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From the Bridge

Ahoy - Mayport Navy League Shipmates!

WOW - where does the time go - another month has passed!

Your Board of Directors met 12 February for deliberations on action items and reports by the Board members. We had another wonderful dinner meeting on Thursday, 21 February with Colonel Michelsen USMC relating his work in Afghanistan to ensure the orderly and fully accountable retrograde of Marine Corps equipment. Getting it all organized, cleaned, decontaminated and flown to a sea port and then put on a ship back to the right place in the US is no small task - but one that ensures the earliest readiness for future requirements. This night we also recognized the Mayport Sea Sailor of the Year, USS Underwood - Petty Officer First Class Dmitry Spiridonov. Betty Howard and her team again gathered great gifts from local businesses which were presented in a personalize Navy binder for him. Wonderful young man who just exudes leadership and presence! Dmitry was born in Russia - and it makes you proud to be an American to know that he chose our Navy as his career!

We continue to support the luncheons that honor Individual Augmentees (IA) returning from Afghanistan and other locations around the world. The number of IAs is drawing down so our **IA Honor Luncheons** are now down to 2 per year. The next luncheon is scheduled for **11AM, Thursday, 16 May at Naval Air Station Jacksonville** - Yup - go ahead and mark your calendar for this wonderful event - more information to follow!

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As the requirement for our support of the IA Luncheons is drawing down . . .

Your Board of Directors agreed to a proposal to provide funding support for the Honors Support Team (HST) which is formed from commands at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The HST is now 15 Sailors who provide the "Honors Detail" for the internment of deceased Navy personnel who are being buried at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. This assignment requires the Sailors to be in spotless and pressed uniforms all the time while providing; the flag detail at the remains, the rifle team for the gun salute and the bugler for Taps. This requires the Sailors to have significantly increased dry cleaning costs that are not reimbursed by the government. The request to us was to help defray some of the dry cleaning costs. We are being joined by the St. Augustine and Jacksonville Councils and are looking for other supporting organizations. This agreement will be for one year to see how it works - we are ironing out the procedures with the Executive Officer at the Naval Air Station.

By the time you receive this edition of the Fleet Sheet - our Country will have made some decisions on what to do about our budget crisis. Remember, no decision is in fact a decision! Regardless of how the Congress and the Administration work this issue, the simple fact is that our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsman, and their families, will be badly impacted. The forces scheduled to deploy will simply not be ready. That equates to lengthening deployments for forces overseas (some carrier battle groups are now at 9 months - I have not seen this since the Vietnam war!). The adjustment to deployed force levels is qualified as "Acceptable Risk" - be very, very suspicious of the term! It is a mask for: We simply don't have what we need to do the job, but this is what we are sending your sons and daughters into harm's way with, anyway! As I write this, we are facing the 1 March deadline to implement the Sequestration. There is talk that some people want Sequestration to happen in order to cause a crisis so blame can be cast about - now isn't that mature thinking! On top of that, we are operating on a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires 30 March. The CR restricts funding and authorized programs to 2012 levels and does not give the Defense Department the ability to move money from one account to another. The result is that the bulk of the budget short fall then comes out of operating funds - not in-force contracts for ships, planes, etc. Breaking existing contracts removes work from a Congressional district, brings out the law suits which is more money out of the operating accounts and not going to readiness. Lose, lose, lose! On 18 May - we are supposed to reach the Debt Ceiling, yet again. Remember, we are now 5+ months into the fiscal year. The impacts of the Sequestering and other actions must be accommodated in about 6 months (vice 12 months of the full fiscal year). That makes the rest of 2012 even more ugly. Secretary of State Kerry has recently commented along the lines that until the US get's it's financial house in order, we have lost significant suasion in dealing with other countries. Our country must find a balanced way to control costs and still uphold the Constitution's mandate to provide for the defense of the Nation. Not having a National Budget for several years is simply not the way to run any organization! I urge you to be informed and let your national Representatives and Senators know how you feel about this situation and the way it is being resolved!

Help Needed

Position open for Assistant to The Fleet Sheet Editor - Call Pat Pumphrey - (904)280-0941

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In closing - your Board of Directors had the opportunity to have **Rear Admiral Baumgartner**, Commander of Coast Guard District 7 - who is responsible for our area, come **to speak with us**. The Admiral must coordinate his trip with operational matters and so is not available to be with us on Thursday, 21 March. We have approved **moving our March dinner meeting to Friday, 22 March** so that we may hear from Admiral Baumgartner. We will be hosting the Admiral with the Jacksonville Propeller Club and have invited participation from the St. Augustine and Camden- Kings Bay Councils and the active duty Coast Guard - it should be a great evening - so get your reservations in early. Social Hour will be on the Ocean Breeze patio and due to the expected attendance, we will have two very fine serving lines with several options!

See you there!

George Huchting
President - Mayport Navy League

ALS Walk - 2013

As many of you know, our Past President Dave VanSaun fought a heroic battle with ALS with his wife, Doris as his primary care giver. Dave lost his battle with ALS 17 November 2012.

For several years, our Mayport Council has joined the Jacksonville annual ALS Walk, under the banner of Captain Dave's Team, to raise funds for research to defeat this awful disease.

This year we are again joining this most worthwhile effort - Saturday, 6 April starting at Seven Bridges Grille and Brewery parking lot (9735 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32246 - by the intersection of Gate Parkway and Southside Blvd - Tinseltown Theater).
Check in starts at 8:30 AM and the walk begins at 10 AM. The walk is 2 miles among a residential area and along beautiful tree lined street. The emphasis in on the word "walk" - some of us take it at a nice stroll pace!

To register and pledge any support you should go to: alsfl.org

- Click on: The ALS Association Florida Chapter
- Left side - click on: Find a Walk Near You
- Enter Zip Code and click on; find Event
- Click on; Jacksonville Walk
- Click on: Register
- Click on Join a Team - *Hint - sign up to support our Team Captain:* ***Debbie Herrera*** *and you will find Captain Dave's Team - from there it is sort of straight forward to indicate if you are walking or a virtual walker and make a donation!*

Many thanks for your support in finding a cure for the truly awful disease! Hope to see you there!

March Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner
United States Coas Guart
Commander
Seventh Coast Guard District

Rear Admiral Baumgartner serves as Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District headquartered in Miami, Florida. As District Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean Basin including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and over 15,000 miles of coastline. In addition, the Seventh District shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to assuming command of the Seventh District, Rear Admiral Baumgartner served as the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel of the United States Coast Guard from April 2006 to April 2010. Rear Admiral Baumgartner began his Coast Guard career in surface operations and served as the Commanding Officer of USCGC POINT VERDE and USCGC PENOBSCOT BAY, as a deck officer on USCGC DEPENDABLE, and as an operations center controller for the Eighth Coast Guard District where he directed search and rescue, law enforcement and other Coast Guard operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Prior to his tenure as Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, Rear Admiral Baumgartner served as Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law, at Coast Guard Headquarters and headed the U.S. delegation to the Legal Committee of the International Maritime Organization. From 2002 to 2004, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL and as the Chief of Staff for Homeland Security Task Force Southeast, an interagency task force charged with planning for and executing Caribbean mass migration deterrence and response operations. Previous legal assignments include the Eighth Coast Guard District, in New Orleans, LA, Coast Guard Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific in Alameda, CA, and Naval Legal Service Office West in San Francisco, CA. He also served as the Chief, Inventory Management Branch at Coast Guard Supply Center Brooklyn.

Rear Admiral Baumgartner is a native of Collinsville, IL and a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he received Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Engineering and Electrical Engineering. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Orleans and a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School where he also served as an editor on the Harvard Law Review.

Birdies for Charity

Our Birdies for Charity campaign is underway!! You may donate online by visiting www.birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com and selecting **"Mayport Council of the Navy League"** as your charity.

You may also use the donation form you received in the mail recently. Please return the completed form with your donation payable to Mayport Navy League, and mail to P.O. Box 33194, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-1944.

The individual who guesses the exact number of birdies made (or closest thereto) at the 2013 PLAYERS will **win $5,000.** In addition, if you win, the Mayport Navy League will also receive $5,000. In the event of a tie, a tie-breaker question will be used to determine the winner. (Helpful hints for making your guess are located on the back of the donation form.) All monies raised in our name go directly to support Mayport Navy League.

For our Council only: The person who contributes through Mayport Navy League with a **minimum donation of $50** and who comes closest to guessing the exact number of birdies made during the tournament will win a round of golf for two on the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass – the course the pros play during THE PLAYERS!

Don't Forget: We are still selling discounted tickets ($40) to THE PLAYERS (May 6-12, 2013) good for any one day of the tournament. $25 from each ticket sold is returned to us for our youth programs.
Tickets will be available at the March Dinner Meeting – Friday, March 22nd.

Contact Patti Burger, GBBPLB@aol.com, 904-834-3784, with questions or for more information

Passing of Past Mayport Navy League President

It is my sad duty to advise you that one of our super Past Presidents of our Mayport Navy League Council - Phil Goodman - lost his battle with cancer and passed away on 16 February. A beautify Mass was celebrated for him at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach on 19 February. Please keep Phil, his wife, Betsy, and their family in your prayers and thoughts.

Calendar of Coming Events

2nd Wednesday	Every month - Monthly mixer - Culhane's Irish Pub - 5 to 7 p.m.
Mar. 5th -	Board of Directors Meeting - 4 p.m. All are welcome
Mar. 21st -	Coast Guard Night with the Propeller Club Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport Guest Speaker - RADM William D. Baumartner
April 6th -	ALS Walk - Captain Dave's Team Check in 8:30 a.m. -walk begins at 10 a.m.
April 18th -	Sailors of Year Awards Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport
April 20th -	Florida Region Nom8inating Committee Tampa at the Intercontinental Hotel
June 1st	SAVE The DATE Tickets for the Battle of Midway are available now. See information below Event will be held at the World Golf Village Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Reserved seating
June 5th	Navy League Night at the Alhambra Theater
June 20th	Casual Dinner Meeting

Battle of Midway Ticket Information

Battle of Midway Dinner - 1 June 2013 Saturday

Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, St. Augustine
Hotel room $79.00 + taxes (incl. breakfast for 2)

Tickets: O-6 and above, Civilian and Retirees - $65
Reduced prices for Active Duty E1 - O5

Mayport Point of Contact for Tickets and Reservations:
Bob Price - 904-246-9982 or e-mail: bpricex4@comcst.net

Another great patriotic evening - Working on a great Keynote Speaker!

Special Thanks to our Sponsors
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News from the Sea Cadets

The Mayport Sea Cadets had their Annual Inspection on February 23, 2013. The Annual Inspection was performed by Commander June Tillett , NE Florida 6-2, Regional Director for the US Naval Sea Cadets.

The Mayport Cadets scored a 3.527 out of 4, a vast improvement of 3.21 for 2012.

Personnel and Admin received perfect scores of 4.0.

Having received a combined score of over 3.5 the Mayport Sea Cadets received the "Certificate of Merit Award" for 2013.

Cadet Ashley Lebron & Cadet Travis Lebron were promoted this same day to PO2.

Sea Cadet Video!

The Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadets have a new video that is just great - the 10 minuet footage is amateur - the editing is professional.
Regret unable to capture the link to the right site to publish in The Fleet Sheet - have it on an e-mail that works fine - so - if you did not get this information by e-mail - send your e-mail address to George Huchting (geohuch@aol.com) and he will forward you the e-mail with the link!

Thank you for your continued support of this program that truly does make a difference!

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The Corporate Membership program is structured to help industry maintain a strategic position in front of key military, civilian defense, and homeland security decision makers. From Washington, DC programs to local events with our Councils nationwide, the Navy League can help enhance your company's brand and patriotic reputation among industry and military leaders alike.

Community Affiliate Memberships demonstrates a company's commitment to the local council and a desire to support and advance the objective and purpose of the Navy League. This membership is designed for companies whose business is primarily local rather than national in scope. Community Affiliate membership demonstrates your desire to support young people through our special youth programs and scholarships.

Council activities range from special military installation visits and ship tours or cruises to a wide variety of social events as luncheons or dinners during which members of the Sea Services are honored or presented with awards. Council members work together to foster common local interest and to promote maritime issues of national importance.

And along the way, we have a great time!

Calling all business -

Join up as Community Affiliates and
Support The Mayport Council and The Sea Services.
Community Affiliate membership is $400 per year.
Call Pat Pumphrey, 280-0941 for various levels of Corporate Membership.

Navy * Marine Corps * Coast Guard * Merchant Marine * Mayport Sea Cadets

Membership News

Mayport Council is having a membership drive in 2013! If each member could bring in a new member during the year we would once again be the largest Council in Florida. Tampa is the largest Council with over 400 members and we have 374 members as of the end of 2012.

Navy League is such a worthwhile organization; supporting the Sea Services of this great Country and representation that can make a difference where it counts.

The person who brings in at least 4 new members by June 10 will win Dinner for Two at the River Club.

Please plan to attend the **fun** casual dinner meeting in June which will be held at one of the Hangars on Base to see if you win!

The Navy Leaguer

The Navy Leaguer - published by Navy League Headquarters - has information that is more council activity focused. Due to costs of printing and mailing, The Navy Leaguer is **only published "on line."**

Here is the web site - you may want to put it into your computer's search/browser (or whatever it is called!): *http://www.navyleague.org/communications/20130117-navyleaguer.html*
You can go on line and check it out - however, we will use our e-mail listing to send along the notice that a new edition is on the web site.
HINT: if you have not received an e-mail on this subject or a couple of other e-mail on late breaking opportunities (e.g. Daytona Race Opportunity, Passing of Phil Goodman) in February - we don't have your e-mail address!

Please send your e-mail address in to George Huchting (geohuch@aol.com) and he will get it on the listing - which is **only** used for Mayport Navy League items such as the Mark Your Calendar update and reminder of events and late breaking opportunities! Your Council President controls what is put out to the e-mail listing to ensure accurate, coordinated information of potential interest to our council is provided.

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"It seems to me that all good Americans interested in the growth of their country and sensitive to its honor, should give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded to further. For the building and maintaining in proper shape of the American Navy , we must rely on nothing but the broad and farsighted patriotism of our people as a whole."

----President Theodore Roosevelt (1905)

Membership Application

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