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From the Bridge

!Ahoy, Mayport Navy Leaguers

Hope you all have had a great summer so far - as we head into the last 3 months of the hurricane season - don't forget to continue to keep a weather eye out and be prepared. We are lucky here - we get good advanced warning and a chance to move ahead of a storm - unlike those who have to live with fires and earthquakes. Continue to be prudent!

Looking at the calendar for the rest of the year, I noted it is time to start the 2014 election cycle for our Mayport Council. I have asked Mike McGrath (Past National Navy League President) to chair the 2014 Nominating Committee and he has accepted. As you know, the Nominating Committee is composed of 5 members - the Chair, two members from the current Board of Directors and two members from the general membership. At the 6 August Board of Directors meeting, Dennis Stokowski and Brian Kennedy volunteered to serve as the Board representatives. I am working on identifying the two members from the general membership and will have the final Board promulgated by e-mail shortly. The schedule is to have the Nominating Committee submit their proposed slate at the October Board meeting (1 October) and, if approved, publish the proposed slate of 2014 Officers and Board of Directors in the November edition of The Fleet Sheet for all to consider. We will vote on the slate at the November Dinner, which will feature Congressman Crenshaw as our Keynote Speaker. Instillation of the new Leadership Team will be at the January 2014 dinner.

Your Mayport Navy League Council does a lot of great things that help our local Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen - and that work is truly a pleasure - made possible by your membership and the active participation of members. Those who not only Chair an activity, but also, participate in making the event happen, could really, really use some help. I ask that you please consider joining in either the leadership of an event or in participating in the events. We have worked hard to ensure that there are at least two people who "Lead" an event so that no one is working something alone - always have a "back-stop" to help share the load and fill in. Please let one of the Nominating Committee know of your willingness to participate and the area of your interest. Contact:

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Next - our Membership numbers are continuing to drop!

Your membership is our most important asset - the talent and participation that makes things happen for our local Sea Service personnel and their families is a direct reflection of your membership. You should be very proud of what your Mayport Navy League membership accomplishes.

Please talk about your Navy League and your Mayport Council to your friends and the people you meet along the way. Wear a Navy League Logo shirt or pin - people will ask what it means - the other day I was in the elevator at UF Health and a lady asked me about the Navy League logo on my shirt - turns out she was a former Hospital Corpsman and had never heard of the Navy League - you bet she had an application when she stepped off the elevator! About that same time, I was on base and someone asked me about the Navy League. When I walked out of the office, I had her check in hand - many thanks Katie (you know who you are!). Wearing the logo is one thing - also keep an application in your wallet, purse, briefcase. There is an application on the back of each copy of The Fleet Sheet - cut if off and put it where you will have it to pass on. The adage "Strike while the iron is hot!" really applies here.

I am including a copy of the talking paper that we use in leading discussions with retiring or separating Sailors. The Talking Points paper is divided into two parts - the first highlights a few of the things your Navy League does nationally and the second portion highlights things that your Mayport Navy League Council does locally. Please use it as background when you talk with people - specifics help and if you have participated in the activities, your passion will come through. Also - invite them to join a monthly dinner, a ship homecoming, a No Dough Dinner at the USO, the Coast Guard Picnic. Getting a new (or older) member involved is the really best way to keep them involved and supporting the Sea Services!

The Budget Battle. The budget facing the Sea Services (and all of DoD) remains critical and the situation does not seem to be moving to a satisfactory solution. A recent "multi-think tank" study talks about decommissioning 2 or 3 Aircraft Carriers - this is that serious. The existing force of Aircraft Carriers is truly hard pressed to make commitments, do the required maintenance on the nuclear power plant and the rest of the ship and conduct the essential training and certifications in order to make their next deployments. While some actions in Congress have allowed reprograming of funds so that some cancelled maintenance can be done - it was all delayed, has to be re-planned and re-started - and that is this year. 2014 is going to be worse and the Sea Services need our support. Please keep abreast of these issues and contact your Congressional Representative or Senator as you deem appropriate to express your concern and press for proper and stable funding for our Sea Services - and for our Armed Forces!

In closing - our next Dinner will be 19 September at the Ocean Breeze Conference Center on the Mayport Naval Station. This is our Youth Programs Focus Night. We will have a 15 minute presentation from each of the JU NROTC, Terry Parker High School NJROTC and our Sea Cadets. The last 15 minutes is reserved for our new Mayport Commanding Officer - Captain Wes McCall. This is a great opportunity to see what our next generation leaders are doing and to meet our new Mayport Commanding Officer!

George Huchting
President - Mayport Navy League

New Ships Coming to Mayport

We have received notice that three Patrol Craft (PC) will change home port from Norfolk, VA area to our Mayport Naval Station.

Effective Dates (actual arrival dates are not yet available):

1 September - USS Shamal

1 November - USS Zephyr and USS Tornado

While these are small ships with a crew of about
4 Officers and 24 Enlisted, their arrival here will be an important factor in stabilizing the industrial base workforce that supports out ships.

Each PC has a fairly significant work package to be accomplished after joining the Mayport community.

Dates for Next "No-Dough" Dinners

30 Septembder - Navy League "No Dough" Dinner - Mayport USO

9 December - Navy League "No Dough Dinner - Mayport USO

Sea Cadet News

Mayport Sea Cadets
Embark in USS Farragut for In-port Training!

This summer with the support of Commander Destroyer Squadron 14, USS Farragut (DDG 99) hosted five of our Mayport Sea Cadets for 5 days of training from 22 - 26 July, while the ship was conducting an extensive maintenance and modernization industrial availability.
The Sea Cadets (two female and 3 male) were able to participate in various shipboard activities, including Shiphandling Simulator training, Search and Rescue drills and swimmer training, duty section drills, Engineering Light Off Assessment and Engineering Watch Standing, Main Propulsion space fire drills, Preventative Maintenance and Damage Control Petty Officer Training, Combat Information Center familiarization and Material Zone Inspections. If lugging their sea bag of uniforms aboard and climbing up and down ladders was not enough to ensure physical fitness, the Sea Cadets also participated in a mock Physical Readiness Test.
Since the ship was in a major industrial availability, Farragut has a "Berthing Barge" alongside for berthing the crew and for training and administrative functions. The Sea Cadets were provided Stateroom berthing in the berthing barge during their stay.
The training was superbly coordinated by Farragut's LT Jim Gensheimer. To a person, our Sea Cadets were truly happy with this training - an great opportunity to see their Navy in a totally different environment!

Many thanks to CDS 14, Commanding Officer, USS Farragut and the Farragut Crew for making this a Super Summer Sea Cadet Training event!

NAVY FIRST!

Unmanned Combat Aircraft make first landing on an Aircraft Carrier
In the June edition of The Fleet Sheet in the From the Bridge article, you read where the Navy made the first launch of the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) on 14 May from the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush.
Getting them in the air is one thing - getting them back on deck is quite another and that was done on 10 July when the Navy recovered the UCAV on to the deck of the same aircraft carrier! There is a long way to go on getting this system fully operational, however completing these "firsts" was a major step forward in this new technology that allows the Navy to take the fight to the enemy without having to put an aircrew in harms way! Well Done, USN

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

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Holiday Pops - Sunday - 15 December 2013

HOLIDAY POPS

Times Union Center

300 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida

Sunday, 15 December, 2013

Navy Band Windward Brass Concert at 2:00pm in the River Foyer

Holiday Pops Concert, 3:00pm, Jacoby Hall

With your Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Michael Butterman, Conductor

Mayport Navy League Benefit Concert.

Tickets we sell benefit Mayport Navy League efforts to support local Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen

Benefit Ticket Price: $25

Contact **Bill Cosnotti, 904 356 0426** at the Jacksonville Symphony stating you are with Navy League or Active Duty

Free for Active Duty in Uniform (with ID)

And their immediate family

Bring a new unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive and receive a voucher for two (2) free Symphony tickets for a subsequent performance!

Calendar of Coming Events

1st Tuesday of each month - Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Sept 3 - Board eeting
Queens Harbour - 4 p.m.
All members are welcome!
2nd Wednesday of each month - Monthly Mixer
Sept 11 - Mixer - Culhane's Irish Pub - 5 to 7 p.m.
Sept 19 - September Mayport Council Dinner
Youth Night
Mayport Sea Cadets, JU NROTC, Terry Parker JNROTC
New Mayport Naval Station CO - Capt. Wes McCall
Sept 30 - No Dough Dinner
Mayport USO

Oct 1 - Board Meeting
Queens Harbour - 4 p.m.
Al members are welcome!
Oct 9 - Mixer - Culhane's Irish Pub - 5 to7 p.m.
Oct 17 - October Mayport Council Dinner
Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS
See page 8 for details
Nov 14 - November Dinner - Rep Ander Crenshaw - Guest Speaker
Save the date
Dec 15 - Holiday Pops
See page 6 for details

Save the Date - October Dinner Meeting - Silent Auction

FALL SILENT AUCTION:

You will not want to miss this!!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 17th, for our Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser. You will have the chance to bid on lots of great items –

including a round of golf for two at TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course, home of The Players – a $900 value.

There will be wonderful food available – including two carving stations with beef and turkey, shrimp and smoked salmon. It will be a fun evening and a great way to support your Mayport Navy League.

Your Auction Committee is working with sponsors to reduce the cost of the dinner -

More to follow!

Fourth Fleet Fifth!

On 11 July, Fourth Fleet marked the 5th Anniversary of their reestablishment with a very informative discussion panel on Fourth Fleet missions and accomplishments during the 5 years since their reestablishment and home-porting here in Mayport. Rear Admiral Sinclair Harris, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/Commander U.S. 4th Fleet led the panel discussion group consisting of Rear Admiral Charles D. Michel, USCG, Deputy Commander USCG Atlantic Area, former 4th Fleet Commander Rear Admiral (Ret.) Victor Guillory, former Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Rear Admiral (Ret.) James Stevenson, and 4th Fleet Political Advisor Lance Hegerle.
Highlights of the panel discussion revealed that Fourth Fleet, participating with European and Western Hemisphere partner nations, conducted Operation Martillo (Spanish for "Hammer") which in 2012 resulted in:

144,606 kg of cocaine seized
25,052 pounds of marijuana seized
$3.5 Million in cash seized
339 individuals detained
106 assets seized
3 semi-siubmersibles sunk or seized

Our Mayport ships and Sailors were part of this ongoing operation - let's hear if for the "Hammer" - Operation Martillo - and Fourth Fleet!

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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

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 Debbie Herrera, (904) 288-1901 for various levels of Corporate Membership.

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Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon - 18 July 2013

HSL 48

USS Farragut

Photos above are from SOQ Luncheon on 18 July. Mayport Navy League attendees were: Denise Campbell (Navy Federal Credit Union), Tulsa Welding School) Steve Showalter (Tulsa Welding School), Debbie Mullinax (new member), George Huchting, Mike McGrath, and Bob Price. Photos are of USS Farragut & HSL-48 awardees and their supporting shipmates.

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----President Theodore Roosevelt (1905)

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