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## OCTOBER EVENT

Broward County Council  
and  
Fort Lauderdale Council

Invite you to a joint

## Oktoberfest Celebration

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 9:30 PM

Lauderdale Yacht Club  
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## SEPTEMBER EVENT

On September 16, the Council jointly hosted Sea Cadet Night at the Coral Ridge Country Club. Five cadets from the Spruance Division spoke about their summer training experiences. Cadet Austin Rose (in center of photo) was presented with the Navy League Teddy Roosevelt medal and is shown below with his family and Coast Guard Captain Mike Long, Deputy Commander, Sector Miami.



Cadet Ryan Wenzel (3rd from right) was presented with the Cadet Citation Award and is shown here with his family as well as LCDR Alan Starr (far right)



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

## **2015 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Thank you to all who were able to attend our joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council on Wednesday, September 17th at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Five of the ninety of Alan Starr's Naval Sea Cadets that participated in summer training this year reported on their training program experiences; some of the cadets completed multiple weeks of training. It's always enjoyable to hear about the great training the cadets receive during their summer when they give up their vacation time to attend training courses throughout the US. We also took the opportunity to present a recognition plaque from our council to Fort Lauderdale Council member Rudy Oetting for his many financial donations over the years to our Council's great deployed Marines care package program led by Alan and Shelley Stein.

Looking ahead, we will once again be getting together with the Fort Lauderdale Council for the annual Oktoberfest. This year, we will be going to the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Thursday, October 16th. This is always an enjoyable event, and I hope we'll have a good turnout of members. On Sunday, October 19th, our adopted unit NOSC Miami will be holding a change of command where we will bid farewell to CDR Sutton and welcome his relief, and on Sunday, November 16th our Council, along with the Fort Lauderdale and Miami Councils, will host an Individual Augmentee (IA) recognition luncheon for personnel assigned to NOSC Miami that have been deployed in IA billets worldwide. George Reeves has been working hard with the NOSC and Shula's in Miami Lakes to set up a memorable event. More details will be sent out later this month.

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



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

Write-in candidates will be accepted by the secretary until October 31, 2014. 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.

## **AMAZON SMILE**

The Broward County Navy League is officially registered with Amazon Smile to receive rebate donations on any purchases made by anyone who selects us as their favorite charity. The link is:

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The link is also on our website ([www.bcnavyleague.org](http://www.bcnavyleague.org)) or you can choose Navy League of the US - Broward County Florida Council on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

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This is an easy way to help our Council continue to support our deserving Navy, Marine and Coast Guard active duty personnel!

Pass the word to anyone you know that uses Amazon.com.

## USS BATAAN

The Council would like to congratulate the following sailors from our adopted ship, the USS Bataan, on their exceptional performance of duty for the Third Quarter FY14. Sailors are shown in photo in the order they are listed below—in front row from left to right.

IS1 Charles Kirby, Senior Sailor of the Quarter  
ABFAN Cesar Madera, Blue Jacket of the Quarter  
IT2 Olivia Durrett, Sailor of the Quarter  
YN3 Brett Sapp, Junior Sailor of the Quarter



## USS LEYTE GULF

The USS Leyte Gulf, one of the Council's adopted ships, left from Naval Station Norfolk in June for a seven-month deployment around Europe. The cruiser is the oldest one of its kind on the East Coast. In early July, Standing NATO Maritime Group TWO (SNMG2) began exercises in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR (OAE), two days after Rear Admiral Brad Williamson (US Navy) assumed command. Williamson and his embarked international NATO command staff serve aboard the flagship, USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55); SNMG2 is also comprised of HMCS Regina (Canada) and TCG Kemalreis (Turkey). The operation is part of NATO's multi-faceted response to current terrorist threats. Participants in OAE conduct maritime operations in the Mediterranean Sea to help deter, defend, disrupt and protect against terrorism in the region. Fifteen NATO nations and two partner nations have contributed assets to Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR in the past. This is the first time that a U.S. ship has served as the flagship of SNMG2 since 2007.

## RECOGNITION

At the September 16 Sea Cadet Night dinner, our Council honored Rudy Oetting, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Council, for his financial support of our Care Package Program. Rudy was presented with a plaque by Council President Glenn Wiltshire. The presentation was made with the assistance of several Marines from SOUTHCOM. Rudy sent the following email to Al and Shelly Stein, who have run the Council's Care Package Program and who have sent hundreds of care packages to our deployed military to ensure they are not forgotten by those of us back home.

*Dear Al and Shelly,*

*I was quite surprised and pleased this evening when Glenn Wiltshire presented me with your Council's Service award. It was totally unexpected but much appreciated. I did say to the audience what was true: that you both did a great amount of work over a long period of time. Fortunately, by the way, there were several Marines in attendance: a full Colonel, a Lt. Col. and at least 3 Sgts' so I could bask in their light a bit. My age showed when they were totally unaware of the type of plane (C-119) in which I was an RO. Anyway it was a pleasant evening and I could only wish you were there.....no Steins no award. Thanks for the opportunity to serve a little again.*



Rudy Oetting is shown in the middle of the photo surrounded by Marines from SOUTHCOM. Also shown in the photo are Council President Glenn Wiltshire (2nd from left) and Fort Lauderdale Council member Abiub Montes (3rd from right).

# SEPTEMBER SEA CADET NIGHT

Five extraordinary cadets shared their summer training experiences at the September Sea Cadet Night. Most will agree that these fine young men and women are truly our future leaders.



Above: Cheyanne Lagman  
Below: Joshua Gonzalez



Below: Austin Rose



Above: Andrew Paguago (center) with his family and LCDR Alan Starr

Below: Tatjana Orquera with her family and LCDR Alan Starr



Below: Broward Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Fort Lauderdale Council President Lynn Drucker



## COMMISSIONING

A World War II hero was honored when the Coast Guard's newest cutter, the Raymond Evans, was commissioned into service in Key West on September 6. The 154-foot ship is named after Raymond Evans, who received the Navy Cross for rescuing Marines during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942. Evans, who eventually retired as a commander in the Coast Guard, died last year. His widow is the official sponsor for the ship and was represented at the ceremony by their grandson.

On September 27, 1942, fierce fighting between enemy Japanese forces and U.S. Marines was taking place on Guadalcanal. The fighting reached a point where the Marine Corps unit was being overrun and the request went out for the U.S. Coast Guard to evacuate them off the beach. Raymond Evans and his shipmate, Douglas Munro, attempted to take approximately 500 Marines off the beach. Sgt. Roy Pugh was among those Marines who was rescued (he continued to fight the war). Evans and Munro gained national acclaim for their heroic rescue operation that saved a Marine Corps unit that was trapped behind enemy lines. Munro gave his life for his country that day and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and to this day remains the only Coast Guardsmen to receive this award. Evans survived the mission and was awarded the Navy Cross. Evans was commissioned in mid-1943 and continued his Coast Guard career after the war, retiring as a Commander in 1962.

The Raymond Evans is one of six new Sentinel-class cutters that will be homeported in Key West. The Charles David, Jr., the Charles Sexton and the Kathleen Moore have already been commissioned. The new cutters are replacing the 110-foot island-class cutters that underwent a failed retrofit and are being phased out of service.



## CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

The following thank you emails were received from deployed personnel who received care packages from the Council.

From Council member Teresa Perez:

*Thank you! I rec'd 3 boxes. HOLY COW - the loot was fabulous! We're 5 in the team here in Mogadishu. They loved everything and I especially love the pita chips! The toothpaste and toothbrushes are a welcomed treat. M&Ms put smiles on everyone's face.*

*All my love and thanks!*

From Chris Oetting, grandson of Fort Lauderdale Council member Rudy Oetting

*My deployment does end at the end of October so those last care packages that were sent at the end of September can be the last ones sent. Thanks again for the care packages I loved them and so did my coworkers. Thank you.*

From Cpt Alejandro Guilbe

*I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the support you provide to our Troops. I'm currently in Mogadishu, Somalia serving as the Logistics Officer at the Military Coordination Cell for CJTF-HOA. We received several of your care packages through the help of LT Teresa Perez. I know you receive many emails thanking you for the support but from my sight I can tell you it makes my day when I see things like this. When we are deployed mail is not the fates thing to come through and when we get a care package we look like little kids on Christmas Day. Thanks once again for lighting up our days out here and continue the awesome things you do to support the Troops... HOOAH!!!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 3rd Annual Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5 K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 AM. This event supports the Wounded Warrior Project and the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Spruance Division. Go to [active.com](http://active.com) and search for Pursuit of Honor, Courage and Commitment 5K run walk 2014 to register. Contact Lynn Drucker of the Fort Lauderdale Council if you have any questions or need help registering. [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com)

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)

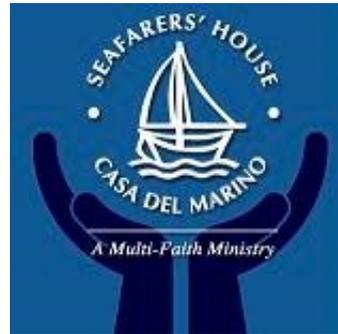
The Council is planning a Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Individual Augmentee (IA) Recognition Luncheon on Sunday, November 16th at Shula's in Miami Lakes. The guest speaker will be Rear Admiral Karl Schultz! The cost per person will be \$30 (\$35 at the door). This will be a joint event with both the Fort Lauderdale and Miami Councils. Additional information will be available in the November Helmsman, on our website and Facebook pages. A flyer will be sent out via email when all the details have been finalized .

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)

Broward Navy Days has announced the dates for Fleet Week 2015 will be May 4 - May 10.

The Tampa Navy League will be the hosts for the Navy League National Convention in 2105. The event will be held 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?



Volunteer 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



Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert visited Naval Air Station Key West for an all-hands call and tour of enlisted housing on August 27. Greenert's visit was part of a Southeast

U.S. tour, which included stops at Southern Command, Joint Interagency Task Force-South, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Central Command, and Special Operations Command. At each of the stops Greenert met with leadership and Sailors to listen and learn what was on their minds. During an all-hands call, Greenert reenlisted 19 Sailors and presented awards to 11 Sailors and one civilian assigned to NAS Key West and its tenant commands.



Naval Aircrewman (Helicopter) 1st Class Nicholas Wyandt participates in search and rescue training with fellow members of Helicopter Combat Squadron 22 Sea Knights. Amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) is the flagship for the Bataan Amphibious

Ready Group and, with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, is deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility .



Approximately 719 kilograms of cocaine worth an estimated wholesale value of more than \$23 million were offloaded at Coast Guard Station Miami Beach on September 18. The offload is a result of a successful drug interdiction in the Caribbean

on September 8 when the Coast Guard Cutter Bear boarded a suspicious cargo vessel and discovered contraband which tested positive for cocaine. The Coast Guard took thirteen suspected smugglers into custody.



The George Washington and Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Groups, as well as land-based aircraft from Marine Corps Air Group 12 and Air Force 36th Operations Group completed dynamic war-at-sea exercises (WASEX) as part of

Valiant Shield September 16 and 18. These WASEXs utilized joint assets to simulate long range strikes against hostile surface warships in order to improve joint interoperability, to assess dual carrier strike group and joint operations and to conduct maritime threat neutralization. Participants in Valiant Shield include the Nimitz-class aircraft carriers USS George Washington (CVN 73) and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and its embarked air wing, CVW-17, cruisers and destroyers, Valiant Shield is the largest joint unilateral military exercise in the Pacific this year, with a focus on integration of joint training among U.S. forces.



On October 6, hundreds of wounded veterans, military advocates and government officials gathered in Washington, D.C., for the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. The event was the culmination of 16

years of work and \$80 million in private donations, and drew praise as a long-overdue thank you for those whose wounds extended past the battlefield. There are about 4 million disabled veterans in America, with almost a quarter of that total from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The new site is unusual in its dedication to both deceased and living veterans, setting aside much of its commemoration for individuals still able to visit the site and talk about its personal meaning. This memorial sits in the shadow of the Capitol building, a reminder from its designers that costs of armed conflict linger far beyond the battlefield.

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

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## 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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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Local dues notices will be sent out in November and are due by January 31. The Council depends on these funds which directly support Council activities. Examples of Council activities:

Support of our adopted units: USS Bataan, USS Leyte Gulf, USCG Air Station Miami, USCGC Robert Yered, NOSC, Marine Reserve Unit. This includes recognition of outstanding achievements (i.e. sailor/enlisted person of the quarter) and financial support as requested by the individual unit.

Support of local Coast Guard units: Station Fort Lauderdale, USCGC Gannett, Aids to Navigation, Air Station Miami. This includes our annual Easter egg hunt/BBQ and holiday party.

Support of Sea Cadets: Zeus Division of the Naval Sea Cadets are provided financial support. Teddy Roosevelt medals are presented to outstanding cadets.

Support of Fleet Week: Council members volunteer and are able to participate at various events which include welcome reception, ship visits, junior officers' party, and golf outing. Council supports Fleet Week with a financial contribution.

Support of our adopted JROTC units: Cooper City High School, Flanagan High School, NOVA High School, Stranahan High School, and Taravella High School. Teddy Roosevelt medals are presented to outstanding junior cadets.

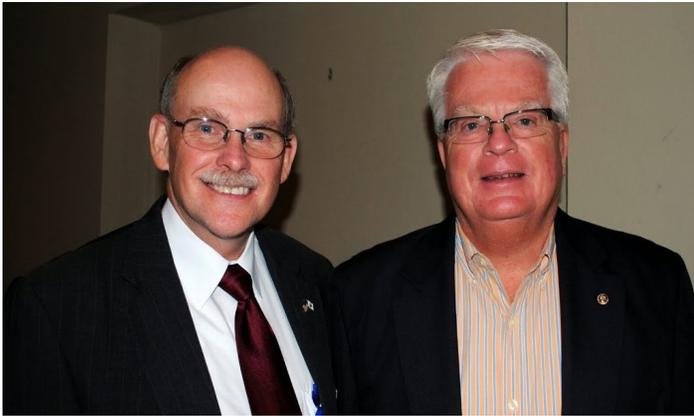
Support of visiting military vessels: Council greets each visiting military vessel and hosts All Hands Parties for the crews. Ship tours and onboard receptions are arranged when possible.

Dinner Socials: Council provides guest speakers who will share information on issues affecting the Sea Services. This is a great opportunity to interact with other Navy Leaguers.

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 when you receive the statement.

**THESE COMPANIES SUPPORT  
OUR COUNCIL  
PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!**

# SEPTEMBER EVENT



Left: Council President Glenn Wiltshire (L) and Board member Larry Ott

Right: Boca Delray Council member Rita Tierney (L) and Council member Diane Schmidt

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