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MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

Dinner Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

PROGRAM:

To Be Announced

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of:
Prime Rib
Chicken Francaise

Members and Guests - \$35
Active Military and Spouses: \$25

Please RSVP your dinner choice on or before
March 17 by e-mailing
browardnavyleague@gmail.com or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610

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:

Shelley Beck
301 N. Pine Island Road, Apt. 262
Plantation, FL 33324

****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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Installation Luncheon aboard the *CARIBBEAN PRINCESS*. Although our event conflicted with the Sea Cadets Flagship Competition at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale that same day, we had many familiar faces as well as new faces join with us for this important fundraiser. As previously reported, last year's officers and Board members are continuing on for 2017. CAPT Austin Gould, the Seventh Coast Guard District Chief of Staff, was our guest speaker and administered the oath of office to the elected officers. Although we are no longer within Congresswoman Frankel's district, Jenny Ceasar represented the Congresswoman and presented a letter of congratulations. The new president of the Palm Beach Council, Sonia Foster, and Fort Lauderdale Council President Abi Montes also were able to join us. We also extended a special thanks to Princess Cruises for donating the luncheon.

Planning for Fleet Week 2017 is continuing, with the mid-period planning meeting held on February 28th, with a reception that evening hosted by Broward Navy Days at Galuppi's in Pompano Beach. 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 May 7th. The participating ships will include the *USS NEW YORK*, *USS MONTEREY*, *USS NITZE*, *USS SAN JACINTO*, and a US Navy submarine. CAPT Solomon, Sector Miami Deputy Commander announced that the 270 ft. Medium Endurance Cutter *USCGC FORWARD*, and our own adopted unit Fast Response Cutter *USCGC MARGARET NORVELL*, will also be participating. Members from our Council will once again be filling key volunteer positions in the Fleet Week organization to make this another successful Fleet Week, and if you are interested in assisting please contact Shelley Beck, who is once again serving as Volunteer Coordinator. The next Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. While it's still a couple months away, let me know if you are interested in volunteering to assist in selling soda and water during Fleet Week to raise additional funds for our programs.

Our Council will also be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Coast Guard families at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, April 8th at 1030. We were pleased to learn that Brad Fitzgerald and the Fitzgerald Group will once again sponsor the event. I hope that we can get a large turnout of members to both help with the barbecue and meet the Coast Guard families.

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

RECOGNITION

On March 2, Council President Glenn Wiltshire recognized outstanding sailors from our adopted ship, *USCGC Margaret Norvell*. Glenn made presentations to Enlisted Person of the Quarter MK2 Joseph Teralovoro (top photo) and Enlisted Person of the Year BM1 Ronald Garcia. (bottom photo). Commanding Officer Brittany Panetta is also shown in photos.



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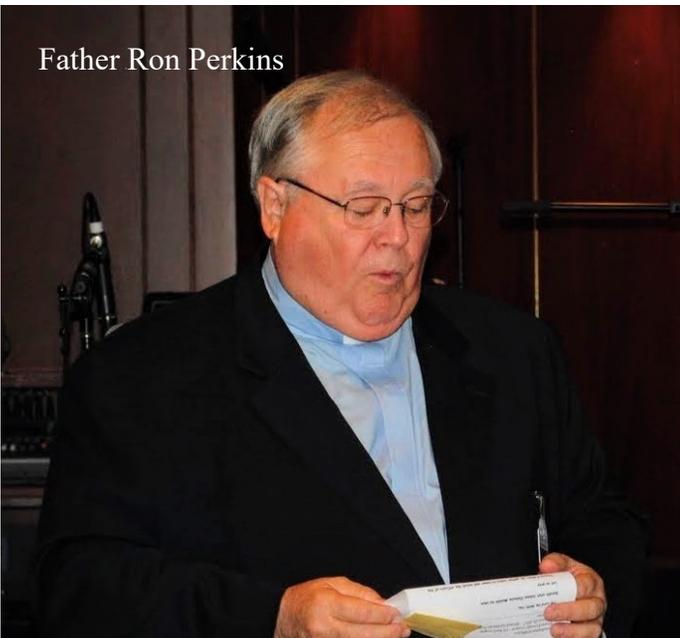
DeAngelo Marine Exhaust Inc.
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Ship Supply of Florida
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INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

On Saturday, February 25, Council members and guests boarded the Caribbean Princess for the installation of 2017 Council Officers. The event started with cocktails in the ship's beautiful lounge. Father Ron Perkins, Chaplain of Seafarers House, gave the invocation. Jenny Caesar of Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office read a message from the Congresswoman. Glenn introduced guest speaker Captain Austin Gould, Chief of Staff, Seventh District Coast Guard, who addressed the group and also swore in the officers. Guests then proceeded to a beautiful dining room where they were served a delicious meal. Several guests took advantage of touring the ship before disembarking. A big thank you to Princess Cruises for providing the beautiful setting for the ceremony as well as the opportunity for the Council to raise much needed funds.

Fort Lauderdale Council President Abuid Montes (far left) and West Palm Beach Council President Sonia Foster attended the event and are shown here with Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Captain Gould.

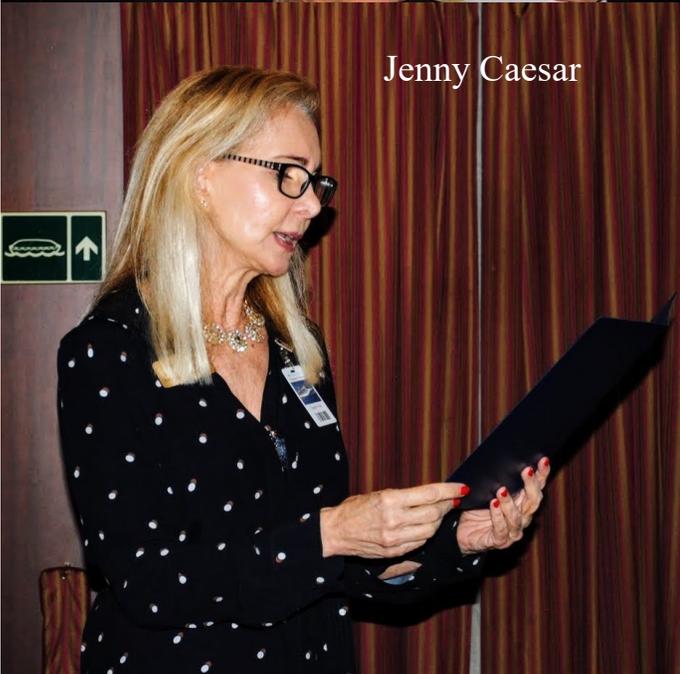


Father Ron Perkins

Commanding Officer LT Mark Ketchum of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and his wife Hayley also joined in the festivities.



Mary Anne Gray, Executive Director of Broward Navy Days and her guest Brad Rinsem shown enjoying their time in the lounge.



Jenny Caesar



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USS BATAAN

The Council was pleased to recognize the Sailors of the First Quarter 2017 from our adopted ship, the USS Bataan. Monetary awards and certificates of achievement were forwarded to the ship for presentation to the following outstanding sailors:

Senior Sailor of the Quarter: Aviation Support Equipment Technician 1st Class Laura Endicott

Sailor of the Quarter: Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Brittney Hendricks

Junior Sailor of the Quarter: Machinery Repairman 3rd Class Antonio Sparks

Bluejacket of the Quarter: Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Shane Wilhelm



SPARKS



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HENDRICKS

On March 1, sailors and Marines aboard USS Bataan manned the rails as the ship departed Naval Station Norfolk for the scheduled Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BAT ARG) deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in Europe and the Middle East. BAT ARG also includes Commander, Amphibious Squadron 8, USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) and 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



TACLET SOUTH

On February 6, Board Member Alan Starr made a presentation at our adopted unit, TACLET South. A monetary award and certificate of achievement was presented to ME1 Spaes, their Enlisted Person of the Year.



SERVICES—CHUCK BLACK



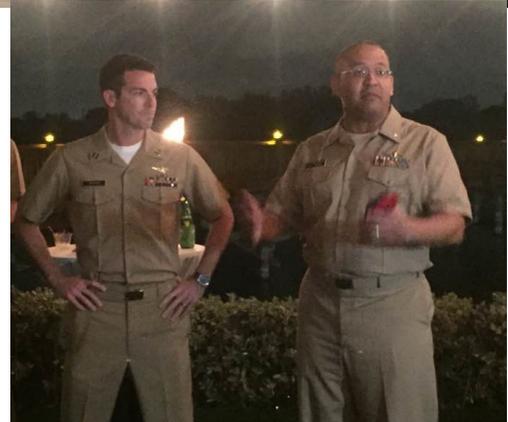
Fort Lauderdale Council member and former South Florida Area President Chuck Black will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery at 2 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. The group will gather at the Administration Building at Arlington - you must arrive 20 minutes before the service. At 2 pm, the group will head to the gravesite for the service. Chaplain Ron Perkins will perform the service. The family is honored to have Sharon Sciretta (wife of Captain Scott Sciretta, the first commanding officer of the USS Jason Dunham) serve as the Arlington Lady for Chuck's service. Arlington is accessible by metro or by car. If you have a car, there will be a parking attendant directing where to park for the service.

Jonathan Black and Lynn Elsasser are hosting a reception after the service at the Navy League National Headquarters in Arlington VA for all attendees at Chuck's service. Navy League's HQ is near a metro stop and there is also a parking garage. If you are planning to attend, kindly email Lynn - lynn.elsasser@gmail.com as the family will need an approximate count for the reception.

FLEET WEEK

Fleet Week will be held from May 1 - 7 and planning is well underway. Its not too early to think about volunteering to help at one of the many events. You can do so at browardnavydaysinc.org and clicking on "volunteer".

On February 28, Navy and Coast Guard personnel who will be participating in Fleet Week were in Fort Lauderdale for a planning meeting. Broward Navy Days used that opportunity to have sponsors and volunteers meet them at a reception held at Galuppi's Restaurant in Pompano Beach. Below are several photos taken at the event.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Three retired veterans combined their shared passion for butterflies and gardening to create a memorial commemorating a longstanding mystery: the fate of Flight 19. The 1945 training mission that flew out of Fort Lauderdale's World War II naval air station suddenly ended when five Avenger planes and their crews vanished over the legendary tract of the Atlantic Ocean. The garden, roughly in the famous triangle's shape, is outside the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum. The centerpiece is a bright blue, poured-concrete silhouette of a TBM Avenger torpedo plane, wings outstretched. Brendan Doyle, a Vietnam War veteran from Dania Beach, and his garden co-creators, Errol Simmons and Michael Thomas, received donations of plants and small trees that produce leaves and nectar to attract butterflies. The Broward County chapter of the North American Butterfly Association helped out. The garden's three corners represent the geographic endpoints of the Bermuda Triangle: Bermuda to the northeast, Puerto Rico to the southeast, and South Florida due west. The airplane model is pointed at 91 degrees, the compass heading of the route the Avengers took when they left on the morning of December 5, 1945. On March 11, the garden is scheduled to receive an Emerald Award from Broward County's NatureScape program, which promotes outstanding landscaping projects featuring native plants. Besides commemorating Flight 19, the garden also honors Hollywood resident Edgar "Buddy" Galvin, a World War II aerial navigator who was part of a search mission that failed to find Flight 19. The 96-year-old, who volunteers at the museum, came out on a recent Thursday to see how the plants were doing at what's officially called The Edgar Buddy Galvin Butterfly Garden and Flight 19 Memorial.

The Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum is open from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday-Sunday, 4000 W. Perimeter Road. There is no fee, but donations are requested. The garden is open from dawn to dusk and does not require museum admission. For more information: nasflmuseum.com or 954-359-4400.

Above is excerpt of a story that appeared in the Sun Sentinel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Below is an updated listing of Council Board meetings and other events taking place over the next few months.

March 13 - board meeting
March 23 - dinner social at Tropical Acres
April 3 - board meeting
April 8 - Annual Coast Guard Easter egg hunt & BBQ
No dinner social in April
April 24 - board meeting (for May)
May 1 - 7 Fleet Week
No dinner social in May
June 5—board meeting
June 8—dinner social

SEAFARERS' HOUSE

You may have heard about Seafarers' House or read about their Shoebox Program but would you like to find out more? Seafarers' House is hosting a monthly Casa Tour for individuals to see firsthand how Seafarers' House helps mariners. There will be a chance to meet a Board Member, volunteer, our Executive Director and Chaplain. The 60 minute tour is scheduled on the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between 10:00 - 11:00 and 4:00 - 5:00. RSVP is required. The next tour is March 15th at 4pm!

To RSVP, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 954-734-1580 or at jennifer.s@seafarershouse.org.

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SEA SERVICE NEWS



On February 17, members of Coast Guard Training Center Cape May and guests officially dedicated the seamanship building located onboard the training center as the Bernard C. Webber Seamanship Training Facility.

The training center's commanding officer, Capt. Owen Gibbons, along with the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Steven Cantrell, and Patricia Webber-Hamilton, the daughter of Chief Petty Officer Bernard Webber, dedicated the building to Webber for his act of heroism during the rescue of 32 crewmembers from the tanker vessel Pendleton on February, 1952. The Seamanship School is responsible for teaching Coast Guard recruits basic helmsmanship, knot tying and shipboard firefighting skills as part of their basic-training curriculum. Training Center Cape May is the fifth largest base in the Coast Guard and the sole accession point for the entire enlisted workforce.

UTV can quickly haul extra ammunition and provisions, or injured Marines, while preserving energy and stealth. The UTV is a new capability for the fleet. Measuring roughly 12 feet long, the commercially acquired diesel vehicle is modular, with back seats that convert into a small cargo bed. Thanks to its small size, the UTV fits inside MV-22 Ospreys and CH-53E helicopters for easy transport to remote locations and greater tactical support. Much like larger tactical vehicles, Marines authorized to drive the UTV will be required to complete operator training as well as additional off-road vehicle safety procedures.



By 2022, the United States will need "70,000 new people" for the nation's maritime

fleet, but the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., and the six state maritime academies only graduate 900 per year and are at capacity, Paul Jaenichen Sr., the head of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), told the House Armed Services seapower and projection forces subcommittee. He added that even with a new military-to-mariner program for separating service members—and other programs like it—the real issue is how those individuals would get credit for the necessary licenses required. He told the panel American mariners are "also a very aging work force" that could aggravate the shortfall in the future." At the same time as that shortage of merchant mariners, the ships in the National Defense Reserve Fleet and its subset, the Ready Reserve Fleet, also are aging—averaging almost 40 years old. Some are steam-powered, needing parts that are no longer made. In the commercial vessels in Maritime Security Program, owners see government cargo contracts—including food-aid shipment and movement of military equipment from Afghanistan and Iraq—declining, and an overcapacity of shipping globally driving prices lower. Jaenichen said the nation needs 40 more ships under its flag to have sufficient mariners to meet military surge capacity. The Maritime Administration is hoping to release for public comment a strategic maritime assessment document in a few months. It will be the first such document in decades.



On February 3, the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVN 65), was decommissioned during a ceremony held in the ship's hangar bay. The ceremony not only

marked the end of the ship's nearly 55-year career, it also served as the very first decommissioning of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. Enterprise was the eighth naval vessel to carry the name. It was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Co. and was christened September 24, 1960, by Mrs. Bertha Irene Franke, wife of former Secretary of the Navy William B. Franke. The ship was put to sea in 1961 and safely steamed more than 1 million nautical miles on nuclear power over its entire career of more than 50 years.



Infantry Marines will soon receive ultralight off-road vehicles that will improve mission readiness by providing rapid logistics support in the field. Program

Executive Officer Land Systems, the Corps' acquisition arm for major land programs, is expected to deliver 144 Utility Task Vehicles to the regiment-level starting later this month. The rugged all-terrain vehicle can carry up to four Marines or be converted to haul 1,500 pounds of supplies. With minimal armor, the

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Captain Austin Gould swears in the 2017 Council Officers. From right to left—President Glenn Wiltshire, First Vice President Erwin Sefton, Secretary Shelley Beck, Vice President Legislative Affairs Bob Marks and Treasurer Tom Carney. Absent was Second Vice President Marianne Giambrone.

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