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APRIL DINNER SOCIAL

The Council held its monthly dinner social on April 14 at Tropical Acres Restaurant. The guest speaker was George Moraitis Jr. State Representative Moraitis graduated from the US Naval Academy and served as a submariner while on active duty. He then entered the Naval Reserve until retiring in 2012. Representative Moraitis spoke about his Navy career and how it has helped him as a State Legislator.



Above: Council President Glenn Wiltshire with State Representative George Moraitis Jr
Below: South Florida Area President Lynn Drucker with George and Heather Moraitis



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After months of planning, Fleet Week 2016 is almost here. The "fleet" will be led by our own adopted unit, the USS BATAAN, when it arrives on May 2nd, and four of our members will be riding the BATAAN down from Norfolk to provide them directions. Our adopted Coast Guard Cutter, the USCGC ROBERT YERED, will also be participating in Fleet Week, along with the return of the USS COLE and the USS BAINBRIDGE, which is a late replacement for the USS FARRAGUT, and the USCGC DEPENDABLE. There's still time to volunteer to assist Broward Navy Days with the many events planned for the visiting Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen; if interested contact our Council Secretary Shelley Beck, who is coordinating the volunteer program again this year. Our Council will also be selling soda and water and Council coins during Fleet Week. While a number of members have volunteered to assist, we can always use extra help. The USS BATAAN will be hosting a brunch on Sunday, May 8th exclusively for Council members to thank us for our support of their Sailors of the Quarter for many years. The Council will be recognizing the current SOQs and the 2015 Sailors of the Year as well as presenting the crew with a special gift from the Council. There's numerous other events that are open to the public, so please do take the opportunity to welcome and thank the young men and women who serve their county to keep us safe and secure.

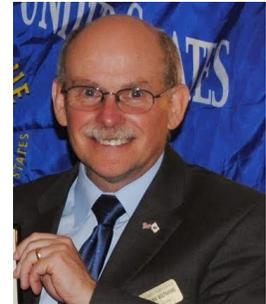
Our April dinner meeting was held on Thursday, April 14th at Tropical Acres. Our guest speaker and Navy League member, State Representative George Moraitis, Jr., did a great job speaking about his experiences as a submariner after graduating from the US Naval Academy in 1992, and his service as a Naval Reservist until retiring in 2012. He also spoke about his service as a State Legislator and some of the state programs to support veterans. A number of our members also represented the Council at the Fort Lauderdale Council's dinner on April 20th featuring Coast Guard 7th District Commander RADM Scott Buschman speaking about Coast Guard missions in the Southeastern US and the Caribbean. With the numerous Fleet Week events in May, we will not be holding a May dinner meeting, however we will be back at Tropical Acres on June 10th for a joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council, when our guest speaker will be US Marine Corps Brigadier General Paul Rock, Jr., the J-5 at SOUTHCOM. Hope to see you at our last Council event before our summer break.

I also represented the Council at the Florida Region meeting in Orlando on April 9th. The meeting agenda included discussions on the status of a number of National issues, the impacts of the new membership categories, best practices, and nominations for National and Regional positions. Council member Joe Giambrone was nominated as one of the Florida Region candidates to serve as National Director.

Congratulations as well to Lynn Drucker for being nominated as South Florida Area President, and Pat Dumont for being nominated as National Vice President. Lynn, Pat, and Chuck Black were also nominated as National Directors. The nominations will be acted on at the Navy League National Convention in June in Charleston, SC. We all wish Joe success.

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



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member

John McCormick of Fort Lauderdale

NAVY BAND

In celebration of National Military Appreciation Month, honoring the men and women of our armed forces, the U. S. Navy Band Southeast Wind Ensemble will present a free concert on Sunday, May 1, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Sunset Cove Amphitheater, in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, located on West Glades Road, Boca Raton. The popular 25-piece orchestra will perform a variety of music ranging from classical favorites and Broadway tunes to traditional marches and patriotic fare. The official U.S. Navy Band has entertained audiences throughout the Southeast region since 1995, representing the Commander-Navy Region Southeast, headquartered in Jacksonville. Concessions will be available on site. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. Gates open at 6 p.m. Sunset Cove Amphitheater is owned and operated by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call the Sunset Cove Amphitheater events hotline at 561-488-8069.

APRIL DINNER SOCIAL

Additional photos from the April dinner social held on April 14 at Tropical Acres Restaurant:



Fort Lauderdale Council President Oscar Romano with crew representing Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale



Charlie Schmidt and Rick Ciravolo



Alicia Romano, Diane Schmidt , Mary Anne Gray
Joe Giambrone with George Moriatis



Above: Jenny Ceasar,, representative from Congresswoman Frankel's Office with George Moraitis
Below: Council President Glenn Wiltshire with Shelley Beck



FLEET WEEK



Volunteers are still needed during Fleet Week for the Council's table to sell soda, water, and Council coins during the public ship visit hours. All funds raised at this event go directly to support our adopted unit and youth programs. This year, the ships will be open for public tours from 9 AM to

3:30 PM from Tuesday, May 3rd through Saturday, May 7th and on Sunday, May 8th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM. The table will be staffed from 10 AM to 4 PM on Tuesday-Saturday and 12:30 PM to 4 PM on Sunday. Volunteers will be assigned for either the morning (10 AM - 1 PM) or afternoon (1 PM - 4 PM) shift. If you can assist, please contact Council President Glenn Wiltshire at wiltbrit@aol.com or at 718-619-7402. Volunteers should register on Broward Navy Day's website (browardnavydaysinc.org) in order to be cleared for port entry and to receive a parking pass. When registering, indicate in the comment section that you are volunteering for the Broward County Navy League table. In addition to volunteers, donations of soda and water, or cash donations to defray the cost of purchasing these items, are needed. Please contact Glenn directly if you have any questions.

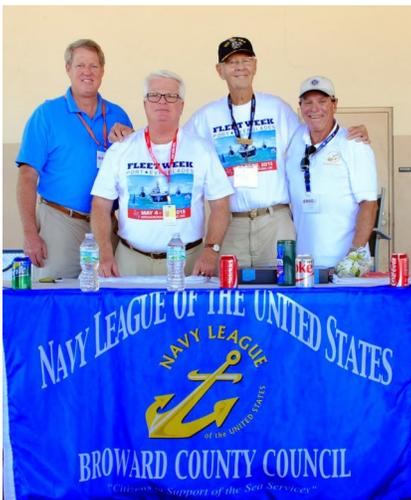
Captain John A. Carter, Commanding Officer of our adopted ship, the USS Bataan, wanted to thank the Council for its support and will be hosting a brunch for Council members while it is in port for Fleet Week. The event will be held on Sunday, May 8, at 10 AM in their wardroom where the Council will recognize Bataan's Sailors of the Year as well as some of their Sailors of the Quarters. The Council will also present a gift to the ship. Afterwards, a tour of the ship will be provided to those that are interested. (Please note that security information for interested Council members had to be submitted by April 26.)

All Council members, friends and family are invited to welcome the visiting military at the All Hands On Deck Welcoming Party. The event will take place on Monday, May 2 from 6-10 PM at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Paradise Shops Courtyard, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. The event includes speeches by public officials and a 'roll call' where the military will be in formation with their units.

Don't forget the Council's Junior Officers' Party being held on Tuesday, May 3, 6-9 PM at Briny's Irish Pub & Restaurant (Las Olas Riverfront), 305 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. All civilians are welcome; there will be a buffet for all in attendance and a cash bar for civilians. Any questions, contact Erwin Sefton, 954-868-2107, erwinsefton@bellsouth.net

The Fort Lauderdale Council will be hosting the Enlisted Person of the Year Awards Banquet during Fleet Week. The event will take place on Thursday, May 5 from 6-9 PM at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66. This is a great event that will recognize both outstanding military visiting during Fleet Week and local military. Tickets for civilians are \$75 per person. Make your check payable to Fort Lauderdale Council NLUS and mail it to Lynn Drucker, 845 S Southlake Dr, Hollywood FL 33019. If you have any questions you can contact Lynn at 954-325-9102 or at lynn@druckermail.com.

Galley Wars is a culinary competition among galley crews from the visiting U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships. The crews will go to battle in the kitchens at Allied Kitchen & Bath's Oakland Park showroom. You will be able to sample Italian cuisine prepared by these military masters and enjoy delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment at one of the most popular events of Fleet Week. After the awards are named by the blue ribbon panel of celebrity chefs and dignitaries, you will be able to head to Oakland Park City Hall for an entertaining concert by Navy Band Southeast. The event is being held on Saturday, May 7 at 6PM at Allied Kitchen & Bath, 2484 NE 12 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets, visit galleywars2016.eventbrite.com.



Volunteers at the Council's table during Fleet Week 2015



Galley Wars 2015

MAY CELEBRATIONS

National Maritime Day is observed on May 22, the date that the American steamship Savannah sailed from the United States to England. This event marked the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean using steam propulsion. On May 20, 1933, Congress declared May 22 as National Maritime Day. During World War II more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged. In 2006 the Maritime Administration joined forces with the American Association of Port Authorities, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Council Inc, the US Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other entities involved in the maritime industry to raise the awareness of National Maritime Day and of the maritime industry as a whole. Each year the President issues a proclamation calling on people to observe National Maritime Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other suitable places; and government officials to display the flag on all government buildings.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War. Celebrations honoring Civil War heroes started the year after the war ended. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday. The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on 30 May 1868. When Memorial Day became a federal holiday, it was given the floating date of the last Monday in May.

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RECOGNITION

On April 6, Board member Alan Starr was on hand at Coast Guard Air Station Miami to recognize the achievements of their Enlisted Person of Quarter 1 2016 AET2 Matthew Davidson as well as Enlisted Person of the Year 2015 AST1 Matthew Laub. Unfortunately AET2 Davidson was not available for the event.

Shown in photo (left to right) are: Captain Todd Lutes (Commanding Officer), Enlisted Person of the Year AST1 Mathew Laub, Alan Starr and CMC Sean Joyce



Shown in photo (left to right) are: Captain Todd Lutes, SCPO Drew Keirmaier, Alan Starr, and CMC Sean Joyce. SCPO Keirmaier served as a volunteer judge at the Annual South Florida Sea Cadet Flagship Competition.



The Air Station's Ombudsman, Dr. Aracelly Latino-Feliz, was recognized for her outstanding work with members of the Air Station and the outside community.



SEA SERVICE NEWS



The Coast Guard's HH-52A Seaguard helicopter, which first joined the Coast Guard in 1963, gave 25 years of service to the Nation and is widely recognized by

the Coast Guard as the helicopter that made rotary-wing flight the backbone of Coast Guard aviation. In an April 14 ceremony at the Udvar-Hazy Center, a companion facility to the Smithsonian Institute's National Air and Space museum located in Chantilly, Virginia, the Seaguard 1426 was formally inducted as the first U.S. Coast Guard aircraft to be displayed at the national museum. The ceremony is part of a year-long celebration of the centennial anniversary of Coast Guard aviation, which traces its roots to 1916 when Elmer Stone became the first Coast Guardsman to complete the U.S. Navy's aviation training program. And now, one hundred years later, alongside such relics as SR-71A Blackbird, the NASA Space Shuttle Discovery and the Enola Gay, the Phoenix hangs proud, forever standing the watch.



When archaeologists needed assistance after discovering the remains of an 18th century ship buried in Alexandria Virginia they only had to look across the Potomac River for a team of underwater specialists. The Naval History and Heritage Command's Underwater Archaeology Branch (UAB) assisted city

archaeologists with measuring and recording the excavated timbers at a warehouse in Alexandria from April 12-16. Naval History and Heritage Command archaeologists used tools such as measuring tapes, calipers and plumb bobs to measure the remains. Data collected on the curvature of the frames could reveal the shape of the hull. UAB was first contacted in December when the buried ship was found at the construction site of a new hotel. The branch observed the site and provided advice on maritime archaeology and options for preservation. Archaeologists believe only a portion of the original ship was buried. After being rediscovered, the pieces of the vessel were moved to a local warehouse for further studies. Alexandria was built around a shallow cove with two points jutting out into the Potomac River. In order to make Alexandria a major maritime port for ocean-going traffic, the entire cove was filled between 1749 and 1798. The ship was likely intentionally used as landfill.



To be prepared for any environment, the Marine Corps has created specialized courses its young men and women can attend to learn the skills they need to be successful

in the various battlefields they are expected to fight. Marines in the Urban Leaders Course (ULC) conducted a combat marksmanship range at Range 223A on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, in late March. The ULC - run by 1st Marine Division Schools - is a three-week course designed to teach small-unit leaders the skills and techniques they need to conduct urban operations. Students are taught the basic fundamentals and individual skills first and slowly build into buddy teams, fire teams and then squad-based movements and tactics. While the course is primarily geared toward the infantry job field, it keeps allocations open for non-infantry Marines that are often integrated into infantry units. While the Marines are learning new skills to make them more effective in combat, the course isn't strictly about making them better. The training also allows them to return to their battalions and share their new found skills with their peers and subordinates.



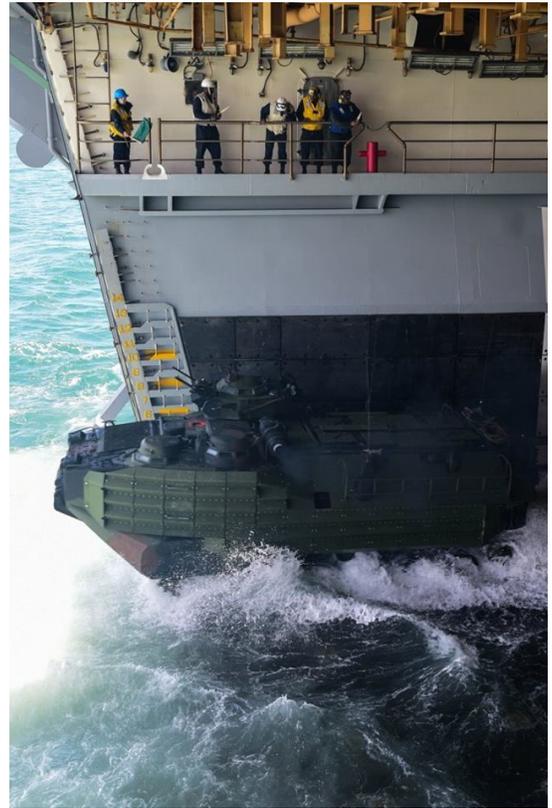
A future amphibious transport dock for the U.S. Navy has successfully completed acceptance trials conducted by the Navy's

Board of Inspection and Survey. The six days of at-sea and in-port testing of the John P. Murtha (LPD 26) validated the functionality of ship's system. The Navy said the tests included a full-power run, self-defense detect-to-engage exercises, steering checks, boat handling, anchoring and rapid ballast and de-ballast demonstrations. The John P. Murtha is the 10th LPD 17 San Antonio-class vessel. It is scheduled to be commissioned in Philadelphia this fall. Its home port will be San Diego. San Antonio-class ships are for the deployment of combat and support elements of U.S. Marine expeditionary units and brigades. They can transport and debark air-cushioned or conventional landing craft, and can handle helicopters or MV-22 vertical take-off and landing aircraft. The ships are about 684 feet long, displace 25,000 tons and have a speed of 22 knots.

USS BATAAN



In mid-April, Marines attached to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Bravo Company from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina joined the USS Bataan for training. Here are a few photos taken during recent training that appeared on the Bataan's Facebook page.



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