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CELEBRATING THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
COUNCIL DINNER SOCIAL

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road Fort Lauderdale

PROGRAM:

Celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday
Guest Speaker To Be Announced
Election of 2013 Council Officers

Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Francaise

Members and Guests - \$35.00
Active Military and Spouses: \$25.00

Please RSVP your dinner choice on or before
November 3 by e-mailing bcnavyleague@yahoo.com or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610

Honoring Our Navy Operational Support Center
Individual Augmentees

Sunday, November 4, 2012 11:30am – 1:30pm

Shula's Hotel - 6842 Main Street, Miami Lakes
Main Ballroom: Wimbledon and US Open Banquet
Rooms

Guest Speaker: Phil Dunmire
National President, Navy League

Special Guest: RADM George W. Balance, USN
CO Theater Engagement Directorate J7
United States Southern Command

Menu: Chicken Scaloppini with Potatoes
and Vegetables, Salad, Dessert

Cost: \$35.00 at door

Directions: Exit Palmetto Expressway (SR 826) at
Ludlam Rd (NW 67th Ave); Proceed South on NW
67th Ave to Bull Run Road (west); Follow Bull Run
past Main Street and hotel; Enter self-parking lot on
left, short walk to Main Ball Room entrance. Valet
parking available at hotel entrance

Dress: Business Casual

Co-sponsors: Broward, Fort
Lauderdale, Everglades and
Miami Navy League Councils;
Broward Navy Days.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November brings several important dates in history:

November 10, 1775 – US Marine Corps established

As per their website:

MARINE CORPS MISSION

The Marine Corps has been America's expeditionary force in readiness since 1775. We are forward deployed to respond swiftly and aggressively in times of crisis. We are soldiers of the sea, providing forces and detachments to naval ships and shore operations. We are global leaders, developing expeditionary doctrine and innovations that set the example, and leading other countries' forces and agencies in multinational military operations. These unique capabilities make us "First to Fight," and our nation's first line of defense

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem." —Ronald Reagan, Former U.S. President

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 13, 1982 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated

November 22, 1963 - President John F. Kennedy assassinated

I'm encouraging each and every one of you to join us on Sunday, November 4th for the IA Luncheon at the Don Shula Hotel in Miami Lakes. This will be an opportunity to give thanks to all those who have served their country in time of war. It's a time to honor their bravery and sacrifice of leaving home and their loved ones and fighting for our freedom.

Please join us at our November 8th dinner social. We will be honored to have in attendance a representative from the US Marine Corps.

A great BIG thank you to Sandra Jones and Lynn Drucker for organizing a wonderful evening for our councils at the Old Heidelberg. Lots of great company, great conversation and, of course, the food and dessert.

Let us give thanks this Thanksgiving holiday for our neighbors, friends, loved ones and for those brave men and women who will be away from home and their loved ones.



Shelley

SLATE OF 2013 OFFICERS

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2013.

President: Shelley Beck

First Vice President: Glenn Wiltshire

Second Vice President: Erwin Sefton

Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks

Secretary: Teresa Perez

Treasurer: No candidate

JAG: Frederick "Fritz" Heidgerd

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

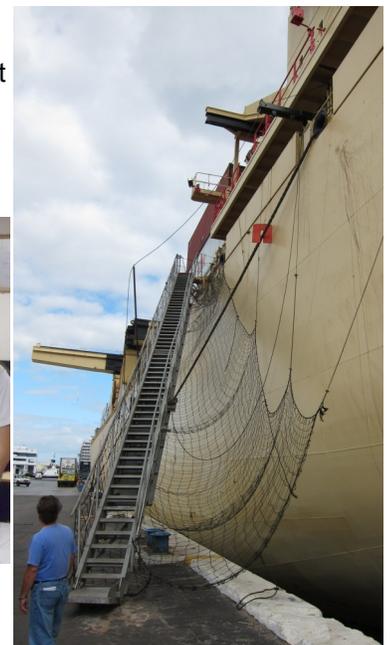
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Gift-wrapped shoeboxes filled with personal care items such as soap, shaving cream, and shampoo delivered to mariners visiting Port Everglades during the holiday season – it's known as Shoebox Christmas. Once again

this year, plans are in place for Seafarers' House to deliver shoeboxes to several ships a day from November 26 through December 28 (Monday—Friday from 10 AM—2 PM). In order to accomplish the delivery of almost 2,000 boxes, volunteers are needed. Board member Joe Giambrone once again is coordinating the schedules of the delivery volunteers and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering their time. Volunteers may offer their services for just one day or multiple days; any help is appreciated. Volunteers must be in good physical shape since entry onto the cargo ships is often by steep ladders (see photo below). Youngsters are welcome to volunteer but must be no younger than 12 years old.

To find out more, contact Joe at 954-389-0545 or at giambronejm@gmail.com.



OKTOBERFEST

On Thursday, October 11, council members from Broward County and Fort Lauderdale Councils joined together for Oktoberfest. Delicious German fare such as weiner schnitzel, sauerbraten and goulash were served up at Old Heidelberg Restaurant. It was a great evening for the 70 members in attendance to enjoy food, drink and conversation. Thanks to Lynn Drucker of Fort Lauderdale Council for coordinating the event and to the great wait staff at Old Heidelberg for their outstanding service.

The following photos are just a few of the members and friends in attendance!



USS BATAAN

The Council continues to recognize the outstanding sailors aboard one of our adopted ships, the USS Bataan. Certificates acknowledging their accomplishments as well as a financial award were presented to:

Sailor of the Year- PS2(SW/AW) Juan Perdomo Ramirez
Junior Sailor of the Year- AO2(AW/SW) Marian Jackson
Blue Jacket of the Year- LSSN(AW/SW) Techoy Cunningham



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Marian Jackson



Blue Jacket of the Year
Techoy Cunningham

COAST GUARD

Glenn Wiltshire, Board Member and Council Coast Guard liaison, was on hand for the Enlisted Person of the Quarter presentation ceremony at Coast Guard Air Station Miami on October 15. Glenn presented financial awards and certificates recognizing the accomplishments to the 2nd and 3rd Quarter Enlisted Persons of the Year. They are AET3 Sean McGaughan (3rd Quarter) and DC1 Lloyd Martinez (2nd Quarter).

The photo below shows (from left to right) RADM William Baumgartner, Glenn Wiltshire, AET3 Sean McGaughan, DC1 Lloyd Martinez and Commanding Officer Captain Joseph Kimball.



Following on the success of "Coast Guard Alaska," The Weather Channel and Al Roker Entertainment are producing a new docu-series called "Coast Guard Florida". The program showcases the men and women of the 7th Coast Guard District as they conduct missions including ports, waterways and coastal security; search and rescue; environmental protection; drug interdiction and border security. "Coast Guard Alaska" is one of the projects I'm most proud of as a producer," said Al Roker, president and CEO of Al Roker Entertainment. "The United States Coast Guard is an awe-inspiring group of men and women and we feel privileged to give viewers an inside look at the courageous acts they embark on every day in serving our country. 'Coast Guard Florida' will allow us to continue to tell their stories." The show airs Wednesday evenings at 9PM on The Weather Channel.

Shown in the photo above is RADM William Baumgartner with Al Roker.

USS LEYTE GULF

The Council continues to recognize outstanding sailors aboard one of our adopted ships, the USS Leyte Gulf. Sailor, Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket of the Quarter were presented with a certificate acknowledging their accomplishments as well as a financial award. Of particular note is that the Sailor of the Quarter is a South Florida native (from Hollywood).

Sailor of the Quarter – IT1 Jennifer Quinton
Junior Sailor of the Quarter – HM2 Jacob Johnson
Blue Jacket of the Quarter – SN Alexander Morrow



Sailor of the Quarter
Jennifer Quinton



Junior Sailor of
the Quarter
Jacob Johnson



Blue Jacket of
the Quarter
Alexander Morrow

THANK YOU!!

Special thanks to two groups who have devoted their resources (time and funds) to our care package program. The Major William Lauderdale Chapter of the NDAR and the Captain Alexander Quarrier Chapter of DAR.

These two groups have helped the Council's efforts tremendously. Their donations have made it possible to send the Battalion Landing Team (BLT) of the 2nd Bn 7th Marine Regiment (currently deployed in Helmand Province Afghanistan) a total of 95 boxes. Echo, Fox and Golf companies each received 22 boxes; 1stSgt Griffin received 14 boxes; SgtMaj Woods 12 boxes and GySgt Carlson 3 boxes.

A special thanks to Board members Alan and Shelly Stein for the time they devote to this project.



NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

The Navy League Board of Directors meeting was held in Crystal City Virginia at the end of October. At the meeting, Jim Offutt was selected as the Navy League's President Elect. He will relieve President Phil Dunmire at the National Convention in Long Beach California in June 2013. President Elect Offutt is a retired Navy Pilot and has a diverse business background. He is currently Navy League National Vice President for Youth Programs. Our Florida representatives at the meeting came away with the feeling that Offutt will try to streamline many of the Navy League's outdated methods of doing business. As an example, one of the items on his platform was teleconferencing national meeting.

SEAPOWERS MAGAZINES

REMINDER

If you discard your *SeaPower* magazines after reading them each month, please consider saving them and "recycling" them to interested veterans. Bring them to the dinner social where Board member Dottie Kirk will be glad to take them from you. Dottie shares them with the many veterans that live in her complex.

TRIBUTE

A tribute to Past Florida Region President Bill Dudley was held in Tampa on September 8, 2012. The event also recognized the contributions of Past Area Presidents Dave Sullivan and our own Joe Giambrone. Skip Witunski, the current Region President, arranged the event. Skip also arranged for several Navy Leaguers to enjoy an afternoon out on the water with the Tampa NOSC. It was a bumpy wet ride across the bay which gave the Navy Leaguers something to talk about during the evening event!

Bravo Zulu to Bill Dudley, Dave Sullivan and Joe Giambrone for their accomplishments during their terms in office.



(left to right) Joe Giambrone, Louis Oetting, Rosa Reeves, George Reeves



(left to right) Dolph Dumont, Nancy Dudley and Pat Dumont

Presentations to Bill Dudley (top photo), Bill Sullivan (middle photo) and Joe Giambrone (bottom photo) were made during the evening's tribute.



CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

By now, some of you may be wondering why so much space in The Helmsman is devoted to the care package program. Hopefully reading the emails received by the Marines will help you understand how much they appreciate this gesture of support. Many of these Marines have been deployed several times and to know that folks back home are still thinking of them is very important. After reading these emails, hopefully you will think about making a donation of personal care items or cash towards this very important program. You can bring your donation to any Council event.

Company F was in receipt of mail tonight which was a morale booster. Additionally your packages have come as a welcomed treat to the Marines and Sailors. I will split the packages between my 2 FOB's so all can enjoy. Once again on behalf of the Marines and Sailors of Company F we send our gratitude to you and the other fine Americans that make this a reality for us.

*Semper Fi
1stSgt Griffith "The Fox Company"*

*Received another shipment of boxes! Thanks again! I opened them, put them in the chow hall and they were empty within the hour. I can't tell you enough how grateful we are to you and all those who have taken the time to think about the Marines that are over here serving. Your packages are a true morale booster! The Marines are doing well. We're almost one month into the deployment and time seems to be moving along fairly quickly (although my wife would probably disagree with me).
1stSgt Jason Parker
Company G 2nd Bn, 7th Marines FOB Shamsher*

On behalf of the Marines and Sailors of Company F, I would like to extend our gratitude for the care packages that arrived at our position today. I opened 3 of the packages for the men here and am saving the other 3 to take to my men at our other position. The items went quick especially the hygiene products such as the baby wipes. Here is a overview of what it is like for my men. The Company is split between 2 forward operating bases which are austere to say the least. We have no running water, so showering is done out of bag that hangs up with a tube. It's not bad, but I imagine it will not be too comfortable when the winter season approaches. We are peeing in what is called piss tubes and using wag bags for the other bathroom issues. Laundry is done the old fashion way with a bucket, water, detergent, clothes line(550 cord strung between engineer stakes). Our cook is doing his best to whip up hot meals for morning and breakfast chow but his skills are only as good as the UGR's he is given. Basically it is a oversized MRE that gets heated. The normal MRE's are eaten for lunch. Never the less, the men are in good spirits with no complaints. Please pass on our sincere thank you to the folks that contribute to the packages.

*Semper Fi
1stSgt Christopher Griffith
Company F 2/7*

As the Marines attacked your recent package, eating everything in their path with no regard to the personnel safety of others one of them mistakenly started to eat your letter in the bottom of the box. It was after one of my leaders performed the Heimlich maneuver did we notice that you had asked about this package. I would like you to know we did receive your package on 6 October 2012. Thank you for your support and I look forward to receiving your additional packages,.

*FIRST SERGEANT BRIAN P. MONROE
ECHO COMPANY 2D BATTALION 7TH MARINES*

As I begin this journey back to the Continental of the United States. I am proud to say that, "America is full with great Americans, such as you, your families, and all that has supported Company D" My Company has marched their way through some of the most trying times and with your support it has kept the morale extremely high. Your support was vital as my Marines were away from their families and friends. However, with all the support that we have received from you and/or your organizations, you have treated my men like your own personal family and we couldn't say "thank you" enough. Best wishes.

*Semper Fi,
1stSgt Young, D. B. Delta Company
1st Battalion, 7th Marines Musa Qa'lah District
Helmand Province*

*I wanted to take a minute and let you know that we received our first "mail drop" for the Company today and we received (03) boxes from you. The Marines, the CO and I really appreciate you taking the time to send the packages to the Marines. I opened them up and put them on the table in the chow hall and the Marines "devoured" them. I barely managed to grab the pack of Oreos!
Seriously though, thanks again*

*Semper Fi
1stSgt Jason Parker Company G 2nd Bn, 7th Marines*

Once again you guys have outdone yourselves. The Marines of Echo Company received two more packages filled to the brim with useful items, and as always they went VERY quickly. Please pass along to all those that support our troops abroad, my grateful appreciation and admiration for all you do.

*Brian P. Monroe
ECHO Company 2D Battalion 7th Marines*

I want to thank you for how much care you put into these packages and I know you don't have to do this. I know you are a generous man and I thank your wife as well. The Marines are thankful for having someone like you provide for them.

*GySgt Isaac J Carlson
2/7 H&S Co Gy*

THANK YOU EVENT

On October 2, Broward Navy Days hosted an appreciation party for 2012 Fleet Week sponsors and volunteers as well as a kick-off for Fleet Week 2013. The location was the beautiful, newly dedicated Oceanographic Center of Nova Southeastern University which is located near Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Attendees were able to tour the Center and were able to view the coral nursery where corals are cultured in large tanks and when the young specimens reach an appropriate size and age, are transplanted to reefs off the coast of Fort Lauderdale. Attendees were also treated to a slide show by Richard E. Dodge, Ph.D., Dean of the Oceanographic Center and executive director NSU's National Coral Reef Institute, explaining the mission of the facility.



Board member Joe Giambrone learns about the efforts taking place to culture coral at the coral nursery

Photo is a close up of some of the coral being grown at the nursery; once it reaches the appropriate size and age, it will be transplanted



Host for the evening, Mary Anne Gray of Broward Navy Days, with Board member Larry Ott

One question asked during the tour was "with views like these, how does anyone study?" Shown with our student guide is Jim Black from the Fort Lauderdale Council



SEA SERVICE NEWS



Coast Guard Cutter William Flores is scheduled for commissioning in Tampa on November 3, 2012. The location of the commissioning honors the history of the cutter's namesake. On the night of January 28, 1980, Coast Guard Seaman William "Billy" Flores, 18, died while assisting his shipmates after their cutter, Blackthorn, collided with a large merchant vessel in the Tampa Bay ship channel. His heroism and sacrifice serve as an example for all Coast Guard members and inspire the ship's motto of "courage in adversity." The cutter William Flores is home ported in Miami.



Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG-112) made its very first port of call on October 16 in Barbados while operating in U.S. 4th fleet area of operations. Murphy is the Navy's newest warship and was commissioned on October 6, in New York City and is currently passing through the 4th Fleet area of operations on its way to its homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The 510-foot Arleigh-Burke class destroyer is a multi-mission, guided-missile vessel designed to operate in multi-threat air, surface and sub-surface threat environments. The new destroyer honors the late Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as leader of a Navy SEAL team in Afghanistan. Murphy was the first person to be awarded the medal for actions in Afghanistan, and the first member of the U.S. Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War.



The most decorated Marine in the Corps' history is getting another honor. An 8-foot statue of Marine Corps legend Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller is being installed outside the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Puller, who retired a three-star general, was a veteran of World War II and Korea. He is the only Marine to be awarded five Navy crosses. The statue is being donated by the Marine Corps League and will be formally dedicated on November 12. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, which runs the museum just outside Marine Corps Base Quantico, will put the statue at Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. The park is adjacent to the museum.

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recipes at Oktoberfest



Tom and Sandra Jones at Oktoberfest

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