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From the Bridge

Ahoy - Mayport Navy League Shipmates!

Hard to believe that the first half of our Mayport Navy League 2013 Council year has past - however we have had some great events and June was no exception.

June started with the annual Battle of Midway Dinner - this was the 71st anniversary and we had a spectacular event at the Renaissance Hotel at the World Golf Village! Over 650 people attended including a Medal of Honor Recipient, 11 Midway Veterans, 10 Prisoners of War, including two Filipinos who survived the Bataan Death March, and 17 Wounded Warriors! It was a truly wonderful evening, made possible the generous support of our sponsors - see their listing in this edition of the Fleet Sheet. One of the most important things that the sponsors make possible is the reduced cost for active duty members - so important to enabling them to attend this type of event. **I would also like to thank those who donated the funding to allow us to be able to provide tickets and hotel rooms to the Wounded Warriors - many brought their spouse and it was a wonderful "Date Night!"** Your Mayport Navy Leaguers make it all come together - and they would love to have you join the team - any and all talent is welcome!

14 June was the annual "Battle of the Ribs" held at the Mayport Navy Exchange - some "Right Fine Ribs!" $7 got a huge serving of Ribs, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans + a soft drink at the USS Roosevelt's Chief Petty Officers stand. The competition was fierce. The top prize went to the Mayport Chief Petty Officers Association ribs - must have pooled a lot of talent!

20 June was our informal dinner - this year we did a Luau theme and Ocean Breeze out did themselves! Tables were set with brightly colored napkins and the weather allowed us to have drinks on the patio. When we came back into the main dining room, the roasted suckling pig was on the table and ready for carving - and it was super! Our keynote speaker was the Commanding Officer of HSM 40 Commander Scott Walsh. His helo squadron is bringing the new SH 60R helo into the fleet. Great discussion - no slides - and he brought two of his student pilots. They had just been promoted to LT (jg) that day, so we also had a "wetting down" drink for them!

21 June - Friday evening - HSM 40 Flight Simulator and SH-60R demonstration.
Eight Mayport Navy Leaguers and 4 Cadets, from our adopted NJROTC unit at Terry Parker High School, were hosted at the HSM 40 hanger and training facility - they tried on flight gear, got to "fly" the simulator and got to see the new SH-60R helo powered up! A super "hands on" followup to the Thursday dinner - Great time was had by all - and the NJROTC cadets had a ball! Many thanks to Rick Costner for setting up the Thursday - Friday events and to HSM 40 for their superb support! Bravo Zulu!

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22 June - Saturday AM - Dennis Stokowski arranged a **tour of the German submarine tender and submarine** at the Mayport Naval Station - the report I got was that it was a great event. Living in that submarine gives new definition to the term "close quarters!" Many thanks, Dennis, for making this happen!

24 June was our **second No Dough Dinner at the Mayport USO** - our Charlie Armstrong rounded up the "Working Party" to make that event run smoothly and we fed 264 active duty personnel and their families. Great Support - Many Thanks!

The **Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon** will be **Thursday, 18 July form 11 AM - 1 PM at Ocean Breeze.** You, along with Morris Busbia GEICO Insurance, Navy Federal Credit Union and Tulsa Welding School, make this special recognition possible for the honored Sailors stationed at the various commands on the Mayport Naval Station. Come sit with them, and members of their command, and see what outstanding young professionals are our Navy today! Contact Bob Price to ensure we have a seat for you!

A few changes about things on the Naval Station Mayport:

Starting 1 July - the Navy will no longer be requiring a base decal on your car to enter the Naval Station - this is a Navy wide change. Please note - they will be doing spot checks for registrations and insurance.

Entry to the base is now based on proper Identification and approved access. If you are traveling with someone who has a proper ID, you will still need a government issued ID (drivers license, etc.) to get through the gate. If you do not have a valid military ID - or are not traveling with someone who has the proper identification you will need to obtain a MWR Pass - the forms are new and can be obtained by Navy League Members from the MWR office - contact Sandra Barrett. See the article in this edition of The Fleet Sheet. This information was also sent out by e-mail on 8 June!

Now - about the Visitor Control Center at the main Mayport Naval Station gate: due to sequestration, the pass office will be closed on Fridays starting 12 July through 27 September. Hours of operation will be Monday - Thursday from 6:30 AM until 2:30 PM. We have to wait and see what the funding for FY 2014 (Starting 1 October 2013) provides. This information was provided by e-mail on 13 June.

Now - some things about our Navy that occurred this month!

<u>New DDG-51 Class Ships.</u> The most efficient way to buy something you know is the right thing and is in production is to do it with a fixed price, incentive, multi-year contract - and that is just what the Congress has authorized the Navy to do for the DDG-51 guided missile destroyers! On 3 June, the Navy awarded Huntington Ingalls, Inc., Pascagoula, Miss., a $3.3 billion contract to build five (5) DDG-51 class ships - one each in fiscal year 2013 - 1017 and a companion contract to the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine for $2.8 billion to build four (4) DDG-51 class ships - one each in fiscal year 2013 & 2015 - 2017. Note: It takes about 4+ years to build one of these ships. These contracts will allow for the two shipyards to combine requirements and execute bulk buys of steel, propulsion equipments, etc., and the Navy to buy the combat system components with major economies of scale! Huge savings and major efficiencies over the 2013 - 2017 time frame and 9 new major surface combatants for our Navy!

George Huchting
President - Mayport Navy League

June No-Dough Dinner - Great Fun!

The Mayport Council sponsored their second No Dough Dinner of 2013 at the Mayport USO on 24 June. Navy Leaguers Clark and Lauretta Gaylord, Mike Lutrell and Donna Raulerson, Lou Federici, Brian Kennedy, and Charlie and Susan Armstrong served up a summertime menu of hamburgers and hot dogs to 264 active duty sailors and dependents.

The crew was assisted by Sea Cadets Sean Lutrell and Gabby McDonald.

Also pitching in was Naree Bassett from Navy Federal Credit Union along with her daughters Jennifer and Tiffany.

And several volunteers from the Church of Latter Day Saints, led by Sister Kristi and Elder Larry Draper also contributed to the effort.

The next Navy League No Dough Dinner will be 30 September 2013.

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Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner

The Mayport Florida Council hosted the 16th Annual Battle of Midway Commemoration dinner event at the Renaissance Hotel, World Golf Village in St Augustine on June 1, 2013. The annual event honors the Midway survivors who typically travel from great distances like Michigan and Texas to attend. This year, there were 11 Midway Veterans among the more than 650 people in attendance, which is considered the largest Midway celebration nationally. Other notable heroes in attendance were 2 Midway Veteran Widows, Medal of Honor Recipient Robert Ingram, 9 former POW's, 15 Wounded Warriors, and numerous Navy participants from the Normandy Invasion among other WWII battles. The event also recognized Veterans from the Korean War, Vietnam War and the current war on terror.

The guest speaker for the event was Admiral William Gortney, Commander, Fleet Forces Command, who discussed the similarities between the bravery displayed by these special Veterans during the Battle of Midway to the heroics of the servicemen and women now servicing in conflicts abroad. Admiral Gortney also provided a "State of the Navy" by providing an overview of the current operations and how our brave warriors are doing more with less and continue to bring the fight to the enemy. Following Admiral Gortney's discussion, a special memento was presented to each Veteran in a very emotional ceremony as each biography was read.

Other highlights of the event was a special Full Service Color Guard presentation by members of the 6 services (including Merchant Marine), a very moving ceremonial presentation of the 6 person POW/MIA table by these same service members, the introduction of the 2 Midway Veteran Widows, reading Robert Ingram's Medal of Honor Citation, reading a short biography's of the Midway Veterans and former POW's and recognition of the Wounded Warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan that were in attendance. The entire audience gave numerous standing ovations. The evening concluded with 12 year old Faith Miller singing Lee Greenwood's song "God Bless the USA" that capped a very emotional and patriotic evening.

The 17th Annual Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner to celebrate the 72nd Anniversary of this great historical battle will be held on June 7, 2014 using the same venue. The Battle of Midway Committee consisted of John Vargo, Sandra Barrett, Bill Dudley, Bill and Betty Howard, Karen Turnbull, Bob Price, George Huchting, Roseanne Jamison, Dane Baird, Bill McLoughlin and Dennis Stokowski. *(More photos on color insert or online at* http://www.mayportnlus.org*)*

Special Thanks to our Sponsors for the Battle of Midway Dinner - 2013 It was a GREAT Success!

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Tour of a German sub - U32 - hull #(S182)

Mayport Council members toured the FGS U32, submarine on Saturday, June 22nd.

Special Thanks !

Special thanks to Cynthia at US Flag Supply and to Greg at J & G Gifts and Awards for their help in making the Battle of Midway Dinner a success.

Cynthia helped us with the big US Flag, bunting and Welcome fans that are now part of our standing decorations.

Greg helped us with the custom name plates for the Lone Sailor statues given to the Midway Veterans..

Again - many thanks to Cynthia and Greg!

Calendar of Coming Events

2nd Wednesday	Every month - Monthly mixer - Culhane's Irish Pub - 5 to 7 p.m. Continues all Summer
July 18th	Sailor f the Quartr Luncheon Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No Monthly Navy League Dinners - July & August

Enjoy the Summer

Sept 29th	Monthly Mayport Council Dinner Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport Cocktails at 6 p..m. Dinner at 7 p.m.
Oct 17th	Monthly Mayport Council Dinner Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport

Annual Chinese and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars -

Our Annual Chinese and Silent Auction will be at our October Monthly Mayport Council Dinner.

Planning is now underway -

Contact Karen Turnbull, Chairman if you have items to donate.
904 614 3056

Our members make this an Annual Success!

Sea Cadet & NJROTC Scholarships

On Thursday, 30 May, President George Huchting presented the Mayport Navy League Terry Parker High School NJROTC Scholarship check to Cadet Lieutenant Commander Jordyn McCullough at the Terry Parker High School Seniors Honors Night.

On Saturday, 1 June, George presented the Mayport Navy League 2013 Sea Cadet Scholarship check to Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jesse Moniz in front of the Mayport Sea Cadets during their Saturday training session.

Both recipients were truly pleased and grateful to the Mayport Navy League for the support to their future education - and they sent a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to our Navy Leaguers!

Thank you for helping us support and encourage our future leaders!

News from the Sea Cadets

The Mayport Council Sea Cadets are on summer break and are attending advance training.

They are spread out all over the country .

We should have detailed information on their training in the September Issue of The Fleet Sheet.

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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.
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Individual Augumentee Luncheon

Left to right -

Bill Dudley -
Sergeant Feliz -
Diane Feliz -
Colonel Michelsen -
Captain Shaffer -
Guest Speaker
Captain Sanders -
CO, NAS

We had a first at the IA Luncheon in May.
We got the Blount Island Command included as they got ordered out of their unit and forwarded just like the Navy IAs.

The Marines honored were -

SSCT Hecker and his wife Ashley
SGT Ordinola and his wife Jazmin
SCT Nichols and his wife Victoria
SGT Morales and his wife Megumi
SGT Feliz and his wife Diane

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----President Theodore Roosevelt (1905)

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