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**SARASOTA – MANATEE COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE
JANUARY-MARCH 2018**

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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING



On Wednesday night October 25 at Bird Key Yacht Club, the Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League and the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association jointly celebrated the US Navy's 242nd Birthday and the 172nd Anniversary of the founding of the US Naval Academy. In attendance were nearly 60 members from both organizations and guests including four cadets from the North Port HS Naval JROTC Color Guard. After Council President Dennis Turner called the meeting to order, the Colors were presented by the Color Guard and the Invocation read. USNA Alumni Assn. Florida Suncoast Chapter President Al Burda read a short celebratory welcome and Birthday wishes to the US Navy and the US Naval Academy. After a sumptuous meal the audience was informed about the state of the US Navy by CAPT Chris Petrock USN from CENTCOM who was introduced by Council Board Member John Osterweil. CAPT Petrock's presentation was highly informative and heartening at a time of a high operating tempo and multiple threats all over the world. After the presentation, the Birthday Cake was cut by RADM Don Harvey USN (ret) and NJROTC Cadet Derek Thame (oldest and youngest). At the conclusion, USNA Alumni assembled for a group photo. In all a great celebration!

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING



The Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League and the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association jointly celebrated the 242nd Marine Corps Birthday on Wednesday night November 15 at Bird Key Yacht Club. In attendance were over sixty Council and Chapter members and guests including youth and adult representatives from the Venice Middle Young Marines, Imagine School Young Marines and DeSoto Young Marines. And Venice High School Marine Corps JROTC. President Dennis Turner called the meeting to order and the colors were presented by the Venice High School JROTC Color Guard. After dinner, LTGEN Joseph Osterman USMC, Deputy Commander of Special Operations Command, addressed the assembly with an encouraging presentation directed at the young people in the room about serving our Country. After his speech Staff Sergeant Jim Hawkins USMC (ret), a veteran of both WWII and the Korean Conflict amazed everyone as he spoke about how a Bible he had in his jacket in Korea saved him from a from being killed in Korea. He displayed the Bible with the bullet hole in it. Incredible! Later Hawkins, as the oldest Marine cut the Marine Corps Birthday Cake with a Young Marine, the youngest Marine present.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

On the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, the Council held its annual meeting to elect and install Officers and Board Members at Bird Key Yacht Club. After President Dennis Turner called the meeting to order and members pledged the Flag and invocation, a light lunch was served. After lunch Nomination Committee Chair Craig Harvey announced the slate of nominees which were all unopposed: President Dennis Turner, First Vice President Martin Donner, Secretary Jeannine Rusch and Treasurer Jerry St. Germain. Board nominees were Steve Bartek, Roger S. Betts, Al Burda, George "Bo" Hamrick, John Hanna, George Hofmann, John Osterweil, Carol Pearson, Giles Pearson, Richard Petrucci, Tim Rocklein, Peter Ross and Mark Soss. The nominated Officers and Board were elected unanimously. Following the election, the Officers were installed by Chaplain Al Burda. Officers are pictured below as are Board members who were present.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 12th Annual Earl Fowler Golf Tournament was held on November 9, 2017 at beautiful Waterlefe Golf and Country Club in Bradenton. Over 60 golfers played and prizes were awarded. Golfers included Council Members as well as guests and crew of our sponsored and supported units. Here are a few photos from that day including the winners and the NPHS Color Guard



Dear Navy League Members & Friends:

I hope that everyone had a Happy Hanukah, a great Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year. It is an honor to be your President for the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the Navy League. I would like to thank all the Council Officers who have helped immensely in making 2017 a productive year regarding the common cause of our great organization. I also want to thank all the Navy League members that supported the Annual Earl Fowler Golf Tournament which was a success in November, hats off to Tim Rocklein who steered us in the right direction. We will continue to support our sea services members and families as well the youth organizations, to include Young Marines, Sea Cadets, NJROTC and MCJROTC. Without all the support these programs would not be able to survive. How fortunate to have such generosity from those that devote endless hours to our Council. There are so many that assist behind the scenes to make our Council as good as it is; with that said, we can always use more help. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at our next event in February.

Thank you.
Dennis Turner, President

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 15 Naval War College Presentation on National Security Issues—Bradenton Yacht Club
- College February 28--Dinner at Bird Key YC (see flyer)
- March 28—Dinner at Bird Key YC
- May1-2 – Giving Challenge!

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!!

We are thankful for cash donations to the Council to support our JROTC Units at Venice and North Port High Schools, USCG Cortez, USCG Cutters TARPON and RESOLUTE, SEA CADETS, YOUNG MARINES

AND SPEAKING OF DONATIONS...

We will be participating in the Community Foundation of Sarasota's Giving Challenge from Noon on May 1 to 11:59 AM on May 2. The Patterson Foundation will match your donations up to \$100. "Be the One" who makes the difference. Watch for details in the next Anchor Line.



NAVY LEAGUE Of the United States

VISION STATEMENT

The Navy League of the United States will be the preferred resource for the education of the United States Congress and the American public on our sea services.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Navy League of the United States is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the people and their government that the United States of America is maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and United States Merchant Marine

GOALS

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

SARASOTA – MANATEE COUNCIL 2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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John Hanna
George Hofmann
John Osterweil
Carol Pearson
Giles Pearson
Tim Rocklein

*National Director & President of Florida Central Area.

** National Director Emeritus

Membership

We have 130 Council members on board as of end of 2017

NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTED AND SUPPORTED UNITS

USCG CUTTER RESOLUTE



On November 6, 2017 Sarasota-Navy League President Dennis Turner awarded USCGC RESOLUTE Sailor of the Quarter plaques to Petty Officers Irizarry and Pritt. After which the RESOLUTE deployed for 30 days on patrol

MARITIME EAGLES SEA CADETS Raffle Winner

Cadet Michael Salazar presents raffle winner Doug Herrin (seated) with a frame picture collage of Normandy Landing Signed by servicemembers who made the famous D-Day landing. The picture was donated by Mr. John Osterweil. The raffle earned the Sea Cadets \$4,200 towards their own trip in June of 2019



VENICE YOUNG MARINES

On October 12 Sarasota Manatee Navy League Council members Jerry St. Germain and Al Burda attended an assembly of the Venice Middle Young Marines at Venice Middle School to celebrate the 242nd Birthday of the U.S. Navy and to celebrate the 52nd Birthday of the Young Marines. All 140 Venice Middle Young Marines were in attendance as was school Principal Dr. Karin Schmidt and Unit Commander Major Michael DuBrule USMC (Ret) and other teachers in the Young Marine program. The Young Marines were assembled in ranks smartly in crisp fatigues. As is the custom in the Marine Corps, the Senior Marine cuts the Birthday Cake with a Mameluke Sword and serves the youngest and the oldest Marines in attendance. Major DuBrule cut the cake and all the Young Marines and invited guests shared in the celebration. Al Burda gave Major DuBrule a check on behalf of the Sarasota Manatee Navy League Council.



FLASH! THIS JUST IN!

On Thursday, February 15th, two professors from the Naval War College, Dr. David R. Stone and Dr. Richard J. Norton, will address the Sarasota - Manatee Council of the Navy League on national security issues at the Bradenton Yacht club (NOT Bird Key).

The first presentation will begin about 10:30 AM in the BYC main dining room. Following the presentation, lunch will be available. The second presentation will begin after lunch.

Attendees may attend one or both presentations at no charge, and lunch is optional. The public is invited.

More info will be coming soon. In the meantime, please save the date, and plan to attend.

Questions? Call Tim Rocklein at 941-756-0304



**SARASOTA-MANATEE COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S.**

**--- Special Event Program/Luncheon ---
Open To The Public**

Presented By The U.S. Naval War College Foundation

**Thursday, February 15, 2018
Bradenton Yacht Club**

Guest Speakers:

Dr. David R. Stone, Ph. D.

Professor, Strategy & Policy, U.S. Naval War College

“Russia and the U.S. – The View From the Kremlin”

10:30 – 11:30 AM

**Optional Lunch Buffet
11:30 - 12:30**

Dr. Richard J. Norton, Ph. D.

Professor, National Security Affairs, U.S. Naval War College

“U.S. Aircraft Carrier Vulnerabilities”

12:30 – 1:30 PM

RSVP’S REQUIRED

Need Directions? Have Questions? Late RSVP’s? Contact Tim at timrocklein@aol.com, or 941-756-0304

Please complete, clip and mail the form below, with your check payable to “Navy League”, to:
Tim Rocklein, 622 Magellan Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243, to arrive no later Tuesday, February 13.

----- Clip here, and mail to arrive by Tuesday, February 13, 2018-----

Number of Attendees _____

Number of Luncheons @ \$20 (includes gratuity) _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Donation to support Council programs or luncheon guest(s) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED\$_____



FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER
USNA ALUMNI ASSN.
SARASOTA-MANATEE COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE of the U.S
Joint Dinner

Guest Speaker RADM Steve Horton, JAGC, USN (Ret)
Will Speak on Recent USN Ship Collisions in the Pacific

Wednesday February 28th, 2018 at the Bird Key Yacht Club
301 Bird Key Drive, Sarasota FL

Need Directions? Contact Tim at 941-756-0304 or at Timrocklein@aol.com

5:45 PM Social Hour - 6:30 PM Dinner

Menu

House Salad

Choice of:

Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Mushroom Shallot Cream Sauce, Smashed Redskins and Haricot verts

OR,

Grilled Swordfish, Casino Butter over Almond Basmati and Haricot Verts

Both with

Rolls and Butter Crème Brulee Coffee and Tea

Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine and Mixed Drinks Will Be Pay-at-the Door (Tickets) Cash or Check Only
NON-DINERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND HEAR RADM HORTON'S REMARKS AT NO COST

Our Council pays for dinner guests so please consider sponsoring one or more guests even if you cannot attend.

LATE RESERVATIONS? CALL TIM AT 756-0304 NLT FEBRUARY 26 AND PLAN TO PAY AT THE DOOR. WE CAN NOT ACCEPT WALK-UPS FOR DINNER

Please complete, clip and mail this form with your check to arrive by Saturday, February 24

Number of **February Dinner** Reservations.....@\$35.00....\$ _____

Donations to support guests or Council programs.....\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Member's Name(s) _____

Pork

Swordfish

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Guest's Name(s) _____

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Send check payable to "Navy League" to: Tim Rocklein, 699 Manatlan Drive, Sarasota, 34242

to arrive by February 24, 2018