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## JUNE EVENTS



Capt Jay Chesnutt, USN, SOUTHCOM with Bob Hein at June meeting,



RADM William Gortney, Joe Millsaps and Phil Allen, Port Director aboard the USS Harry Truman CVN75.



RADM William Gortney and Bob Hein aboard the USS Harry Truman.

## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

When - Thursday, September 20, 2007

Where - Tropical Acres Restaurant

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

Menu - Prime Rib of Beef or Baked Boston Scrod

Cost - \$30

Speakers - Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Spruance Division

We are celebrating the Sea Cadet Corps Birthday

Reservations: Celeste Keegan, 954-973-7814 or

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No later than September 16, 2007

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back from a peaceful relaxing summer. It is good to get away from life for awhile to rejuvenate. Sometimes it doesn't work out that way. This summer has been quite busy for Denise & me. June kicked off with a visit from the USS Bainbridge and like little ducklings following behind, we received six Naval Academy YP's. These are small training ships for the midshipmen. No sooner did they leave then the USS Nassau, LPD 13 came to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with us. Once again a good time was had by all.

We took a trip along the Gulf Coast to New Orleans to see what had been done in the past two years. The people of Mississippi have been working hard in the true American Spirit. The debris had been cleared, all the bridges and roads were repaired and there was evidence of significant building. About 20% has already been rebuilt. Then we went to New Orleans and The French Quarter was up and running.

We came home to a really big surprise. The USS Truman and Task Force 10 made a port call. About 8000 sailors were ready to party. All the Navy Leagues and Broward Navy Days pulled together and showed them a superb time. From post-party comments it appears they are ready to return. Thank you everyone who made this happen, particularly Tom & Sandy Jones. They are our new ships greeting and event planning people and they do a great job. What a way to get started.

The best for me is yet to come, but may have passed, before you receive this newsletter. CDR Robert N. Hein USN, Captain of the USS Nitze will be in port August 22. Denise and I are really excited. There will be a Welcome Party at Briny's Pub which will be as great as all the others. The 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a shipboard reception and as he is a local boy, there will be a few of his friends in attendance... Friday is a Dinner Reception at the Tower Club and Robert will speak on recent events. Saturday the sailors will get to see the Dolphins play.

A special price was negotiated with the Dolphin Staff for the sailors to watch the Dolphin/Tampa Bay Buccaneers preseason game. For \$10.00 each the sailors would be furnished tickets and transportation to and from the game. When word got out there was a spontaneous outpouring of generosity started by Peter Grady. It was a heartwarming experience. Now the sailors and Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale will be able to see the game free.

Summer sure passed in a hurry and now it is time to get back to business.

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President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3 - Labor Day  
September 10 - Board of Directors Meeting  
September 12 - Rosh Hashanah  
September 20 - Dinner Social  
September 21 - Yom Kippur  
September 23 - Autumn Begins

### NEW MEMBERS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Aug 01	Gary Rotella
Aug 04	Diego Romero
Aug 11	Anthony Palazzolo
Aug 12	Adele Holman
Aug 14	Joe Keegan
Aug 21	Sheila Grenitz
	Kim Easter
Aug 25	Joe Devine
Sept 02	Gregory Kurdian
	Bob Haab
Sept 16	Steven Naimoli
Sept 19	Jan Sheiner
Sept 24	Joe Millsaps
Sept 25	Gus Martinez
Sept 26	Maureen Esposito

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ocktoberfest - Thursday, October 11, 2007 - Old Heidelberg Restaurant

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. Contact Celeste Keegan at 954-973-7814.

USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 is in the yards for a big upgrade in most of her systems and will be like new when she visits in December.

Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, has named Adm. Gary Roughhead to succeed Adm. Mike Mullen as Chief of Naval Operations. This appointment is subject to Congressional approval.

Congratulations to Capt. Jim Watson, USCG and Capt. Keith Taylor, USCG on their nomination for Rear Admiral. We wish them the best as they continue to climb the career ladder.

President Bush has nominated Adm. Mike Mullen, USN to succeed Gen. Peter Pace, USMC as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



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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

Don and Phyllis Bannister are off to France for a wonderful river tour.

Ailing and Recovering

Celeste Keegan was under the weather for a while but is back on her feet now.

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4700 Flamingo Road Cooper City

Wayward Sailor Pub  
3045 North Federal Hwy. FTL

Ship Greetings and Events

USS Nassau LHA-4 visited over July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend and was hosted by Fort Lauderdale Council

Part of the Truman Strike Group visited July 20-24. USS Harry S. Truman CVN 75 and Carrier Air Wing 3 were hosted by Broward Navy Days, USS Montpelier SSN 765 and USS Winston Churchill DDG 81 were hosted by Broward County and Boca Delray Councils and USS Oscar Austin DDG 79 and HMS Manchester were hosted by Fort Lauderdale and Everglades Councils. The Welcome Party was held at the Riverfront Briny Pub.

The USS Nitze DDG-94, commanded by CDR. Robert N. Hein, Jr. visited August 22-27 and was hosted by Broward County Council. The crew got to enjoy the Dolphins/Tampa Bay football game and worked on Habitat for Humanity Homes during the visit. The Welcome Party was held at the Riverfront Briny Pub.

# SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## USS Leyte Gulf CG-55 Sailor in the Spotlight



**FC1 (SW)  
Jason Michael Plizga**

*Hometown: Mesopotamia, Ohio*

*Duty Title: Assistant Combat Systems Maintenance Manager*

*Time in the Navy: 14 Years*

*Why I joined the Navy: For a better career opportunity*

*Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience: Sailing the whole world*

*Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: Being chosen as Sailor of the quarter*

*Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: Make the highest rank possible*

*Plans after Navy life: Start my own business*

*The thing I like most about my job is: The hours and the travel*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Wow!

"Summertime,— and the living is easy," as the lyrics go, from the Broadway Play, Porgy and Bess. I can't tell summer from fall as far as our Broward County Council. We are certainly doing our part as a supporter of the Sea Services.

Planning, but what fun, as we attend parties and greet crews coming to Port Everglades for a relaxing time, after having been or prepare to go on deployment. All I can say is, "Wow. Let us plan for another group. Isn't that what we do. There are those who stay at home and serve."

What a great bunch of people to meet and greet this summer. The Bainbridge, the Nassau and a flotilla of six navy ships all were in Ft. Lauderdale this past summer.

What a proud moment for Bob and me, at the time the USS Nitze DDG 94 sailed into Port Everglades. Our son Commander Robert Hein, USN, Captain to the ship his crew, spent five days in Fort Lauderdale. One way to get one of your independent children to come home, is to welcome them as Captain of a Navy destroyer. Thanks Celeste.

I know everyone as a parent, watches and waits for these moments. They happen and then are gone, but leave us with so many beautiful memories.

Our Council has three articles on the Navy League web page. If you wish to view these stories on your computer click: [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org)— The stories are great and the pictures give action shots of ship personnel and our council members.

Because of the sacrifices of these men and women at difficult times, we are able to welcome a new autumn and greet these ships with a red, white and blue flag.

*Denise Hein, Editor*



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