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## NOVEMBER EVENT

### Individual Augmentee Recognition Luncheon

Honoring Navy Operational Support  
Center Individual Augmentees

Sunday, November 16, 2014  
11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Shula's Hotel\*

Main Ballroom: Wimbledon and US Open  
Banquet Rooms  
6842 Main Street  
Miami Lakes

Guest Speaker To Be Announced

Menu: Herb Roasted Chicken Breast,  
Roasted Tomatoes, Angel Hair Pasta

\$35 per person (\$40 at the door)  
\$30 for military

Awardees are our guests

RSVP by mailing your check payable to  
BCNL to

Simone Ramos  
150 NE 15th Ave, Unit 150  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

\*parking - valet at hotel entrance or self-  
park in back of hotel

## OCTOBER EVENT

On October 16, members of the Broward County and Fort Lauderdale Councils celebrated Oktoberfest. The event was held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on a beautiful evening. A wonderful buffet of German food and desserts along with German music was enjoyed by those in attendance.



Above: Oscar and Alicia Romano of Fort Lauderdale Council with Council member Joe Giambrone

Below: Council members Tom Carney (left) and Larry Ott enjoying the buffet



# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Thank you to all who were able to attend our joint Oktoberfest event with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Thursday, October 16th. While I was unable to be there due to being out of town, I hope it was once again an enjoyable event. Thanks as well to George Reeves who represented us at the Change of Command for our adopted unit, the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Miami, on Sunday, October 19th. George bid farewell and presented a certificate of appreciation and Council challenge coin to departing CO CDR Sutton and welcomed the new CO.

Our next Council event on Sunday, November 16th will be the Individual Augmentee (IA) recognition luncheon for personnel assigned to NOSC Miami that have been deployed in IA billets worldwide. This event is being jointly sponsored by our Council and the Fort Lauderdale and Miami Councils and will take the place of our November dinner. George Reeves has been working hard along with Simone Ramos from the Fort Lauderdale Council to put together a great event at Shula's in Miami Lakes. I hope we get a good turnout of members to meet these local heroes and their guests to hear their stories and thank them for their service and for giving up what sometimes is a year or more of their lives and separation from their families to be deployed all over the world. As you may know, our own member and former Board Secretary Teresa Perez has been serving on an IA assignment for over a year now, and we look forward to separately celebrating her safe return. Looking ahead, our next event will be the annual US Coast Guard Unit Holiday Party on Friday, December 5th at Briny's Pub in Fort Lauderdale. I hope to see a great turnout of members to thank the men and women from our local Coast Guard units for keeping us safe and secure.

My thanks as well to all of our Council officers who have agreed to accept nominations to serve together on the Board for another year. As in past years, we have asked Princess Cruises to host us for the Installation Luncheon aboard one of their beautiful cruise ships in Port Everglades, and will let you know the date when that is confirmed.

As you know, any organization is only as good as the membership, and I hope that we can get more members to actively participate in our events and become a part of our Board that sets the direction for our Council. It's also the time of year when our local dues solicitation notice goes out. As you may know, while the payment of local Council dues is voluntary, it is the extra funds generated by those dues that allow us to support the wide range of events and activities listed in the email notice. I hope that you will be able to make a contribution to allow us to expand the support we provide to our adopted units and youth programs. Finally, Fleet Week 2015 planning will begin with the Initial Planning Meeting on January 13, 2015 at Port Everglades. I know that many of our Council members will once again step forward to fill key planning roles and assist Broward Navy Days for the events that will run from May 4-10, 2015.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 718-619-7402 or at wiltbrit@aol.com if you have any ideas on what our Council should be doing to make your membership more valuable to you.

Glenn Wiltshire  
CAPT, US Coast Guard Retired  
Broward County Council President



## ***2015 COUNCIL OFFICERS***

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2015

President: Glenn Wiltshire  
First Vice President: Erwin Sefton  
Second Vice President: Marianne Giambrone  
Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks  
Secretary: Shelley Beck  
Treasurer: Tom Carney  
JAG: No candidate

The election has been postponed and will be held at the December dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

# OKTOBERFEST

Additional photos from the Oktoberfest event held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.



Above: Council member Shelley Beck with Fort Lauderdale Council member Bob Benanchetti

Below: Our beautiful venue for the evening



Above: Council members Marianne Giambrone, Carolyn Marks and Joe Giambrone

Below: Council members Larry Ott, Carolyn Marks and Joe Giambrone



Our musician for the evening

## HONOR FLIGHT

The sole purpose of Honor Flight South Florida is to transport (at no cost to the veterans) American military veterans to the memorials erected to honor them in Washington DC. On October 11, Honor Flight took a group of WWII veterans, including Allan McElhiney of Naval Air Station Museum Fort Lauderdale, to the nation's capital. The group visited sites such as the WWII memorial, the Korean memorial, the Iwo Jima memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns where they witnessed the changing of the guard. When the group returned that evening to the Fort Lauderdale Airport, they were greeted by a large group of individuals including the Spruance Division Sea Cadets, Navy Leaguers, and local politicians.

The next honor flight will be in May. Honor Flight is hosting a fundraiser on Tuesday, November 11, from 6-9 PM at Whiskey Tango All American Bar & Grill, 1903 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood (near Young Circle). A \$20 donation includes a free drink and appetizers. If you cannot attend this event, you can make a donation on their website ([www.honorflightsouthflorida.com](http://www.honorflightsouthflorida.com)). 100% of all donations go to flying veterans to Washington DC.



Allan McElhiney was greeted at the airport by Commissioner Chip LaMarca (left)



## NOSC

On October 19, a change of command ceremony was held at the Navy Operational Support Center Miami (NOSC), our Council's adopted unit. At that time, Commander Steven D. Sutton relinquished command of the unit to Commander Harold W. Long. Board member George Reeves and National Director Simone Ramos were in attendance and presented CDR Steve Sutton with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Commander Long is a native of Atlanta Georgia. He enlisted in the Navy in 1989 as a Cryptologic Technician. He earned his commission in 1993 as an Intelligence Officer. In 1996, CDR Long reported to the Naval Reserve Recruiting Command as an Officer Recruiter and Division Officer in St Louis, Missouri. In 1999, he reported to the Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Area Southeast in Orlando. In November 2001, CDR Long assumed command of Navy Operational Support Center in Tuscaloosa Alabama. From March 2004 to March 2005, he drilled as a Selected Reservist while completing his Master of Science degree in Human Resources. In April 2005, he was recalled back to active duty where he assumed command of NOSC Decatur Illinois. In April 2007, he reported to the Navy Recruiting Command Region West where he served a three-year tour. In July 2010, CDR Long reported to NPC where he completed a tour as the PERS 4012 Branch Head for Enlisted FTS Detailing. In September 2012, he reported to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Norfolk.

We look forward to working with CDR Long and continuing our support of NOSC Miami.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 11, 2014 is Veterans Day. Check the internet and newspaper for events in your local community.

The Coast Guard Foundation is planning a tribute to the Seventh District on Thursday, November 13, 2014. Adm Thad Allen, USCG (ret), the 23rd Commandant of the U S Coast Guard, will be honored. The event begins at 6PM at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay, 1633 N Bayshore Drive, Miami and tickets are \$350 per person. For more information, please contact: Jean Brown, (860) 535-0786, [jbrown@cgfdn.org](mailto:jbrown@cgfdn.org) or Becky Ketterhagen, (860) 535-0786, [bketterhagen@cgfdn.org](mailto:bketterhagen@cgfdn.org)

On Saturday, November 22, US Marine Corps ForcesSouth will celebrate the 239<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps at the Westin Resort & Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. Check their website for information on tickets. [www.marforsouth.marines.mil](http://www.marforsouth.marines.mil)

November 27, 2014:

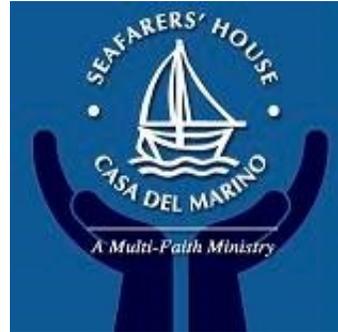
# Happy Thanksgiving!

The Council will host the annual Coast Guard Holiday Party on Friday, December 5, at Briny's Irish Pub.

Broward Navy Days has announced that Fleet Week Port Everglades 2015 will be held May 4 - 10, 2015. They are anticipating visits by five or six U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships. More details about events will be published in early 2015. Registration for ship tours will be announced on their website and via their email newsletter. To make sure you receive announcements, you can sign up for their mailing list on their website [www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org)

The Tampa Navy League will be the hosts for the Navy League National Convention at the Grand Hyatt from June 14 - 21, 2015.

## SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS



Each Christmas season, Seafarers' House delivers Christmas personal care packages to visiting seafarers. Most people do not realize that there are thousands of seafarers on over 30 shipping lines who come to Port Everglades.

The goal this season is to ensure that every seafarer who comes to Port Everglades during December receives a gift-wrapped shoebox of 'gear and goodies'.



How can you help? Volunteers are needed to deliver the filled boxes to the seafarers. Council member Joe Giambrone is the coordinator of this endeavor and can be contacted at [giambronejm@gmail.com](mailto:giambronejm@gmail.com) or by calling 954-389-0545.



# SEA SERVICE NEWS



Gen. Joseph Dunford, who led coalition military forces in Afghanistan for most of the last two years, took over as the new top officer in the Marine Corps on Oc-

tober 17th, replacing retiring Gen. James F. Amos in a ceremony on the lush green lawn at Marine Barracks Washington. Dunford, 59, will lead the service as it continues to shift focus after more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Marine Corps is shrinking from a peak of about 202,000 service members at the height of the Afghanistan war in 2010 to no more than 182,100, and has launched a number of new, land-based crisis-response units to respond to emergencies that threaten Americans and U.S. interests abroad. "My focus in the coming years will be to take care of our Marines and their families, and to ensure our Corps remains an expeditionary force of readiness our nation has come to expect," he said. In a letter to all Marines, he added that he engage with Marines of all ranks, developing "detailed Commandant's Planning Guidance in the New Year."



Marines load onto a MV-22 Osprey on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan LHD 5 on October 25. The

Bataan Amphibious Ready Group is deployed supporting maritime security operations, providing crisis response capability, increasing theater security cooperation and a forward naval presence.



Sailors assigned to Detachment 1, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM-48), embarked on Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG2)

flagship USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), assisted in the medical evacuation of a Sailor aboard French navy oil tanker FS Marne (A630) on October 24. The distress call came in at 3 p.m., Oct. 24, and HSM-48 quickly coordinated a plan to pick up the ill Sailor and transport him to shore. Within 45 minutes of receiving the call, Leyte Gulf set flight quarters to launch HSM-48's SH-60B Seahawk. The Sailor was hoisted into the helicopter and transported to Naval Station Rota where awaiting paramedics transported him to a local hospital.



Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus named November 2014 Warrior Care Month in an all-Navy message (ALNAV) to Navy and Marine Corps personnel released on October 27.

Warrior Care Month is an annual effort to increase awareness of resources available to seriously wounded, ill and injured service members, their families, and those who care for them. This year's theme, "A Show of Strength," recognizes the fortitude and resiliency that seriously wounded, ill and injured service members exhibit during their journey toward recovery. Since its inception, Navy Wounded Warrior has provided world-class assistance to more than 3,100 Sailors and Coast Guardsmen and their families throughout the country. It provides a lifetime of non-medical care to seriously wounded, ill and injured service members, guiding them through their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration. Photo shows Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Michelle Howard speaking to a service member during the Warrior Games.

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

A.C.T. Janitorial Services Co.  
1570 N Powerline Rd, Pompano Beach  
9540-960-1000

Construction Consulting Inc  
2020 W McNab Rd Ste 102  
Fort Lauderdale  
954-972-5787

Resolve Marine Group, Inc.  
1510 SE 17 ST., STE 400  
Fort Lauderdale  
954-764-8700

Ship Supply of Florida  
15065 NW 7 Ave, Miami  
305-929-7090

Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale  
954-989-3500

## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Are you looking for a way to advertise your business at a reasonable cost? Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear in The Helmsman for one year (ten editions). If you would like to advertise your business or organization and provide financial support to the Council at the same time, contact Joe Giambrone at [giambronejm@gmail.com](mailto:giambronejm@gmail.com) or 954-389-0545.

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THESE COMPANIES SUPPORT  
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PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!

## THANK YOU

The Council's former Secretary, Teresa Perez, has been deployed for almost a year now. She has been sharing the care packages that the Council has been sending to her. The following thank you was recently received.

I just wanted to take a moment to properly thank you for the packages you sent to Teresa; she shared with all of us in Mogadishu!

I, in particular, enjoyed the "Wild Roots Coastal Berry Blend" trail mix, and have since become quite the fan! I ordered some for my son and daughter (5+3, respectively) back in GA!

So, thank you again for your kind generosity in thinking of us downrange folk. I hope that your days be plentiful, and your hardships few.

Sincerely,  
SSgt Joel Platt  
MCC Communications Technician  
"Without Comm, you're just camping!"

# LOCAL DUES NOTICE / DONATION REQUEST

Local dues notices were sent out via email and a copy is included below. Payment is due by January 31. The Council depends on these funds which directly support Council activities. The Council only receives a small rebate from your national dues but is able to utilize 100% of the local dues you pay. Please help the Council continue with the above activities and more by sending payment of local dues at your earliest convenience.

BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA COUNCIL  
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2015 LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL  
AND  
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT DONATIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015:

INDIVIDUALS	\$35	HUSBAND/WIFE	\$65
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If you would like to support a specific project, please indicate below:

Directed Donation: I direct my donation be used for \_\_\_\_\_

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Make your check payable to Broward County Council Navy League or "BCNL"

Mail to: Broward County Council Navy League  
P O Box 39252  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33339-9252

# EVENTS



Reese Beck, Larry Ott and Shelley Beck welcomed the WWII veterans back from their trip with Honor Flight South Florida



NOSC Master at Arms PO1 Bell was awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Navy & Marine Achievement Certificate at the ceremony and is shown in the photo with George Reeves and Simone Ramos.

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