045 North Federal Hwy. FTL

## Ship Greetings and Events

USS Iwo Jima LHD –7 is expected November 9-13, 2007. Fort Lauderdale Council will be the host.

# SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## USS Leyte Gulf CG-55



Chief Hospital Corpsman  
(Surface Warfare/Fleet Marine Force)  
Dawna J. Wilson

*Hometown: Kansas City, MO*

*Duty Title: Senior Medical Department Representative*

*Time in Navy: 16 years*

*Why I joined the Navy: To serve.*

*Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience: Going to sea.*

*Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: Getting orders to LEYTE GULF (CG-55)*

*Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: Successful afloat SMDR tour.*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Well Sea Services, we do know what you do all day. You give all your time to preserving the freedoms of the United States. We had this information directly from the Captain of the USS Nitze DDG 94. The cost and time in manpower and material to run the navy is on the rise. However, our land of plenty comes with a high price.

We've heard the same words from Captain Karl L. Schultz, USCG. One of the ways the Coast Guard protects us is through their involvement with Homeland Security. The United States coast is policed by these brave men and women.

Maj. Jeff Houston, USMC, a recent guest at one of our Navy League monthly dinners, almost gave his life to preserve our freedom. He was sent to Iraq with the first group to protect our freedoms. While there, Maj. Houston received severe injuries to his head and neck. President George Bush awarded him the Purple Heart. At the time he received his medal, this extraordinary marine was recovering in the hospital.

Vessels owned by U.S. companies, registered and operated under the American flag, comprise the U.S. merchant marine. This fleet of highly productive ships is a major part of our system of commerce, helping guarantee our access to foreign markets for sale of our manufactured goods. In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. merchant marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense." Our merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military supplies overseas to our forces and allies.

America can only survive as the land of plenty, with the support of the Sea Services and the Navy Leagues of the United States.

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Legislative Affairs Council Message  
Submitted by Jerry Corcoran  
Vice President for Legislative Affairs

The NLUS Statement of Maritime Policy 2007-2008 is a large complex document which serves the national efforts of the Navy League and gives guidance to Councils. However, it is far too broad to be germane when dealing with people at the local level. Budgets in the trillions, acquisition programs, fleet mixes and aircraft development are not necessarily the most urgent issues facing national and local leaders back home where the voters live.

The local message is that:

**We are an island nation**, a maritime nation, in that we derive our economic stability and economic security from our ability to traverse the earth's oceans and seas unimpeded by superior forces.

**We require safe, secure ports and waterways** to process the trade that fuels the economic engine and we need to deny access to those who would do us harm.

**We are free to buy and sell materials and products world-wide** and move them safely and economically across the maritime environment. However, the economic model absolutely demands an unbroken flow of materials and products in both directions. A recent work stoppage in a west coast port idled thousands of workers and factories throughout the USA.

To ensure these freedoms, **we need a world-wide maritime presence** a credible seagoing force which is unimpeded by national boundaries and foreign political systems.

**The Navy and Marine Corps assets** form the largest portion of the credible force. We need to support the force levels and funding recommended by the senior service leadership.

**We need a strong, well-equipped Coast Guard** to keep commerce moving through our many ports and waterways, without an unacceptable level of risk, to mitigate threats to our citizens from all hazards.

**We must have a strong, US owned and operated Merchant Marine** to execute the nation's priorities. Because we are an island nation, and because we depend upon the movement of commerce and defense items across the seas, we should not be hostage to changing political and economic policies.

**We need basic shipbuilding capacity and capability**

## Submitted by George Reeves

There are only a few naval shipyards left. Bath in Maine is scheduled to close due to a decline in shipbuilding. While fewer ships are more efficient, we still need more ships. Shipyards need to maintain qualified technical personnel to retain skill levels otherwise they move to other industries.

Leasing non-combatant support ships built in foreign yards further diminishes work for the U.S. shipyards and affects national security.

Limiting the leases to a maximum of two years tilts the playing field back somewhat as two years leases are tantamount to cash.

If we don't do something, our national shipbuilding capability will erode.

Click on this URL to take action now!

<http://capwiz.com/dcs/utr/2/?a=1-265286i-83020894&c>

Both Bob and I would like to thank the members of Broward County Council for their support at the time the USS Nitze was docked at Port Everglades. A special thank you for their effort Celeste Keegan, Tom and Sandra Jones, Bill Weiler, Joe and Marianne Giambone, Alan Starr and Joe Millsaps.