

February Joint Meeting with Port Manatee Propeller Club

Captain Greg Case, USCG, was the featured speaker for our 2014 joint meeting with the Port Manatee Propeller Club. 65 people gathered at the Sara Bay Country Club for an excellent Italian Buffet Dinner and an interesting presentation of the activities of US Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg. The Sailor of the Quarter award was presented to the Coast Guard Station Cortez Sailor of the Quarter-Petty Officer 3rd Class Colin Gordon. The station Executive Petty Officer, BM1 Ekahi Lee read the citation and Captain Case presented the award.

Captain Case assumed command of Sector St. Petersburg October 2013. St Pete is one of the Coast Guard's largest commands, with an area of responsibility encompassing over 370 plus nautical



USCG Station Cortez Sailor of the Quarter Colin Gordon, Boatswain Mate First Class Ekahi Lee, and Captain Greg Case

miles of coastline along Florida's west coast. The Sector's five multi-mission small boat stations, four patrol boats, two aids to navigation cutters and one

aids to navigation team have responsibility for four primary operational missions: Search and Rescue; Maritime Homeland Security; Law Enforcement (including drug and alien smuggling, fisheries and other living marine resource regulations, and boating safety); and Waterways Management (including aids to navigation.). Each year St. Petersburg personnel conduct, on average, more than 2600 rescue cases, assisting more than 7000 people and preserving property valued at 39 million dollars. The integrated Coast Guard team that carries out the Group's operational missions is comprised of 340 Regular Military, more than 220 Reserve Military, 4 Civilian, and over 200 Auxiliary personnel.

March Dinner Meeting of Sarasota-Manatee Council

The March Dinner Meeting was held at Sara Bay Country Club on March 20, 2014. Our guest speaker was Rear Admiral Steve Branham USCG (Ret). He was accompanied by his wife, Susan Phillips. Admiral Branham gave a very informative power point presentation of the activities of the Coast Guard 7th District headquartered in Miami and responsible for South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and the Caribbean. While District 7 Commander he commissioned the USCGC Crocodile which we have adopted. Coast Guard District SEVEN's area of responsibility (AOR) covers South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean, encompassing over 1.8 million square miles of ocean. Due to its strategic location the AOR is a "target rich" environment for aircraft and sea-borne vessels, including those involved in illegal human trafficking



Rear Admiral and Mrs. Steve Branham USCG, with Former WWII SPAR Dorothy Kurtz

and drug smuggling, District SEVEN conducts over 10,000 law enforcement boardings annually. Admiral Branham's presentation was informative and very interesting, and included still- and video-footage of Sector's units conducting interdiction operations

against smuggling operations. Several of those interdictions involved the use of force. The Officer in Charge of Crocodile BMCS Buddy Gilbert and his wife were our guests. We were also pleased to have attending a World War II SPAR, Dorothy Kurtz who is a member of our Council.

John W. Osterweil, philanthropist and council benefactor, was honored with the Navy League's 2013 "Scroll of Honor." Mr. Osterweil, a long-time supporter of our military, was presented the award in recognition of his fund-raising efforts in support of the Earl Fowler Memorial Golf Tournaments that we've conducted over the past eight years, and for his numerous other contributions to our council and its charitable causes.



...from the Council President

a time to celebrate, reflect and look forward

On May 6th and 7th our council will have a first-of-its-kind opportunity to raise funds to support the good things that we do. In partnership with the Community Foundation of Sarasota, we will participate in the *2014 Giving Challenge*, an on-line fundraising effort. The Challenge will be held from noon, May 6th until noon, May 7th and will allow donors to give and designate funds **to our council**.

As you know, we support a variety of good causes: Our active duty personnel at Coast Guard Station Cortez and aboard the cutter *Crocodile*; scholarships and other recognition for deserving high school students; support for the DeSoto Young Marines and the Venice Middle School Young Marines; sponsorship of the *Maritime Eagles* Sea Cadets, and more. But those efforts require significant funding, and the *Giving Challenge* will offer us an opportunity to raise money for all of those projects.

The *Challenge* will be a 24-hour, on-line event, during which donors can make contributions (\$25 minimum) to our council by credit card. Those contributions will be tax-deductible, and donors will receive a receipt via email. And local foundations are contributing \$660,000 in matching dollars and grant incentives to “get the ball rolling”! We will be sending out more information on this in the weeks to come, but in the meantime I hope you’ll do a few things to help us get ready for this event:

- Check out the Giving Challenge web site at www.givingpartnerchallenge.org/
- Mark your calendars for the event: noon, May 6 thru noon, May 7th.
- Talk up this event to friends and relatives who might be inclined to support our efforts financially, and encourage them to participate with us in May. **Help us get the word out!**

Thanks in advance for your help on this.

Tim Rocklein



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GOALS

- Educate national leaders and the nation.
- Support the men and women of the sea services.
- Provide assistance to sea service families.
- Support youth programs.

Check Out Our Council’s New Web Site!

We’re proud to announce that we’re moving into the 21st century with our very own Council web site. For the past several weeks our Vice President Treasurer, Jerry St. Germain, has been working diligently to bring our site on-line and he’s done a terrific job.

Our site, www.navyleague-sarasota-manatee.org, is state-of-the-art and allows us to give our members (and potential members) access to any of the relevant info they might need: From a photo gallery, to info on our supported units, upcoming events, links to other Navy League-related sites, and MUCH more. The site contains a trove of useful information.

Thank you, Jerry, for all the time you’ve taken to make this valuable asset a reality! And again, it’s:

www.navyleague-sarasota-manatee.org

Please give it a look.

March Dinner Meeting *continued*

Accompanied by his wife Leslie, John graciously accepted the award, and recounted for the members his first dealings with retired astronaut Neil Armstrong, who went on to become one of John's closest friends. Regarding his appreciation for the award, he later stated, "I feel so honored being in the presence of all of you who spent your lives in the service of our nation, long days, long nights allowing me to live in a free society. So I am the one saying thank you"



Council President Tim Rocklein, John and Leslie Osterweil

Coast Guard Cutter Crocodile On Patrol



USCGC CROCODILE

CGC CROCODILE recently wrapped up a 9 day Key West patrol in which CROCODILE served on the front lines in the nation's fight against illegal drug and human trafficking. Although the trip was all business, the crew did find one day to explore the historical Fort Jefferson which is located on Tortugas National Park. Fort Jefferson is a civil war era fort constructed of brick and includes several cannons and a moat that encompasses the entire fort. Tortugas National park is located approximately 70 NM west of Key West. As I currently type this story, CGC CROCODILE is back underway for another operational patrol. My wife and I certainly enjoyed and appreciate the dinner we attended last week in which the retired D7 Admiral gave a very informative and educational brief on the happenings in District 7. As always we on board the CROCODILE appreciate all you all do for us on a daily basis and can't thank you enough for your wonderful support.

*Semper Paratus.
Thank you,
BMCS Buddy Gilbert
Officer in Charge
CGC CROCODILE*

Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) National President Gene Poteat presents Rear Admiral Donald P. Harvey, USN (Ret), with Citation for 26 Years of Exceptional Leadership and Support

The Florida Suncoast AFIO Chapter was honored to have AFIO National President Gene Poteat, choose its February Chapter meeting for this presentation. Rear Admiral Donald P. Harvey, USN (Ret) is the former head of ONI – Office of Naval Intelligence, (July 1976 – August 1978). He followed RADM Bobby Ray Inman's term (September 1974 – July 1976) as head of ONI. Don also is the Former President of AFIO National 1987-89; and is the former Chairman of the board 1989-91. And both Don and his wife, Debbie, spent many years – decades – during and after his AFIO service years to assist the association with speakers, donors, events, and venues. He wrote many articles in the 1980s for AFIO's Periscope and National Military Intelligence Officers (NMIA)'s American Intelligence Journal. AFIO has presented him with several awards for a lifetime of service to the nation.



Rear Admiral Harvey and AFIO President Poteat

North Port High School NJROTC News

North Port High School's NJROTC went to their final drill meet of the season on the 18th of February. It was held at Gaither high school in Tampa.



**Commander Bartek and
Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade
Nathalie Argueta**

The cadets proceeded to do their best and did a fantastic job at the drill meet. They brought home a trophy for color guard but unfortunately did not qualify for states. North Port High School is proud of the cadets that were able to go and participate. At the end of the day, the unit went home with a stronger bond than before.



NJROTC Field Meet

NJROTC Change of command took place at North Port High School, March 5th. The cadets saw who was chosen to receive new positions for the new

school year. Chosen as commanding officer was Johnathan Meise, and chosen as executive officer was Jonathan Howell.

A few more cadets were also promoted. Cadets Nathalie Argueta, David Escobar and Ashley Troutman received the ranks of Lieutenant Junior Grade, Lieutenant Commander and

Senior Chief, respectively. The rest of the unit Change of Command is scheduled to happen on a later date.

North Port High School's NJROTC

unit had the prestigious honor of being invited to a luncheon, hosted by the Saramana Chapter of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution. C/Lieutenant Junior Grade Nathalie Argueta had submitted an essay in late January to the Society's essay contest. She was one of four cadets who received a medal and ribbon, and the only one from North Port to do so.

The afternoon began with a Call to Order by the Society's President, Vic McMurry. A Color Guard, led by Color Guard Commander Chuck Barrett, was brought forth and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. After the S.A.R Pledge and America's Pledge was recited by all, the introductions began. A new member was introduced, and a small performance was made by guest speakers Kevin Connelly and Bill Schustik.

Finally, the time came to announce the cadets who were to be presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals. These were given on behalf of notable services on behalf of the American principles. Each cadet went up with their instructor, who was also given an award certificate, for pictures.

c/Lieutenant Commander David Escobar

Venice Middle School Young Marines News

On Friday night, March 21, the Venice Middle School (VMS) Young Marines held a Promotion Ceremony at 6 pm. The entire unit of three platoons (about 80) was formed smartly in the VMS Gym in crisp fatigues. Over 100 parents were in attendance. Major Mike Dubrulle USMC (Ret) made initial announcements and the Colors were presented with the National Anthem. A short video depicting VMS YM activities was shown after which promotions were presented to those YMs who had earned them.



Venice Middle School Young Marines Formation



Venice Middle School Promotion Ceremony

At the end Board Member Al Burda presented the 2014 Outstanding VMS Young Marine Award to YM Corporal Pamela Zavala. The entire unit camped out on the VMS grounds that night.”



Al Burda congratulates Young Marine Cadet Corporal Pamela Zavala

Venice High School MCJROTC News

This past weekend Venice High School MCJROTC unit went on their end of the year trip to Myakka State Forest and Fort Desoto. At Myakka we camped out for a night and did a practice run for the orienteering competition the next day. They trained tirelessly at their campsite so they could dominate their competition the next day. At the campout, students navigated trails

throughout the forest and had fun with team building exercises, like the “spider web.” Teams were segregated by ability and experience with orienteering. The competition was individual but the competitors were also able to place as teams. Two Venice teams placed 2nd and 3rd in the yellow course. Cadet Colonel Adams and Cadet Captain Barnes both placed individually taking

1st and 3rd respectively. This is Venice MCJROTC’s first year competing in the orienteering sport. We are proud of the effort and accomplishments. Cadet Adams is presently in first place for Florida male competitors. Adams will finish the season during April, in Orlando at the annual State Championship.

COMING EVENTS

Please Mark your calendar for the following Council events planned for the upcoming months. Some dates are tentative and details are in the works:

April 16, 2014 Luncheon Meeting 11:30/12:00 AM at Plantation Golf and Country Club to recognize JROTC Outstanding Cadets and Scholarship Awards. Our speaker will be Captain Kevin Kenney, USN the Commanding Officer of the University of South Florida (Tampa) NROTC Unit.

May 21, 2014 Dinner meeting at Bird Key Yacht Club to Honor Naval Aviation. Our speaker will be Vice Admiral Mark Fox, USN - Deputy Commander, United States Central Command. 6PM. Cocktails, 6:45 Dinner. Members of Military Officers Association of Sarasota have been invited to join us for this dinner.



VADM Mark Fox, USN

Vice Adm. Mark Fox assumed responsibilities as Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command in early September 2013. A native of Abilene, Texas, he was commissioned in June 1978 upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy and designated a Naval Aviator in March 1980. Fox has spent the majority of his operational

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Coming Events continued

career deploying to, and operating in, the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, having commanded U.S. Naval Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces (2010-2012); Carrier Strike Group 10 aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) (2008); Carrier Air Wing Two aboard USS Constellation (CV 64) (2001-2003); and Strike Fighter Squadron 81 aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) (1995-1996) in the region. Additionally, he served as Communications Division Chief and spokesman for the Multi-National Force – Iraq (MNF-I) in Baghdad from 2006-07, where he worked extensively with coalition partners.

Other command and executive leadership assignments include service as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5) in Washington, D.C.; Commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nev.; Deputy Assistant to the President and, Director, White House Military Office (WHMO); responsible for overseeing all military support to the President; commodore of the Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Lemoore, Calif.; and, service as the first commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 122, the Navy's first FA-18E/F Super Hornet squadron, in Lemoore.

Shore tours include: duty as the Deputy Director of WHMO; service as the Aviation Programs Liaison Officer in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C.; joint duty

as the maritime plans officer at Supreme Headquarters; Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau, Belgium; Aide and Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare - OP-05); a tour as the Light Attack/Strike Fighter junior officer detailer in the Naval Military Personnel Command; and as an A-7E Corsair II instructor pilot in Attack Squadron 174.

Fox has flown over 100 combat sorties, logged over 4,900 flight hours and 1,348 arrested landings on 15 different aircraft carriers. Military awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal with gold star, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two gold stars, and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat 'V'.

June 18, 2014

Dinner Meeting to recognize our Sea Service Academy appointees and ROTC scholarship awardees.

For the rest of the year – here is the MASTER PLANNING SCHEDULE

Month	Day & Time	Proposed Theme	Prospective Speaker	Venue	Coordinated or Joint Event?	Other Considerations/ Color Guard
APRIL	16th Lunch	JROTC and NFA Scholarships (Change to Youth Programs Month)	Capt. Kenney, OIC USF NROTC Unit	Plantation G and CC	VHS MCJROTC NPHS NJROTC Sea Cadets Young Marines	Joint Color Guard
MAY	21st	Navy Air/ Marine Air	VADM Mark Fox, Deputy Commander US Central Command	Bird Key Yacht Club		Sailor of the Quarter
MAY	26th	Memorial Day Parade	N/A	Downtown Sarasota		
JUNE	19th	Sea Service Academy Appointments & NROTC Scholars	Rep. Buchanan?	TBD	Joint with USNA Alumni Assn?	Color Guard
JULY	TBD	Informal Lunch	TBD	TBD		
AUGUST	TBD	Informal Lunch	TBD	TBD		
SEPTEMBER	17th	Navy Surface/Subs	CNO?	TBD		Sailor of the Quarter?
OCTOBER	15th	Navy Birthday	TBD	TBD	USNA Alumni Assn; Tin Can Sailors?	
NOVEMBER	?	Golf Tournament	TBD	TBD	NA	Joint Color Guard
NOVEMBER	19th	Marine Corps Birthday	TBD	TBD	Young Marines And MCJROTC;	Marine Color Guard
DECEMBER	?	Council Officer and Board Induction	TBD	TBD	NA	NA

SARASOTA-MANATEE COUNCIL

Navy League of the United States

Monday, April 16, 2014 – Plantation Golf and Country Club

Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 AM

To Recognize and Honor our Navy and Marine Corps JROTC Cadets

Speaker: Captain Kevin Kenney, USN. Commanding Officer,
University of South Florida NROTC Unit

Menu

The “Panther Deli Buffet” sandwich buffet offers Black Forest ham, roast beef, turkey breast, sliced assorted cheeses, lettuce, tomato, onion and dill pickles, bakery fresh breads and rolls. Condiments include: Mayo, mustard, horseradish, banana peppers, oil and vinegar and red and green pepper rings. Also offered: Pasta salad, cole slaw, potato chips and an assortment of cookies. Coffee, tea and fountain drinks will be provided. Cash bar available

Directions to Plantation Golf and Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd, Venice, FL 34293
Phone: 941 497 1479

From Interstate 75 Southbound – Use exit 193 (Jacaranda), proceed South to the third stop light (Center Road), turn left (East) proceed to second stop light (Rockley Blvd), turn right (South) Club facilities will be 1 mile on your right. From US 41 (By-pass) Southbound – Turn left at the Perkins Restaurant in Venice onto Center Road and follow that to Rockley Blvd. then turn right. Plantation will be 1 mile on your right.

Make your reservations soon. Bear in mind that our Council pays for the luncheons of our guests, the cadets and their families. Consider sponsoring one or more guests in addition to your own reservation. If you cannot attend the luncheon, consider sponsoring a guest. Please clip and mail this form with your check (payable to Navy League) to Nel Rocklein 622 Magellan Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243-1014. Late reservations or cancellations by phone: (941) 756- 0304, or email: tarocklein@aol.com. No shows or late cancellations, no refund.

If you need assistance getting to and from the dinner – please contact Alex Morris (941) 378-5598. We will endeavor to find someone to provide transportation.

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Member’s Name(s)_____

Guest’s Name(s)_____

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IN MEMORIAM

John H. KOACH (Jack)

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