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## SEA CADETS



Left to Right: PO2 Delaney Brock, PO3 Lelei Pina, PO2 Orion Rollins and SA Lorenzo Gari

Spruance Division Sea Cadets served as the guest speakers at the Council's September dinner social. More photos and additional information inside.

## SLATE OF 2011 OFFICERS

President – George Reeves  
First VP – Sandra Jones  
Second VP – Charles Schmidt  
VP, Legislative Affairs – Robert Marks  
Secretary – Teresa Perez  
Treasurer – Tom Jones  
JAG – Frederick "Fritz" Heidgerd

Write-in candidates will be accepted by the secretary until October 31, 2010. 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. Mail information to Secretary, BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339.

Elections will be held at the November dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

## OCTOBER DINNER EVENT

### Oktoberfest

Thursday October 14 - 7:15 PM  
Cocktail hour: 6:45pm

Old Heidelberg Restaurant  
900 S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> St. (SR 84, south side)  
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Special "OKTOBERFEST" menu  
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Members and Guests: \$30.00  
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Please RSVP by October 9  
by e-mailing [bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com) or  
calling Joan Sefton 954-753-2322

Due to the venue, we would appreciate  
your mailing a check for dinner to:  
BCNL c/o Tom Jones  
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Plantation FL 33317

## COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

**YARD SALE:** OCTOBER 16, 2010  
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

**LOCATION:** 299 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY  
FORT LAUDERDALE

**NEEDED:** DONATIONS OF NEW OR GENTLY  
USED ITEMS

**MORE INFORMATION INSIDE**

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## COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

### COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES

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The Council will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the parking lot of Signature Memories (formerly the Fairchild Funeral Home) at 299 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale.

Now is the time to clean out your closets and garage and make a donation to assist the Council with this fundraiser. We will accept donations of new or gently used items for this sale (no clothing or furniture please). Items can be dropped off on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15, between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM at Kraeer-Fairchild Funeral Home located at 4061 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale in the back of the building through the "Flower Room" door. You may also arrange pick-ups/drop-offs by contacting any board member or sending an email to the Council ([bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com)) prior to October 10.

The funds raised will be used to support local active duty Coast Guard personnel, local Navy and Marine reservists, outstanding JROTC cadets at six local high schools as well as to send personal care packages to our deployed military in Afghanistan. Due to the current economic situation, we have decided to reach out to our council members in the hope that, through your generosity, we will raise the funds needed to continue performing these good deeds.

## NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

### CHANGE IN DATE OF NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



The date of the November dinner social has been changed to November 18 – please mark your calendars. RADM William D. Baumgartner, Commanding Officer, US Coast Guard District Seven will be our guest speaker.

## CARE PACKAGES

The Council is continuing to send care packages to our deployed sailors and Marines. Board members Al and Shelly Stein have the responsibility of contacting the troops, acquiring the items for the care packages as well as boxing up the items, preparing Customs forms and taking the boxes to the Post Office. Recently, the following list of items was sent to them by one of the Marines. If you would like to help with the Council's care package program, you can make a cash donation or you can purchase some of these items. You can bring the items to the next dinner social or get them to any board member. You may contact Shelly Stein at 954-472-0285 or email her at [silvercurl41@yahoo.com](mailto:silvercurl41@yahoo.com).

- Drink powders such as Gatorade or Propel
- Small toys such as yo-yos, puzzles
- Protein powder (instant breakfast-type powder)
- Fabreze spray, bleach wipes
- Hand wipes (Wet Ones) or baby wipes
- Gum and candy (no chocolate)
- Travel size rolls of toilet paper
- Wisps (little Colgate mini toothbrushes)
- Magazines
- Beef jerky
- Movies and DVDs
- Non-perishable snack items
- Toiletries
- Coffee
- Hand sanitizer

Each package costs approximately \$100 to fill and \$12.50 to mail. Tax free contributions in any amount are welcome and can be sent to BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339 or you can make a donation at any dinner social.

## COAST GUARD EVENT



### A NIGHT OF DINNER AND DANCE AT THE GUARDIANS' GALA

The South Florida Coast Guard Association will hold their third annual Guardians' Gala on Saturday, October 16. *Guardians Past and Present – A Salute to our Veterans* will be held at Jungle Island in Miami from 6 PM to midnight. Tickets for civilians are \$100. Additional information and reservations are available on their website: [www.thesfcga.com](http://www.thesfcga.com). Questions can be directed to Emmy Evans at (415) 728-6840.

The South Florida Coast Guard Association, Inc. (SFCGA) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for all South Florida Coast Guard personnel – active, reserve, retired, auxiliary, civilian – and friends.

## SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

Homage was paid to departed Council member George Makris at the September dinner social. His daughter Barbara, also a Council member, was present and was accompanied by Evangeline Makris (George's sister), Chris Duvoisin, Joseph Frechette, Nick Salkellis, Larry Ott, Nancy Lindberg, and Bunny Watroba.

George was born on February 2, 1925. He served in WWII in the battles of Corregidor and Leyte Gulf and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. George and his family became actively involved in the commissioning of the USS Leyte Gulf and the family maintained a close relationship with the crew long after the commissioning. The Commanding Officer of the Leyte Gulf was pleased to provide an American flag that was flown on the ship along with a blue presentation folder containing a photo of the ship on one side and a beautiful certificate signed by the Executive Officer on the other side. In addition, there was a letter to Barbara signed by E H Black III, Commanding Officer of the USS Leyte Gulf. The flag, presentation folder and letter were presented to Barbara and Evangeline Makris by Council President George Reeves.



*Left to right: Council President George Reeves, Lorenzo Gari, Lelei Pina, Orion Rollins, Delaney Brock, LCDR Alan Starr*

Each year, the Council honors Sea Cadet month at our September dinner social by asked cadets from the Spruance Division to serve as guest speakers. This year, we had the pleasure of hearing about the summer training activities of four cadets - PO2 Delaney Brock, PO3 Lelei Pina, PO2 Orion Rollins and SA Lorenzo Gari. These young cadets were very polished in their presentations to the council and displayed some great photos depicting their adventures. Some of the training activities included Special Training (STEM Program) at the U S Naval Academy; the US Naval Academy Summer Session for perspective Academy applicants; tour of the Federal Air Marshall's Training Facility, local training at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and familiarization flights in a Coast Guard helicopter thanks to Captain Kenin of Air Station Miami. LCDR Alan Starr, commanding officer of the Spruance Division, educated the audience on the purpose and activities of the Sea Cadets and the various opportunities these young people are given. All four cadets stated that their summer activities were memorable – fun but hard work. Several of the cadets' parents were in attendance at the meeting and it was obvious that they were extremely proud of their children. Cadets Brock, Pina, Rollins and Gari all spoke of learning so much as a result of their time in the Sea Cadets – self confidence, the value of teamwork, accountability, and responsibility to name a few. The Council would like to thank these fine future leaders for sharing their experiences with us.



*Left to right: Barbara Makris, Council President George Reeves and Evangeline Makris*

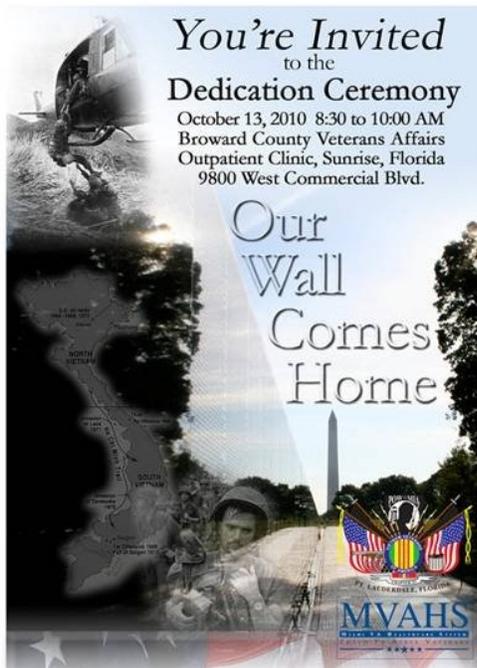


*Left to right: Council President George Reeves, South Florida Area President Joe Giambrone and Jack Studiale, owner of Tropical Acres, with his Community Affiliate plaque*



*Left to right: Linda Ciasca and Phyllis Bannister were among the members who attended the September dinner social*

## VIETNAM WALL DEDICATION



For more information regarding this event, contact Marjorie Valdes, Assistant Public Affairs Specialist at the Miami VA Healthcare System at [Marjorie.valdes@va.gov](mailto:Marjorie.valdes@va.gov)

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATE



Left to right: Andrew Mcweeney and James Woods of All Service Refuse accept their Community Affiliate plaque

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tom Carney and Julie Carney, 5331 NE 32 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33308 954-448-6569  
[tomcci@bellsouth.net](mailto:tomcci@bellsouth.net) sponsors: Don Bannister & Ernie Gorwood

### 4th Quarter 2010 Membership Contest!

Sponsor or give a Navy League membership to a friend or family member this holiday season and be entered into a drawing for **\$500!** Each membership you submit between October 1 and December 31, 2010 using the special code—PRIORITY CODE 4Q2010 - will count as one contest entry. You could even use an application that you currently have and just write the code along the top! The winner will be announced in February 2011's Council Alert and President's message. (P.S. Word on the street is that there may be more prizes added to this contest to sweeten the pot – we'll let you know soon!) Good luck!

To be eligible for the contest you must:

- Be a member of the Navy League
- Use the official Priority code 4Q20101 on an
- application you already have; or
- Use the membership application accompanying this newsletter
- Complete the sponsor information section
- Submit the application after October 1, 2010 and on or before December 31, 2010. Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by December 31, 2010.

### Local Membership Dues

Local 2011 dues statements will be mailed to all members in the near future. Local dues are used for the Council's administrative costs such as postage, copying/printing, stationery, etc. They are also used to help the Council continue their support of the military and youth. We ask that you provide this direct financial support to the Council by making your local dues payments of \$49 for a regular (single) member or \$84 for husband/wife (couple) members. Payment is appreciated as soon as you receive your statement.

## NEWS FROM THE SEA SERVICES



Fabrication of the future USNS Vigilant (JHSV 2), the first joint high speed vessel (JHSV) to be operated by the Navy, began September 13 at the Austal USA shipyard in Mobile, Ala. The JHSV will be used for fast intra-theater transportation of troops, military vehicles and equipment. The Navy's Strategic and Theater Sealift Program (PMS 385) in the Program Executive Office Ships is procuring the vessels for both the Army and the Navy. Vigilant is the second vessel in the class. The first, the future U.S. Army vessel USAV Spearhead (JHSV 1), is scheduled for delivery to the Army in 2012.



Sailors aboard the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) successfully completed an air certification September 16, proving the ship's ability to safely launch and recover aircraft and support multiple air operations. The certification focused on the practical application of connecting rotary, tilt, and fixed wing aviation operations, as well as observing and assessing the ship's ability to conduct air traffic control at sea. The air certification was the final of a three-phase aviation qualification process. Bataan has also passed an aviation readiness qualification (ARQ) and aviation certification (AVCERT). During ARQ, inspectors from Afloat Training Group Mid-Atlantic assessed the crew's aviation training and medical readiness. AVCERT ensured the material readiness of the ship was safe for flight operations.

The certification will allow Bataan to conduct air operations for the next two years.



World Trade Center Steel Foundation Vice President Ken Senter, along with Oak Ridge, Tenn. high school students, presented USS New York (LPD 21) with a piece of steel from the World Trade Center in mid-September in Norfolk VA. Cmdr. Curt Jones, USS New York commanding officer, accepted the 42-pound piece of steel on behalf of the crew during a brief ceremony in the ship's pilothouse. The event is part of an ongoing effort for Oak Ridge High School student council members who took on the challenge of delivering a piece of the steel column to all 50 States. Senter explained how the steel illustrated what happened on 9/11. The piece presented to the ship included support bolts that had been bent and sheared off from the weight of the building as it collapsed.

The column was given to the school by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.



U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that Rear Admiral Philip H. Greene, Jr. will become the new Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. Admiral Greene holds a Merchant Marine Master's license and is a 1978 Academy graduate. Rear Admiral Greene comes to Kings Point from the U.S. Navy, where he was most recently Director of the Navy Irregular Warfare Office. Before that, Rear Admiral Greene served as Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, where he helped establish the first multinational Maritime Center of Excellence in East Africa. Previously, as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Chairman of the Seamanship and Navigation Department at the United States Naval Academy, he shaped the mandatory professional mariner curriculum and instruction for 4,000 midshipmen. In addition to his degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Admiral Greene holds advanced degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and the National

Defense University.



The Marine Corps' amphibious nature has made it unique from all other branches in the military. From World War II to the present, in war and in peace, the Corps has navigated the seas to bring an end to tyranny and help those who are in need. To remain skilled in fighting in amphibious environments, Marines participate in annual swim qualifications training. Various commands throughout Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany GA sent 130 Marines to complete their annual swim qualification requirements at the base pool in mid-September. All 130 Marines qualified and 15 qualified as Water Survival Qualified (WSQ), the highest level. Once a Marine obtains WSQ, they must re-qualify every six years.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have an active and exciting year end seafaring season ahead of us.

Broward Navy Days Fleet Week fundraiser in honor of Joe Millsaps will be held on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at Hugh's Culinary. Check [www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org) for details. Any event at Hugh's is fun.

Ft. Lauderdale Council sponsors a "Roaring 20's Cabaret Party" on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Antique Car Museum, as part of the Jason Dunham activities and we'll circulate particulars.

Oktoberfest is upon us and our Council will have our annual social on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Old Heidelberg. The announcement is circulating.

We have our fund raising garage sale on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Signature Memories as per details in this newsletter.

The South Florida Coast Guard Association Gala will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, at Jungle Island. Check [www.thesfcga.com](http://www.thesfcga.com).

And the signature event of the season, the USS Jason Dunham, (DDG109) commissioning ceremonies which extend from November 5<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>, with the commissioning scheduled for Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Port Everglades. All Council members will be invited. Check [www.jasondunhamuss.com](http://www.jasondunhamuss.com).

Our Council November social will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Tropical Acres and we have an excellent speaker.

We're still figuring out what to do in December and you'll be advised opportunely.

Lot's of things for our Council members to enjoy.

All the best,

George

## MORE FROM THE SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



PO2 Delaney Brock was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal at the September dinner social. Delaney is shown here with Council President George Reeves and LCDR Alan Starr.



Above left: PO2 Orion Rollins

Above right: PO3 Lelei Pina



Left: SA Lorenzo Gari



Left: Barbara Makris remembers her dad, George (above), and their family's association with the USS Leyte Gulf

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**Hometown:** Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Duty Title:** MASTER AT ARMS (MASN)

**Time in the Navy:** 2 years and 7 months

**Why I joined the Navy:** I joined the Navy right after my son turned one. By that time I was tired of living pay check to pay check, not being able to go to school because I always had to work. When my friend first approached me with the idea of signing up for the Navy on the buddy program, I was kind of skeptical about it because I didn't think I was Navy material. After talking to the recruiters and really getting an understanding of what the Navy really was, I knew that joining would be in my best interest and my son's. I knew the Navy would help mold me into the role model I wanted to be for my son and give me that leverage that I needed to get back in school.

**Greatest achievement since joining the Navy:** Finishing my Associates degree in Criminal Justice and receiving EPs on my last two evaluations. I also attained certification as a Verifying Official for the DEERS RAPIDS LOCATOR, which enables me to create CAC ID cards as well as dependent IDs.

**Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy:** Before leaving the Navy I hope to uphold a great Navy career, which includes making 1<sup>st</sup> Class and even becoming an officer. The opportunity to command men and women in the Navy would be a complete

## SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



Megan McNaughton, XO at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and Keith Whitbeck, President/ Director, Armed Service Center were in attendance at the September dinner social to hear the Sea Cadets talk about their summer activities. LCDR Alan Starr thanked XO McNaughton and LT Doug Watson, CO of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, for allowing the Sea Cadets to participate in training at the Station throughout the year.

The Armed Service Center (AFSC) at Miami International Airport is located to the right of the Central Terminal E security checkpoint on the second level. It is available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to military guests and family members with an official military ID. Operated by volunteer staff, the AFSC at MIA provides amenities such as complimentary snacks, coffee and other refreshments, magazines, TV, VCR, videotapes, computers with internet access and printers, fax machines, telephones with free local service and toys for children.

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BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNCIL, INC.



**NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**BROWARD COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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