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INSTALLATION

Installation of Officers for 2017

aboard the Caribbean Princess

Port Everglades

on Saturday, February 25, 2017

at 11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

The following officers will be installed:

President - Glenn Wiltshire
First Vice President - Erwin Sefton
Second Vice President - Marianne Giambrone
VP Legislative Affairs - Robert "Bob" Marks
Secretary - Shelley Beck
Treasurer: Thomas "Tom" Carney

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JANUARY DINNER SOCIAL

The Council held its dinner social on January 12 at Tropical Acres Restaurant. The guest speaker was Lieutenant Brittany Panetta, Commanding Officer of the USCGC MARGARET NORVELL WPC 1105. Personnel from the Margaret Norvell, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, Coast Guard Sector Miami and Navy Recruiting District Miami were in attendance.



Lt Panetta with Council President Glenn Wiltshire

Community Affiliate members from DeAngelo Marine



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for the great turnout to our January dinner meeting at Tropical Acres on January 12th. Lieutenant Brittany Panetta, the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter USCGC MARGARET NORVELL, provided us some interesting information about the history of our newest adopted unit and the types of missions their crew is performing to keep South Florida safe and secure (including that they are the only Coast Guard cutter with all female officers). It was great that all of the ship's officers and Chief were able to attend and witness the signing of the official adoption papers. We were also fortunate to have LT Ketchum and the Chiefs from Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale attend as we presented two Enlisted Person of the Quarter awards. Although she was unable to attend our dinner, Senior Chief Starr was able to represent us at another ceremony at the Station on January 9th when the Station XO, Jessica Shafer, was promoted to Lieutenant. Congratulations to Jessica!

As most of you know, January is when we normally hold our annual Installation Luncheon aboard a Princess cruise ship, however due to changes in personnel and policies by Princess it took longer than normal to obtain approval for a luncheon aboard a ship. However, because of Marianne Giambrone's persistence, we have been approved by Princess and will be holding our annual Installation Luncheon aboard the CARIBBEAN PRINCESS on Saturday, February 25th. As previously reported, last year's officers and Board members are continuing on for 2017. This is our major fundraiser of the year to raise money to support our adopted units and youth programs, so I'm looking forward to a great turnout and hope to see you there.

Planning for Fleet Week 2017 kicked off at Port Everglades on January 18th with the Initial Planning Meeting. This year's Fleet Week will begin with the arrival of the ships at Port Everglades on May 1st, and run through May 7th. As of now, the participating ships will include the USS NEW YORK, USS MONTEREY, USS NITZE, USS SAN JACINTO, a US Navy submarine (named later), and two Coast Guard cutters. Members from our Council will once again be filling key volunteer positions in the Fleet Week organization to make this another successful Fleet Week, but Broward Navy Days can still use more volunteers. The next Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 28th and March 1st. In addition, our Council will once again be selling soda and water during Fleet Week, and I'll be looking for volunteers to assist with that as the date gets closer.

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



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INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS



Once the ship is ready for our group, we will board the beautiful CARIBBEAN PRINCESS and be directed to one of their lounges. While in the lounge, guests can enjoy a cocktail and mingle with fellow guests. The swearing-in of 2017 Council officers will take place and we'll hear brief comments from the guest speaker.

We will then be directed to one of the formal dining rooms to enjoy a 3-course meal.

Guests may tour the ship after lunch but must disembark by 3PM.



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JANUARY DINNER SOCIAL

Council President Glenn Wiltshire and LT Panetta signed the paperwork making the Council adoption of the MARGARET NORVELL official. Glenn presented a check to the ship for their MWR fund.



Glenn recognized Enlisted Persons of the Quarter BM2 Joseph Obert (below) and BM2 Jared Tidwell (next column, top right) from Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. They were presented with Certificates of Accomplishment and monetary awards.



Jennifer Stewart of Seafarers' House with Board Member Joe Giambrone



Council Treasurer Tom Carney (on right) with his 2 sons and Fort Lauderdale Council member Rudy Oetting



COUNCIL'S ADOPTED NAVY SHIPS

The Council has two US Navy adopted ships - the USS Bataan LHD5 and the USS Leyte Gulf CG55. Throughout the year, we are proud to be able to recognize their outstanding sailors of the quarter and sailors of the year with monetary awards and certificates of accomplishment.

The Bataan is a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship named to honor the defense of the Bataan Peninsula on the western side of Manila Bay in the Philippines during the early days of US involvement in World War II. It is the Navy's first amphibious assault ship designed and built from the keel up with accommodations for female sailors. This "Women at Sea" modification provides it with living areas for nearly 450 female officers, chiefs, enlisted personnel and embarked troops. Overall, the ship has living areas for nearly 3,200 crew members and troops. USS Bataan was commissioned September 20, 1997 in Pascagoula, Mississippi and her homeport is Norfolk, Virginia.

The Leyte Gulf is a Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser and was named in memory of the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Pacific. She is powered by four large gas-turbine engines and has a large complement of guided missiles for air defense, attack of surface targets at sea and ashore, and anti-submarine warfare (ASW). In addition, she carries two "Seahawk" LAMPS multi-purpose helicopters, whose primary mission is ASW. She was commissioned on September 26, 1987 at Port Everglades and her homeport is Norfolk, Virginia.

On January 10, 2017, the Leyte Gulf departed Norfolk along with the Bataan in support of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group's Composite Training Unit Exercise.

Recently recognized by the Council were these Sailors of the Year from the Leyte Gulf. Photos were not available.

Sailor of the Year: CS1(SW/SS) Brewer

Junior Sailor of the Year: FC2(SW) McConnell

Bluejacket of the Year: GSE2(SW) Sereno

Also recently recognized were Sailors of the 4th Quarter 2016 and Sailors of the Year 2016 from the Bataan. See photos that follow.

Senior Sailor of the Year-ABH1 James Moye

Sailor of the Year-AS2 Endea Franklin

Junior Sailor of the Year-PS3 Kayla Taylor

Bluejacket of the Year- AN Yoan Garcia



COUNCIL'S ADOPTED NAVY SHIPS



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MR2 STEWART

Senior Sailor of the 4th Quarter 2016- IT1 Michael Mills

Sailor of the 4th Quarter 2016- MR2 Clay Stewart

Junior Sailor of the 4th Quarter 2016- MM3 Michael Walker

Bluejacket of the 4th Quarter 2016 - AN Yoan Garcia



MM3 MILLS



IT1 MILLS



AN GARCIA

FOUR CHAPLAINS

NAVY LEAGUE NEWS



On Sunday, January 29, a memorial ceremony remembering the Four Chaplains was held at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. The event was sponsored by the 9th District American Legion and the US Coast Guard. The keynote speaker was Commissioner Bobbie Grace of Dania Beach. Below is the story of the Four Chaplains.

The Four Chaplains were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister Reverend George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D.), Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and denominations were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board Dorchester to report to their new assignments.



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 seairspace.org.

The Navy League National Convention will be held from June 20-25 at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Council of the Navy League is excited to welcome Navy Leaguers from around the world to their great city on Lake Michigan. June is the perfect month for visiting Milwaukee, and the council has added an amazing lineup of tours and events to the National Convention program to help mix Navy League business with pleasure.

A trip to Marinette, Wisconsin, is set for Tuesday, June 20, to see the Freedom class of the Navy's littoral combat ship being built on the river, with a stop at famed Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, on the way back. A fun-filled evening follows at Miller Park, watching the Brewers take on the Pittsburgh Pirates, with the Navy League National President throwing out the first pitch. Tours of the Pabst Mansion, the Basilica of St. Josaphat and a historic boat ride down the Milwaukee River will be available, as will pre-planned "dine arounds" of various neighborhoods and a special tour of the Milwaukee beer barons of old. The Council has a special evening planned on Lake Michigan for Friday, June 23, hosted by generous Milwaukee area sponsors, with 100% of the donations made by attendees going directly to the Fisher House of Wisconsin.

For more information, visit navyleagueconvention.org.

AIR STATION MIAMI

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On January 9, Council President Glenn Wiltshire made a presentation at our adopted unit Coast Guard Air Station Miami. He recognized Enlisted Person of the Year AST1 Jamie Vanacore with a monetary award and a certificate of achievement.



For the past few years, the Council has been able to benefit from members who use AmazonSmile for their on-line shopping. All you need to do is register the Council's name in AmazonSmile and shop as you usually do - the only difference is that the Council receives a rebate based on the amount of the purchases. We are hoping that more members will begin doing their on-line shopping on AmazonSmile.

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

On January 25, Coast Guard Air Station Miami held a memorial ceremony to honor two crews that were lost in the past. In 1979, CG-1376 with four crewmembers were lost in a midair collision and in 2001, CG Auxiliary N99WD with two crewmembers were lost during a training exercise. The ceremony celebrated the sacrifices these six men made to protect our country. In attendance were family members of the fallen heroes, representatives from Senator Marco Rubio's office, local law enforcement, Coast Guard District 7 Staff, TACLET South, and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

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SEA SERVICE NEWS



Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division conducted ship-to-shore training with the sailors

aboard the USS New York during a training evolution near Onslow Beach at Camp Lejeune, N.C., from January 18 - 20. The purpose of this training was to make the Marines confident operating assault amphibious vehicles in the open water. During this training, the Marines rehearsed amphibious demonstrations and amphibious raids. An amphibious demonstration is meant to deceive the enemy into shifting his combat power to where he thinks the Marines are going to land. An amphibious raid is used to seize equipment or destroy enemy personnel, locations or vehicles. During the training, the Marines embarked the USS New York in their Assault Amphibious Vehicles. This training was important for enhancing the unit's capability to embark and disembark a ship.



On January 28, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps members from South Texas gathered with the family of a Coast Guard veteran and Silver Star Medal recipient, to honor him at a funeral and memorial in San Benito Texas. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Dean Mann lived from October 14, 1918 until his death January 9, 2017. Services included a fly over from a Coast Guard MH

-65 Dolphin helicopter and a 21-gun salute from the Coast Guard's Ceremonial Honor Guard. In Mann's honor, the Navy's USS MICHAEL MURPHY was scheduled to lay a wreath over the wreckage of USS GEORGE F. ELLIOT in Iron Bottom Sound off Guadalcanal. Mann enlisted in the Coast Guard on August 27, 1939 and retired after 31 years of service. During his service, he was assigned to the USS GEORGE F. ELLIOTT, a Navy transport ship, off the coast of Guadalcanal in 1942. After an enemy plane was shot down and crashed into the ship, Chief Warrant Officer Mann responded heroically to the resulting fire and was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his conspicuous gallantry in the face of great personal danger.



The world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier will be decommissioned on February 3 in what will be the final farewell to a warship that has

played a role in major world events from the 1962 Cuban missile crisis to the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The USS Enterprise has spent the past several years being defueled and dismantled at Newport News Shipbuilding, the shipyard where it was built and refueled. The "Big E," as it was affectionately called by its crew, was inactivated from service in 2012 in front of about 12,000 people in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Station after completing its 25th deployment. The ceremony is closed to the public, but the Navy said the entire event will be posted on its Facebook page. The ship joined the fleet in 1961 and has an active veterans' group dedicated to preserving its history, which includes launching the first aircraft strikes in Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks on the U.S. The carrier was the eighth Navy ship to bear the name Enterprise, which dates to the Revolutionary War. The Navy has said a future Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier also will be called Enterprise.



When the Russian Imperial frigate Svetlana steamed into Norfolk Virginia in 1877, it carried Russian royalty visiting Hampton Roads as part of a diplomatic mission that involved entertaining

hundreds of Americans aboard the Svetlana and dining at the posh Hygeia Hotel at Old Point Comfort in Hampton. But while the Svetlana eventually left, not all of its crew did. Six sailors died of typhus while they were in Norfolk and were buried next to the naval hospital in Portsmouth. Three of them were identified for the first time last month and on January 27, about 140 years after they were interred, a formal funeral service was held for all six. The rector of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Washington performed a brief ceremony, attended by officials from the Russian embassy and U.S. Navy. The Russian navy's ensign, St. Andrew's flag, was planted at each headstone. The funeral service was the result of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POWs/MIAs that was created in 1992 by former President George H.W. Bush and former Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

JANUARY DINNER SOCIAL



Council member Eduardo Lombard with personnel from the MARGARET NORVELL



CMDRCM Rick Moreyra of Navy Recruiting District Miami with Board Member Alan Starr

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