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Ahoy - Mayport Navy League Shipmates!

Mayport Navy Leaguers - what a busy month April was - A ship return, Mayport Aviation and Shore Sailor of the Year Dinner with our Admiral Harris, the Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon and the Coast Guard Picnic - Heck, I was going to start my diet the second half of April - that just didn't happen!

Off the top - PLEASE **mark your calendar to attend our 16 May dinner which will be held at the Jacksonville Beach Museum and History Park.** Our business sponsors - Tulsa Welding and Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home - have underwritten the cost of using the museum and the old Chapel for the night - MANY THANKS for this super support! The light dinner will include wine, beer and some soft drinks and water in the price. Our keynote speaker is the wonderful Emily Lisska - the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society. She is a real treasure and resource of our local history and she is a truly engaging speaker - a wonderful "Southern Lady."

Next - a big Bravo Zulu (that is Navy signal talk for: Well Done!) to all of you who have renewed your Mayport dues ($20/year)! Your continued support goes a long way to helping us sponsor our Fleet Support activities like the No Dough Dinners, handing out US Flags to all on the pier when one of our ships returns from an extended deployment, the Coast Guard Picnic and on and on! If you have not yet renewed - please consider doing so - your support is so important to our Sea Service families!

One of our very own Chaplains was just selected for the Chaplain of the Year Award by the Military Chaplains Association - LT Karen Rector USN! Chaplain Rector is currently embarked in our Mayport cruiser - USS Hue City (CG 66) on an extended deployment. On your behalf, I have sent her a Congratulations note. Some of you met her one night at our Join Up at Culhane's. I look forward to greeting Hue City and her Chaplain upon their return to our homeport - just like we met USS Farragut this past month - again, lots of smiling faces with a sea of US Flags as Farragut came along side her berth!

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"Thank You" to all who participated as a virtual or actual "walker" on the 6 April ALS Walk - Captain Dave's Team raised over $3,300.00 to help defeat ALS and to support the victims of ALS. I had lunch with Doris Van Saun (Captain Dave's wife and caregiver) the other day and she was very grateful for your continued support of the efforts to end the ALS disease that took her husband's life this past November. Again, on behalf of Doris and myself - MANY THANKS!

ALS Walkers

The JU NROTC Commissioning Ceremony will be 2:30 PM, 4 May at Terry Concert Hall on the JU Campus - the concert hall is on the left of the main entrance to JU. Your Mayport Council presents a sword to the top Midshipman from the UNF and JU students in the NROTC program - come and see these wonderful new leaders in our Navy swear to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States as officers in your Navy! Yes - that is Derby Day - however you will be home well before Post Time!

17 May - Friday - a memorial ceremony will be held at the Mayport Naval Station Memorial Park at 1000. This ceremony is a community remembrance that 26 years ago, the Iraqi Air Force launched a missile into USS Stark while she was operating in the Arabian Gulf. The attack took the lives of 37 of our Mayport Sailors. Please consider joining the families and the Mayport community for this important remembrance! Oh, did you know: A few years ago, our Representative to the Florida Legislature, Dr. Ron Renuart, sponsored a bill that designated Mayport Road from the Naval Station main entrance to where A1A turns to go to Mayport Village as the USS Stark Memorial Highway!

Now some Operational things I would ask you to reflect upon:

Your Navy is so stressed with the mismatch between resources and assets on one hand and on the other Operational Requirements, that many of our ships are now making **9 month + deployments!** I have not seen this disastrous mismatch since the end of the Vietnam War. During the Vietnam War, we beat our ships and Sailors with simply unreasonable operational time away from home. We paid a very steep price for that in awful retention of highly qualified Sailors and in exceedingly poor material condition of ships and planes. We vowed not to let it happen again. Our government is once again underfunding both the number of ships and planes we need to meet the ever growing operational requirements as well as the resources to modernize and maintain the fleet today. I urge you to read, investigate and to communicate with your Congressional representatives and the Administration to ensure that sons and daughters of yours, your family and your friends are sent to sea with what they should have to fight and win! These truly extended deployments break families and broken families break great Sailors and we all lose! I know this country has the resources if we put them in the right priorities - or the Operational Requirements are not truly requirements!

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On the brighter side - I have recently read where our Navy is sending the Free-Electron Laser to sea as an early operational weapon. When I was still on active duty, I had a finger on some of this in the very early stages. There were several really cutting edge technologies that needed to be matured to make the laser a viable ship based weapon. They are getting there! DDG 1000 will have the power to provide the energy needed!

CNO has recently iterated that there are two main elements to effective warfighting: Preparation and Mindset.

Preparation starts with getting the right technology tested and to sea, and building ships and planes - all long lead times!

Mindset is the result of confidence in the proficiency to do the job! This requires quality time and truly realistic operational training to be able to use the new technology to fight and win - that results in Proficiency!

Proficiency breeds Confidence!

Our job as Navy Leaguers is to ensure that we understand this - educate our community and our National Leadership and press them to get it right. My 36+ years serving our Country has convinced me that this is one of our most important responsibilities!

George Huchting
President - Mayport Navy League

The "Honey Fitz" is Coming

The former yacht of several presidents -
but most notably that of John F. Kennedy who sailed aboard her and named her the "Honey Fitz" - is coming to town the week of May 9-14. The beautifully restored 93' craft will be docked at The Jacksonville Landing. The Jacksonville visit is part of a 13-stop 2013 tour of the East Coast with the final stop being in Nantucket, MA in mid August..

Home base for the "Fitz" is in West Palm Beach.
See the "Fitz" website - www.myhoneyfitz.com - for historical background, more photos, the story of its restoration, and the tour itinerary.

Also, the boat, which can comfortably accommodate 50 passengers, will set sail for a 2.5 hour river cruise on Saturday, May 11. Boarding will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 4:30. All proceeds taken in on the 11th will be donated by the boat's owner to the JMHC which will provide tickets for passage!!

The JMMS and one other local non profit, the Susan Komen Race for the Cure, are the beneficiaries of the boat owner's largesse.

The JMHC will provide a caterer for dinner during the cruise. Cost of the cruise - which serves as a major fundraiser for JMMS - per couple or an individual and a guest will be $500. Additional details will be announced in a special electronic email in a few days time. Stay tuned!

March "No Dough" Dinner

On 25 March, The Mayport Navy League hosted their first No Dough Dinner of 2013 at the Mayport USO. Over 250 sailors, spouses, and children enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner with all the fixings. Navy League volunteers were Ellie Hubert, Pat Faunt, Mike and Sean Luttrell, Patti Burger, Chuck Walker, Phyllis Scott, Marc Manor, and Charles and Susan Armstrong. The Navy League crew was assisted by Sister Kristi Draper and Elder Larre Draper from the Church of Latter Day Saints, and Narre Bassett from Navy Federal Credit Union. Narre also brought her daughters Jennifer and Tiffany to help us out.

It was a terrific evening supporting the Navy family at Mayport.

The next Navy League No Dough Dinner is 24 June. If interested in joining the Navy League Team, please contact Charlie Armstrong at charles.r.armstrong@gmail.com.

The Birdies for Charity & the Chip in for Youth

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY: For all you procrastinators out there, the deadline is at hand. To participate in Birdies for Charity – you must go to www.birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com (select "Mayport Council of the Navy League" as your charity) no later than **May 8th at 5 p.m.** to make your donation and guess the number of birdies during The Players Championship for a chance to win $5000.

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!

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

THANK YOU: The Chip in for Youth program has ended and thanks to your support, we have raised over $800 for our youth programs. This is a strong showing for our first year of participation. Thank you!!

A Thank you Note

Mayport Navy Leaguers - the following note was just received from Coast Guardsman of the Year Petty Officer Antel's wife Amber on behalf of both of them thanking us for the gift book and honoring them at our March dinner.

Dear Members of the Mayport Navy League,

Brian and I felt so honored to dine with you. Thank you for making us, and my parents, feel right at home.

Your Kindness and support has meant more than words could ever say! We have already enjoyed a few of the amazing gifts from our book and look forward to the rest of them!

Thank you for all the many things you do for our service members and their families. May all your thoughtfulness be returned to each of you tenfold. Your kindness is a treasured keepsake and will be long remembered.

With sincere gratitude for all you have done and will continue to do.

Mrs. Amber Antel

Calendar of Coming Events

2nd Wednesday	Every month - Monthly mixer - Culhane's Irish Pub - 5 to 7 p.m.
May 4th	JU NROTC Commissioning Ceremony Terry Concert Hall - JU 2:30 p.m.
May 9th - 12th	The Players Championship See page 5 for "Birdies for Charity"
May 16th	Monthly Dinner Beaches Museum & History Center

Emily Lisska - The Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society
Keynote Speaker

May 17th	Memorial Ceremony - USS Stark Mayport Naval Station Memorial Park - 1100
June 1st	Battle of Midway Dinner Tickets for the Battle of Midway are available now.
June 20th	Casual Dinner Meeting
June 24th	No Dough Dinner USO

A Really Special Mixer!

Rosanne Jameson and Bill Boydstun are hosting a Join Up Mixer at their home on 18 May in Fernandina Beach -
details will be published by e-mail.

If you are not on our e-mail listing, now would be a good time to get your e-mail address into our President -
George Huchting at: geohuch@aol.com!

Rosanne and Bill always have a fun event with good stuff to eat!

Special Thanks to our Sponsors
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News from the Sea Cadets

The Mayport Sea Cadets had a drill/training with HSM-40 on 4/12/2013. After many years of requesting simulation training time, we were finally able to get the Mayport Sea Cadets behind the helo simulators. For most cadets this was the ultimate training. Each cadet got to sit next to a HSM-40 pilot and fly the simulators. A good portion of Sea Cadets successfully landed their helo during simulation. Regardless of whether a cadet successful landed or crashed, this was one of the most talked about trainings among the cadets. HSM-40 went all out for our Sea Cadets and I could not thank them enough. Flying a "real life" simulator was right up the interest level of our future sailors who have grown up accustomed, skilled and interested in the world of video games.

At the end of our drill, we had many Sea Cadets tell their parents that they wanted to become pilots based on this training. We all know their desires and directions will change many times as they mature…..
but this was a great experience and exposures that the cadets will never forget.

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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.

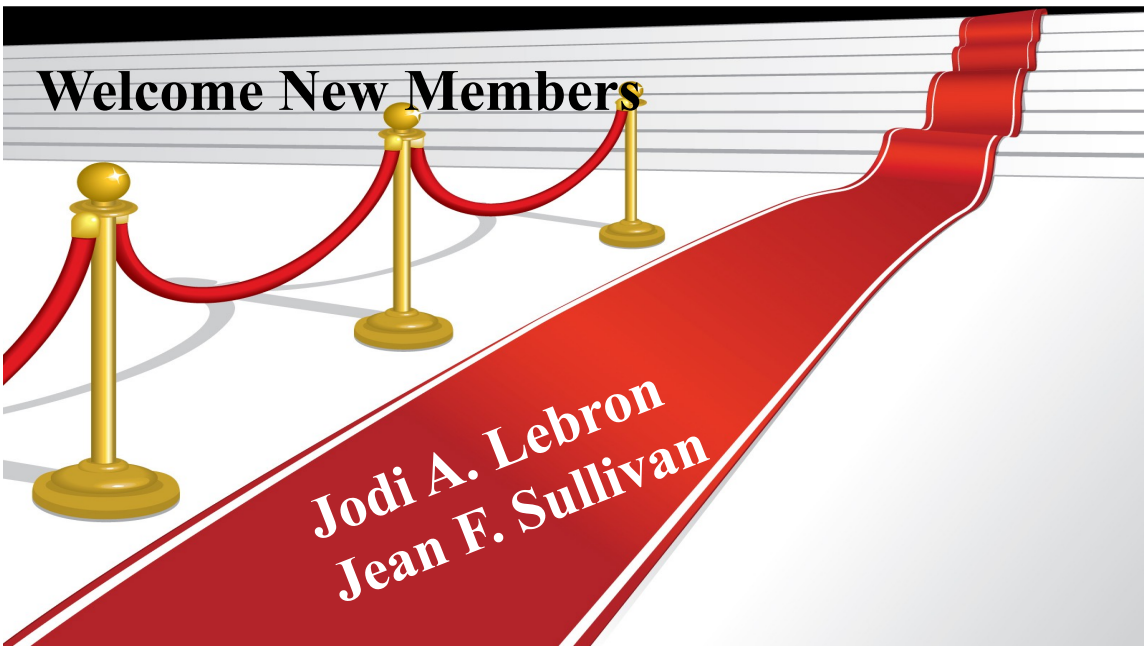
Navy * Marine Corps * Coast Guard * Merchant Marine * Mayport Sea Cadets

Membership News

Folks - We **NEED** you to renew your membership -

Robert & Kathryn Lowenthal - lapsed January, 2013
Robert E. & Ruth M. Murphy - lapsed February, 2013
Karen & Norman Turnbull - lapsed February, 2013

Don't miss out on all the fun activities of the Mayport Council.
And, please continue to support our Sea Services!



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----President Theodore Roosevelt (1905)

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