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NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

Pease Join Us!

Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2017

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road
Fort Lauderdale

PROGRAM:

Captain Michael Platt
Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Air Station Miami

You'll hear about the Air Station's
involvement in responding to the
three recent major hurricanes

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of:
Prime Rib of Beef
Salmon

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

Please RSVP your dinner choice on or
before November 1st by e-mailing
browardnavyleague@gmail.com
or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610

OKTOBERFEST

The Council joined members of the Fort Lauderdale Council on Wednesday, October 11 to celebrate Oktoberfest. Thanks to Fort Lauderdale board member Alan Stotsky and his wife Joey for coordinating the event which was held indoors for the first time due to the weather. The food was plentiful and delicious, service was great and the music was enjoyable. Please see photos inside the newsletter.

2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2018

President: Larry Ott
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

Elections will be held at the November dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GUEST SPEAKER

Thanks to all from the Council who came out to participate in the joint Oktoberfest Celebration with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Wednesday, October 11th. Its always a fun event, and a was good time to share fellowship with other Council members, and the food was good too!

I hope to see you at our next Council Dinner on Thursday, November 9th at Tropical Acres, where we will have Captain Michael Platt, the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami, as our guest speaker. As you would expect, crews and aircraft from the Air Station were deployed in response to all of the recent hurricanes to provide search and rescue and logistics support, and Captain Platt will fill us in on what went on behind the scenes to support the multiple storms. We will also be holding our elections for new officers for 2018 at the meeting. The newsletter includes the slate of officers, so please come out and support them.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Coast Guard Holiday Party for the local units at Briny's on Friday, December 1st. Once again, the Fort Lauderdale Council and Broward Navy Days will be co-hosting the event with us. Please do plan on coming out to thank our local Coast Guard men and women and their guests for all they do to keep up safe and secure. Also, please hold Saturday, January 27, 2018 for our Installation Luncheon. Princess Cruises has once again made the CARIBBEAN PRINCESS available to host us, but seats will be limited. This is one of our key events for raising funds for our adopted unit and youth programs, so we hope it will be a sellout.

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



Captain Michael Platt
Commanding Officer, Air Station Miami

Capt. Michael Platt assumed command of Air Station Miami on July 21, 2017. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and entered the Coast Guard through the Minority Officer Recruitment Effort (MORE), now known as the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI). He graduated from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science, American Military University with a Masters of Science, and the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. Capt. Platt was also a 2014 MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

Capt. Platt previously served at five Coast Guard aviation units including command of Coast Guard Air Station Detroit from 2010 through 2012. During the course of his career he accumulated over 3,400 hours of flight time.

Prior to attending flight training, Capt. Platt was as a boarding officer and deployable officer in charge with Law Enforcement Detachment One, and after completing National Search and Rescue School, served as a Command Duty Officer at Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC) Command Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Capt. Platt's staff tours include the First Coast Guard District's Incident Management Branch in Boston; Special Assistant to the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard; and most recently Chief of the Homeland Defense Division and Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J3 Directorate for Operations at the Pentagon.

Capt. Platt has earned various personal, unit, and service awards.

GOVERNOR'S VETERANS SERVICE AWARD

In March 2014, Florida Governor Rick Scott created executive order 14-88 "The Governor's Veterans Service Award" to honor Florida Veterans. Since that time, Governor Scott has held monthly ceremonies throughout the state to recognize all Florida residents who have served in the military. A medal is awarded to each veteran; the front of the medal depicts the Great Seal of the State of Florida while the back depicts the seals representing the five branches of the military with "Honoring Those Who Served" inscribed.

On October 23, an award ceremony was held at The National Guard Armory in West Palm Beach. Board member Erwin Sefton was one of the 374 Florida veterans honored with the Governor's Veterans Service Award.

For more information on the award and to find out how you can register, visit the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs website at floridavets.org/gvsa/.



Top photo: Abuid Montes (Fort Lauderdale Council President), LT Derek Wallin (CO Station Fort Lauderdale) and his wife

Middle photo: Larry Ott, Tim Woody and LT Jessica Shafer (XO, Station Fort Lauderdale)

Bottom photo: Joe Giambrone and Shelley Beck

ANNUAL COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY



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USCGC GANNET WPB 87334
USCGC ROBERT YERED WPC 1104
USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE WPC 1102
USCGC MARGARET NORVELL WPC 1105
USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER WPC1101**

WITH A HOLIDAY PARTY AT

**BRINY RIVERFRONT RESTAURANT
305 SOUTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE
(Las Olas Riverfront on the New River)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
6:00—8:00 pm**

**TWO FREE DRINKS FOR COAST GUARD PERSONNEL
AND THEIR SPOUSE/GUEST**

FREE BUFFET FOR ALL***ENTERTAINMENT**

CASUAL HOLIDAY ATTIRE—UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED

USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER

The Council is pleased to announce that we will be submitting the official paperwork to adopt the US Coast Guard Cutter Bernard C. Webber (WPC-1101), home ported in Miami. As one of our adopted units, the Council will honor its sailors and provide financial support to its MWR fund. USCGC Bernard C. Webber was the first of the Coast Guard's 58 Sentinel-class cutters. Like most of her sister ships, she replaced a 110-foot Island-class patrol boat. She is 154-feet long, capable of cruising at 28 knots, and armed with a remote controlled 25mm chain gun and four .50 cal. machine guns. She was commissioned on April 14, 2012, at the Port of Miami (photo below).

The cutter is named after a heroic enlisted member of the Coast Guard, Bernard C. Webber, who was coxswain of the 36-foot wooden Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat CG 36500 that ventured out in 60-foot seas to rescue men from the stricken T2 tanker SS Pendleton that had broken in two during a Winter storm off Chatham, Massachusetts on February 18, 1952. The rescue of the survivors of the shipwrecked Pendleton is considered one of the most daring rescues of the United States Coast Guard. The story of the Pendleton rescue has been made into a motion picture entitled *The Finest Hours*. *Information from Wikipedia.*



In May 2012, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, visited the Bernard C. Webber. Shown in photo with Dr. Biden is Lt. Cmdr. Herb Eggert, who at the time was the

commanding officer. Dr. Biden met with Coast Guard spouses as part of the Joining Forces program she created with then first lady Michelle Obama. Joining Forces is a national initiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give Service members and their families opportunities and support. *Story and photo from DVIDSHUB.net*



HOLD THE DATE!

Thanks to Princess Cruises, we will once again install our newly elected Council officers aboard a beautiful cruise ship. On January 27, 2018, we will board the Caribbean Princess in Port Everglades for a reception with open bar; our selected guest speaker will perform the swearing-in of the officers as well as make some remarks. We will then move to one of the ship's beautiful dining rooms where we will be treated to a delicious lunch. Then, if you wish, you will have time to explore the ship.

Reservations, payment as well as security information must be submitted in advance. Complete information will be sent to you via email, will appear in the December newsletter and will also be posted on the Council's website (bcnavyleague.org) and on our Facebook page (Broward County Navy League).



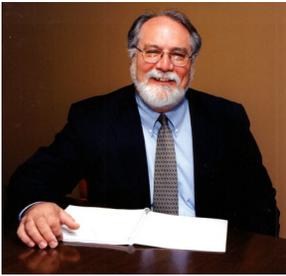
2017 officers being shown in by Captain Austin Gould,



Atrium of the Caribbean Princess

NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



On October 16, James H. Bruns took over responsibilities as the new National Executive Director Navy League of the United States. Jim brings 34 years of public sector and non-profit leadership experience. Over the past six years, Jim was the chief executive officer for the flagship museum of Naval History and Heritage Command, overseeing all ten national Navy museums across the country. He has also held various high-profile leadership positions in non-profit organizations, including a twenty-year tenure as director of development, museum director, author and historian at the Smithsonian Institution. In his various leadership positions, Jim has managed full-time staffs ranging in size from 50 to 700 employees.

If you haven't done so already, it is recommended that you visit the new Member Portal which has been created by the Navy League (<http://portal.navyleague.org>). This portal will enable members to update their personal information, find Navy League training presentations on the Portal event calendar (take place on the third Thursday of each month) and more. (Please note that not all features are currently available.) You will need to visit the website to create a new user account/user ID/password. Once you register, it will take about 24 hours to receive confirmation that your user ID has been linked to your Navy League member record. Once you receive your email confirmation, click on the link embedded in the email or simply use the LOGIN button located in the upper right-hand side of the portal website.

Community Affiliate members support our Council's grassroots efforts. Community Affiliate benefits include up to 4 individual Navy League memberships, a subscription to SEAPOWER magazine and annual SEAPOWER ALMANAC and recognition by our Council. If your company would like to find out more about becoming a Community Affiliate, please contact us at bcnavyleague@gmail.com.

The Council appreciates the support of our community affiliate.

Ship Supply of Florida

10800 NW 103 St Ste 1, Miami

On November 4, the Broward Veterans Coalition Expo will take place at Broward College 3501 Davie Rd., Davie, FL 33314 in building #10 from 10 AM-2 PM. This expo had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma.

On Sunday, November 12, from 2-5 PM, Honor Flight South Florida will be holding a Virtual Honor Flight, a special event for World War II and Korean War veterans who can't go on an actual flight because of health, family or other concerns. The Florida Panthers are sponsoring the event at the BB&T Center across from Sawgrass Mills in Sunrise. Honored will be the first 150 World War II and Korean War veterans who register online at www.virtualhonorflight.org. There will be recognition for all veterans from all eras. It is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. Concession booths will be open at reduced prices. Honor Flight, military and patriotic T-shirts will be for sale. The movie "Virtual Honor Flight – A Mission of Thanks," will be shown and the 13th Army Band will perform. Speakers include Afghanistan War veteran and U.S. Congressman Brian Mast, General Raymond Odierno and Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan. More information is available at www.virtualhonorflight.org.

On November 18, the 242nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration will be held at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa, 3030 Holiday Drive, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$90 per person. For tickets and dinner selection, contact MSgt Booker Maxwell at HQ's MARFORSOUTH (305) 437-2532 / booker.t.maxwell.mil@mail.mil

NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear 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 954-389-0545 or giambronejm@gmail.com.

<p>Larry M. Ott Funeral Director</p> <p>Kraeer-Fairchild Funeral Home and Cremation Center 4061 North Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 954-565-5591 Fax 954-565-7899 larry.ott@sci-us.com</p>	 <p>BCNL Member Discount with this ad</p>
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NEWS FROM OUR SEA SERVICES



US Navy's future USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) officially started construction in a keel authentication ceremony at Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), on October 13. Keel laying is the traditional

start of ship construction. LPD-28 is named in honor of the Florida city and will be the first Navy vessel to bear the name and will be the Navy's 12th San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship. The future USS Fort Lauderdale is planned for delivery in 2021. Eleven LPD-17 ships have been delivered, the most recent being USS Portland (LPD 27), which was delivered Sept. 18, 2017. HII is also procuring long lead time material and advance procurement in support of LPD-29. Picture shows Ship's Sponsor Meredith Berger tracing her initials onto a steel plate that will be welded inside the amphibious transport ship Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28). Pictured with Berger are, from left, Howard Sparks, a structural welder at Huntington Ingalls, Capt. Brian Metcalf, the U.S. Navy's LPD 17-class program manager, and Steve Sloan, Ingalls' LPD program manager. *Story and photo from Navaltoday.com.*



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Cassandra Kintzley is a gunner's mate at Coast Guard Sector Boston. A soft-spoken and demure woman, she is also a highly skilled

shooter. Using her sharp eye and soft hand, Kintzley trains Coast Guard men and women who enforce maritime laws, and protect Northeast ports and waterways. Her delicate instructing style helps ease newcomers' nerves on the range. Kintzley's goal is not only teaching people to shoot, but to instill necessary confidence when using a weapon. Only from there, with a solid understanding of the basics, can a qualified weapons handler confidently go on to hone further skills needed to enforce laws at sea. Although now an expert weapons handler, Kintzley didn't start out a great shot and savvy firearms instructor. The Colorado native had no experience in weaponry when she joined the Coast Guard, but, upon enlisting, set her sights on becoming a gunner's mate – a rating that entails working in armories afloat and ashore maintaining weapons, ammunition, and pyrotechnics. *Story and photo from CoastGuardNews.com.*



The Marines of Alpha Co., 1st Law Enforcement Battalion conducted firing drills in preparation for their upcoming deployment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit next

June. This training introduced the Marines to the M2 Browning 50 cal. and the M249 SAW machine gun. They also maintained proficiency on the M240B medium machine gun. The drills were conducted from firing positions on the ground as well as mounted positions on Humvees. The Marines, alongside weapons training, conducted direct and indirect firing on targets at various distances during both the day and night training renditions. During the night live-fire, the Marines implemented the PVS-17 miniature night sight, a night vision optic, to enhance their ability to provide effective fire support. Familiarization with operating vehicles and weapons at night is a vital skill when in a deployed environment. The Marines' expertise on multiple weapon systems is important to mission accomplishment and success during deployments. *Story and photo from Marines.mil*



On October 12, the guided-missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) crew, families and guests gathered together at Naval Station Norfolk to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the ship's

bombing, with a wreath-laying and "Roll Call of Heroes". The remembrance ceremony honored and celebrated the 17 shipmates who perished in the attack, as well as the resolve and warfighting attitude the "Mighty Cole" continues to embrace. Deployed to the Middle East, on this day in 2000, Cole stopped briefly for refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen. At approximately 11:18 a.m., unknown to Cole security, a small boat with terrorists aboard came alongside the ship. Suddenly, a highly explosive bomb detonated alongside Cole. The explosion was so massive, it crumbled a 40-by-60 foot hole on the port side of the ship, taking the lives of 17 Sailors and injuring 39 others. Cole's Sailors courageously fought fires and flooding for the following 96 hours to keep the ship afloat. Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Rear Adm. Jesse A. Wilson Jr., provided the keynote address. The Cole's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David P. Wroe, also provided remarks. *Story and photo from Navy.mil.*

OKTOBERFEST



Council President Glenn Wiltshire, Alan Stotsky, Fort Lauderdale Council President Abuid Montes, Joey Stotsky and South Florida Area President Lynn Drucker

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