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EASTER EGG HUNT/BBQ

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the annual US Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt/BBQ

Saturday, April 8, 2017

USCG Station Fort Lauderdale*

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM followed by picnic
coloring contest, bounce house, clown, hula hoops

\$15 per civilian adult / civilian kids under 10 Free

Coast Guard Personnel and families - FREE
Coast Guard should RSVP (number of adults/children with ages) to shelleybeck@bellsouth.net

Civilians: Please make Checks payable to Broward County Navy League and mail to:

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****If unable to attend, donations appreciated****

Thanks to The Fitzgerald Group who will once again serve as the sponsor of this event.

*Dania Beach Blvd East and head North (A1A) to Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, 6503 N. Ocean Drive, Dania Beach, FL 33004 (formerly John U. Lloyd Beach State Park) at gate house, let them know you are heading to Coast Guard Station



MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

On March 23, the Council held its dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. LT Mark Ketchum, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale served as the guest speaker. LT Ketchum was born in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1998. He served in a variety of positions before becoming Commanding Officer of Station Fort Lauderdale in 2014. LT Ketchum talked about his career, the various missions of the Station, plans for new Coast Guard vessels as well as plans for the Coast Guard Station property. He will be leaving his position this summer to attend Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government as a Master of Public Administration candidate through the Coast Guard's advanced education program. After the one-year course of study, LT Ketchum anticipates assignment to the Washington DC area.

Those in attendance also recognized and congratulated CWO2 Justin Young from Station Fort Lauderdale who was recently selected as Chief Warrant Officer. He will be leaving the Station to attend the Chief Warrant Officer Development Course. After he completes his training, he will be headed to Seattle Washington to serve aboard the USCGC HEALY, a medium icebreaker that does research in the Arctic.

Congratulations and best of luck to LT Ketchum and CWO2 Young!



LT Ketchum with Council President Glenn Wiltshire

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who were able to attend our dinner meeting on March 25th at Tropical Acres to hear LT Mark Ketchum from our adopted unit Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. LT Ketchum did a great job filling us in on the latest developments in the Coast Guard and how the Station crew is on the front lines every day keeping South Florida safe and secure. LT Ketchum will be leaving us in June to go off to graduate school at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. More to follow on his replacement LT Derek Wallin and the Change of Command in our next newsletter. We were also able to recognize former BMC (now CWO2 (Bosn)) Justin Young for all of his support to the Navy League and the Naval Sea Cadet program during his assignment at Station Fort Lauderdale. CWO2 Young will be leaving at the end of May for his first assignment as a Chief Warrant Officer aboard the USCGC HEALY, a Coast Guard medium icebreaker homeported in Seattle. We wish him well as he embarks on a new challenge, however knowing Chief Young he will be an outstanding CWO!

Planning for Fleet Week 2017 is continuing, with the final planning meeting being held on April 5th. As previously announced, this year's Fleet Week will begin with the arrival of the ships at Port Everglades on May 1st and run through the ships departure on May 7th. The participating ships will include the USS NEW YORK, USS MONTEREY, USS NITZE, USS SAN JACINTO, a US Navy submarine, the USCGC FORWARD, and our own adopted unit Fast Response Cutter USCGC MARGARET NORVELL. The first event this year will be the "All Hands" opening ceremonies on May 1st, being held this year on the Riverwalk in Esplanade Park in Downtown Fort Lauderdale at 6 PM. For a full list of events, go to <http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org/>. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Shelley Beck if you are interested in filling one of the many volunteer positions that make Fleet Week work. Our Council will also be selling soda and water and Council coins during Fleet Week to raise additional funds for our programs, and we'll be looking for volunteers to staff the booth as well as donations of soda and water to defray our expenses.

Joe Giambrone and I represented our Council at the Florida Region meeting on March 18th in Fort Lauderdale. The primary purpose of the meeting was to nominate the Florida Region candidates for National and Regional elected offices and National Directors. I am pleased to announce that Council Board member Joe Giambrone was nominated along with Pat Du Mont to be considered for National Vice-President positions. For our region, John Vargo was nominated to serve another term as Region President and Lynn Drucker as South Florida Area President. National Director nominees from our area included Joe, Lynn and Pat, and Maura Brassil-Day and Elaine Hogg, both from the Fort Lauderdale Council. We wish Joe and all the candidates well as their nominations are acted on at

the Navy League National Convention in Milwaukee, WI from June 21-24. In addition to that, Region President John Vargo filled us in on all of the happenings at National and the need for all Councils to focus on increasing their memberships. If you have any friends who you think may be interested in joining our Council, let me know and we'll work on recruiting them.

Our Council will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Coast Guard families at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, April 8th at 1030. I hope that we can get a large turnout of members to both help with the barbecue and meet the Coast Guard families, but even if you can't make it, a donation to the Council will help defray the costs of the event. Due to the Easter Egg Hunt and Fleet Week events, we will not be holding our usual April and May dinners, but please hold June 8th on your calendar for our final Council dinner meeting before we go on our summer break.

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 MEMBERS

The Council welcomes these new members:

Teresa Perez of Miami

Bruce Gottsch of Oakland Park

MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

Those in attendance at the March dinner social enjoyed a delicious meal, great conversation and a very interesting guest speaker.



FLEET WEEK

Save the Dates: May 1 - 7, 2017

Planning for Humana Fleet Week Port Everglades 2017 continues. Several public events have been announced while others are still being finalized. Broward Navy Days Inc has publicized that the public is invited to welcome the visiting Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen on Monday, May 1 at Esplanade Park on the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk. Broward County Council will host its annual Junior Officers' Party on Tuesday, May 2, at Briny's Irish Pub. It is recommended that you visit the Broward Navy Days' website (browardnavydaysinc.org) where you can register your email address to receive updated information.

Public tours of visiting Navy and Coast Guard vessels will be offered Tuesday, May 2 through Saturday, May 6. Due to Port security restrictions, advance registration is required; registration is expected to open in early April.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for the many Fleet Week events, you may register now. Visit Broward Navy Days' website and click on 'volunteer'.

Photos from the 2016 Junior Officers Party at Briny's Irish Pub



NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Milwaukee Council's convention planning team has worked hard on the Navy League's 2017 National Convention taking place from June 21-24. Registration for the convention is open and the deadline to secure a hotel room is June 1. The committee was able to secure a competitive rate at the top-notch Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, which is downtown on the water. Join other Navy Leaguers for a day of activities in and around Milwaukee that include a guided tour of the shipyard at Marinette Marine, and a private tour of Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. End the day at Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers who are playing the Pittsburgh Pirates. Other convention highlights include: a Welcome Aboard Reception, Hall of Fame Luncheon, Historical Boat Ride Tour on the Milwaukee River, Sea Services Panel and Awards Luncheon, and Beer Barons of Milwaukee. Descriptions and costs for these events are in the program on the convention website.

The National Convention also will feature a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) event and several training workshops. The convention will end with a closing banquet featuring a roast of our National President, with emcee Bobby Ferguson, long-time Navy League member and National Director, leading the charge.

To find out more or to register, visit navyleagueconvention.org. Information and registration for the convention is also available in the February/March 2017 issue of SEAPOWER magazine.

SEA-AIR-SPACE

The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition brings the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event. Sea-Air-Space is the largest maritime exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition supports the mission of the Navy League and leads the way as the exposition to attend each year to display the most current information and technology relevant to maritime policy. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition will be held from April 3 - 5, 2017 at the Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. There is no charge to attend the exposition for Active Duty and Active Reserve U.S. Military, Retired U.S. Military and Navy League Members. For more information, visit seair-space.org.

RECOGNITION

On March 17, Council President Glenn Wiltshire honored Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale's Enlisted Person of the Year. BM2 Michael Baldi was recognized with a certificate of accomplishment and monetary award. Shown in the photo are (left to right) MKC Herring, BM2 Baldi, Glenn Wiltshire and BM1 Brayton.



USS BATAAN - NEWS

The Council's adopted ship, USS Bataan (LHD 5), flagship of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), and embarked Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), departed the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations on March 23. While in the U.S. 6th Fleet, Bataan provided a forward naval presence while supporting an integrated Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX) with Spanish forces. PHIBLEX allowed for integrated forces to exercise their amphibious assault capabilities and enhance interoperability while improving readiness and strengthening relations between U.S. and Spanish forces. "During our support of amphibious operations with our Spanish counterparts, the Navy and Marine Corps team worked vigorously to integrate, train, and form a comprehensive strategy to intensify the effectiveness of our bilateral team," said Bataan Commanding Officer Capt. Eric N. Pfister. Bataan conducted port visits to Naval Station Rota, Spain, March 12 to receive supplies and conduct a refueling, and Valencia, Spain, March 17 to participate in local cultural tours of the area organized by the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

The Bataan ARG/24th MEU is deployed as part of a regular rotation of forces to support maritime security operations, provide crisis response capability, and increase theater security cooperation while providing a forward naval presence in the U.S. 5th and U.S. 6th Fleet areas of operation.

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SEA SERVICE NEWS



Sailors and guests gathered at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., on March 6 to celebrate the 102nd birthday of the U.S. Navy Reserve. The Navy Reserve was officially established March 3, 1915 by combining 17 state naval militias into a single federal force. Navy Reserve Force Master Chief CJ Mitchell, spoke to the crowd about his trips to visit Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) and how he is continuously impressed with the Sailors he meets. Vice Adm. Luke M. McCollum, chief of Navy Reserve and commander, Navy Reserve Force, talked about how the Navy Reserve has changed over the years. He said there have been some of the most dramatic changes since 9/11. He explained that the key to dealing with changes and the success of the Navy Reserve in the future is obvious.



The U.S. Marine Corps is progressing with a new project to arm its MV-22 Osprey aircraft with new weapons such as laser-guided 2.75in rockets, missiles and heavy guns - a move which would expand the tiltrotor's mission set beyond supply, weapons and forces transport to include a wider range of offensive and defensive combat missions, Corps officials said. Adding weapons to the Osprey would allow the aircraft to better defend itself should it come under attack from small arms fire, missiles or surface rockets while conducting transport missions; in addition, precision fire will enable the Osprey to support amphibious operations with suppressive or offensive fire as Marines approach enemy territory. Weapons will better facilitate an Osprey-centric tactic known as "Mounted Vertical Maneuver" where the tiltrotor uses its airplane speeds and helicopter hover and maneuver technology to transport weapons such as mobile mortars and light vehicles, supplies and Marines behind enemy lines for a range of combat missions -- to include surprise attacks.



On March 24, representatives from Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, Bahamas, and the United States gathered at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West, to exchange ideas, best practices and maintenance concepts for short range patrol craft and coastal security boats.

When it comes to combating transnational criminal organizations in the Caribbean and securing America's borders, the cooperation with partner nations in the region continues to thrive. There was unanimous agreement that proper maintenance is critical to sustaining the longevity of assets, which helps perpetuate coastal security in the region. Maintenance standards supported by reliable logistics keep patrol forces on the water and enable assets to meet their serviceable lifespan. Members of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) reviewed Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter small boat launch and recovery procedures and risk management practices. The U.S. Coast Guard Western Hemisphere Strategy cites increased globalization as a driving force for greater interdependence among nations and regions and the CBSI is highlighted by this strategy as the most notable recent effort to combat drug-related violence and trafficking as well as terrorism.



Flying Army bombers off a Navy aircraft carrier, U.S. forces struck a symbolic blow to the heart of the Japanese Empire nearly 75 years ago. The daring mission, known as the Doolittle Raid in honor of its commanding officer, took place about four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and boosted the morale of anxious Americans. Pensacola's National Naval Aviation Museum is paying tribute to the men who planned and carried out the April, 18, 1942, raid by refurbishing a vintage B-25 B Mitchell bomber as a replica of the one flown by Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle. The bomber will go on display outside the museum's Blue Angels Atrium on April 18 to mark the 75th anniversary of the raid.



On April 1, the Coast Guard will hold a commissioning ceremony for the Coast Guard Cutter Munro, the military service's 6th National Security Cutter (NSC). The Munro will be homeported in Alameda, California, and is being commissioned in Seattle to honor the Coast Guard's only Medal of Honor recipient, Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro (1919- 1942). Naming of the sixth NSC in honor of Munro pays tribute to his heroism and legacy. Munro was mortally wounded in action in the Guadalcanal campaign of World War II while providing covering fire during the evacuation of a detachment of 500 U.S. Marines who were under attack. Known as the Legend class, NSCs are designed to be the flagships of the Coast Guard's fleet and are 418 feet in length and 54 feet in beam. They have a top speed in excess of 28 knots and can hold a crew of up to 150. These new cutters are replacing the aging High Endurance Hamilton class cutters (378-feet) that have been in service since the 1960s.

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Left to right: Joe Giambrone, Alan Starr, Chief Warrant Officer Justin Young, Glenn Wiltshire, Eduardo Lombard

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