

Members Enjoy Holiday Party and Member Meeting at Gold Coast Eagle Distributing 2014 Board Members and Officers Elected



Sarasota-Manatee Council Officers and Directors for 2014

The annual members' business meeting was held on Wednesday evening, December 4th, at the Gold Coast Eagle Distributing facility at Lakewood Ranch. During the business meeting members unanimously approved a change to the council bylaws and elected the 2014 board of directors and council officers. The board and officers were then sworn in by RADM. Donald P. Harvey, USN(RET).

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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.

Following the business meeting, members socialized for much of the evening in the Tasting Rotunda, enjoying an array of beverages, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Nearly 70 were in attendance, including several special guests: John Power, the current VP, and Peter Langley, past president of the U.S. Navy League Council from Levante, Spain; over 20 active duty Coast Guard members - and several of their spouses - from our sponsored units, the USCG Station Cortez, and the USCG Cutter *Crocodile*; Colonel John W. Saputo,

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...from the Council President

a time to celebrate, reflect and look forward

The holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving and Hanukkah have passed (on the same day, November 28th) and Christmas and New Year approach. Many of us will get wrapped up—no pun intended—in the season’s events, whether shopping, giving, celebrating or just over-indulging. I trust you and yours will enjoy these times, but also ask that you keep our service men and women, and our merchant mariners, in your thoughts and prayers as you go about your holiday routine. Many thousands of our fellow citizens are serving away from friends and family again this season, protecting us and our way of life. They will be missed and we wish them all a safe return when their missions are complete.

Yet again this November, Jerry St. Germain and his volunteers—headed-up by Larry Balok—planned and executed another *hugely successful* fund raiser, the Eighth Annual Earl Fowler Memorial Golf Tournament at the Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club in Sarasota on November 6th. CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry and his committee and thanks to all who supported and/or participated. The weather was great, some folks played some *exceptional* golf, and prizes were awarded to the top two foursomes. Golf was followed by a terrific dinner, a Chinese auction and a silent auction, chaired by Fran St. Germain & Nel Rocklein, and I think it’s safe to say that everyone had a great time. Please remember in 2014, when we’re looking for support for the **9th** Annual Tournament, that these events are our main fund-raiser each year and raise the revenue we need to do our charitable work. **Thank you** to all who made this event such a success, *especially* Jerry St. Germain!

We also celebrated the U.S. Marine Corps 238th Birthday and recognized USCG CROCODILE Sailor of the Quarter Petty Officer Jared Loeven during our November dinner meeting at Bird Key Yacht Club.. Colonel Eric Thomas USMC from the Marine Corps component of Central Command was our guest speaker and Sergeant Richard Bonelli USMC, a combat-wounded veteran of the USMC Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, a unit that made a heroic “last stand” near the Chosin Reservoir, holding out

against a vastly superior (in numbers) Chinese army force was our guest of honor.



Colonel Eric Thomas and Sergeant Richard Bonelli



USCG CROCODILE OIC Senior Chief Gilbert and Petty Officer Second Class Jared Loeven

Finally, at our December 4th member business meeting held at the Gold Coast Eagle Distribution facility, the membership elected the officers and board members for 2014. For the most part those positions remain unchanged, with the following exceptions: Marty Donner will replace Jerry St. Germain as the 1st Vice President & Operations, and Jerry will assume duties as Vice President, Treasurer & Club Liaison from Larry Balok. We thank Larry for the years that he’s spent tirelessly accounting for our funds. Finally, we’ve added two new members to the board, Stephen Moore and Peter Ross, and welcome them. Also on the agenda was an amendment to our bylaws, providing for our officers and board to be elected and installed in December of each year, in accordance with national Navy league requirements. The amendment was passed with a unanimous vote.

Enjoy your holidays. 2013 has been a very good year for our council and we look forward to even greater successes in 2014!

Tim Rocklein



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VISION STATEMENT

The Navy League of the United States will be the preferred resource for the education of the American people and their government that 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 American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea 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 and women of the sea services.
- Provide assistance to sea service families.
- Support youth programs.

Holiday Party and Member Meeting *continued*

USMCR, proprietor of Gold Coast Eagle Distributing; and Hugh Shields, Gold Coast Eagle's Marketing Manager.

A fine time was had by all, and we owe a special

"Thanks" to Col. Saputo, who provided his facility to our council at no cost, and to Mr. Shields, who served as our "go-to-guy" and bartender! Thank you, Gentlemen!



North Port High School NJROTC News

The time came again for North Port High School NJROTC unit's 10th Annual Military inspection. Held on December 4th, 2013, the inspection took place in the gym. The unit was inspected by Commander Davis, who came from Port Charlotte High School. Assisted by c/Petty Officer 1st Class Ashley Troutman, Commander Davis went around and asked each cadet a few questions about their school life.



Cadet Commander Devon Poulos



Cadet Ensign Jonathan Howell

The inspection went off without a hitch, and so, the unit proceeded to the football field. Alongside Commander Davis, Commander Bartek and Master Sergeant Jones, were Principal David Jones and Assistant Principal Tomas Dinverno. Led by c/Commander Devon Poulos, the NJROTC unit managed to impress, once again, with their impeccable togetherness. The presentation of the Color Guard was led by c/Ensign Jonathan Howell, with

cadets David Escobar, Jerome Pittman and Marcus Perez. C/Ensign Howell was also the commander for the Armed Drill Team demonstration.

At the end of the Armed Drill Team demonstration, came the procession of the unit. Split into three platoons, each

cadet marched in unison and showed nothing but prestige. With the end of the Annual Military Inspection, a sense of success rang throughout the unit. Marching off of the field, the NJROTC unit did nothing but impress.

Venice High School MCJROTC News

In early November, the MCJROTC Raiders started their trip to Molena, Georgia for Raider Nationals. The cadets enjoyed the ride singing and watching movies and having a great time (they slept most of the way back home!). Saturday morning, the day of the competition, the cadets woke up early to prepare for the meet. The competition included five events: the rope bridge, gauntlet, obstacle course, and cross country rescue (CCR). Most of the cadets enjoyed the CCR which was a mile long obstacle course that consisted of an eight foot wall, a low crawl in a mud pit, a vault over obstacles, and a fifteen meter low crawl under caution tape. Todd Park commented "It was very exhausting mentally and physically" but the CCR was still his favorite event out of the



*Venice HS
MCJROTC
Honor Guard*

five. Also Channing Kracke, the only girl on the team, agreed that the CCR was her favorite. She added that the whole team bonded and that they are closer as a team now and that this competition is one thing she will never forget.

The next week the MCJROTC celebrated the Marine Corps 238th birthday at the Ramada Inn in Venice. The honor guard and color guard performed with excellence. This year our oldest cadet was Cadet Master



MCJROTC MGSgt Soodak, Cadet PCF Couturier and Cadet LTC Adams. Adams accepts Marine Corps birthday cake from Gen McIlmoyle



Venice HS MCJROTC Color Guard

Gunnery Sergeant Alex Soodak and our youngest was Cadet Private Cody Swearingen. The guest speaker, United States Air Force Brigadier General (ret.) Gerald McIlmoyle spoke about the Cuban Missile Crisis, during which he served as a U-2 pilot and was awarded

the Distinguished Flying Cross. After his speech he was presented with a baseball signed by Venice High School's baseball team (the state champions) in appreciation of his electrifying speech.

Finishing out the year, all our cadets marched in the Holiday parade on

Venice Island. The color guard led the parade along with the American Legions. Around every corner we were greeted with applause and shouts of gratitude marching through the parade. All of our cadets proudly marched in the parade.



Naval Sea Cadets –Maritime Eagles News



On a beautiful early Saturday the Sea Cadets of the Maritime Eagles unit began to arrive. Our very special friends at Everglades University have made sure we have a great place to build ROBOTS. Sea Cadets are not sure what they are in for, but they move into the building and classroom with a curious desire to make their Saturday an adventure, and it was

a great adventure. As the instructor, I was amazed at how 8 cadets, who just might fall asleep on you, if you're not careful, we're building robots and actually learning.

Imagine 4 engineering "jobs" and now imagine two sets of 4 cadets each taking responsibility for their portion of the build. Electrical, Mechanical, Structural, and Systems Engineers in the making, cutting, drilling, soldering, and screwing, oh my! At the end of the day we had two fully built robots for underwater exploration.

Next step is to launch our robots and go under water for ballast testing and adjustments. Once we are fully operational, we will do a job for the Coast Guard Aux., like inspection via robots of the underbelly of their ships, hopefully sending images back to my iPad for use in evaluating



NSCC Instructor Russell instructs Maritime Eagle Sea Cadets



NSCC Instructor Russell with Maritime Eagle Cadets and their robot

the situation, whatever that might be.

Stay tuned as we build more robots in the future and as we report back to you on our inspection results. Maritime Eagles Sea Perch program is in full swing! Tired, but satisfied.

Instructor Jamie Russell

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:

Jan 15, 2014 Dinner Meeting Bird Key Yacht Club. We will focus on US Special Operations Command. 6 P.M. Cocktails, 6:45 Dinner

Feb 19, 2014 Joint dinner meeting with Propeller Club of Port Manatee at Sara Bay Country Club. We will focus on Merchant Marine. 6P.M. Cocktails, 6:45 Dinner

For the rest of the Year and for your advanced planning, here is the Master 2014 Meeting Calendar

Are You Artistic?

Maybe You Can Help Us Design A Council Challenge Coin

Challenge coins are small coins or medallions that bear an organization's insignia or emblem. Traditionally, they are presented by organizations—often military related—in recognition of special achievement or as a token of visits to the organization. The challenge coin from the Pensacola Council is shown below.

Our council is considering obtaining our own unique challenge coin to be used to recognize those who contribute to our council, such as guest speakers, or others who deserve special recognition, such as Coast Guard Sailors of the Quarter. The cost of the coins is nominal, at about \$3.75 each.

The Navy League Ship Store will design our coin logo at no additional charge, but we're soliciting ideas to give to the Store as a starting point—a design that will best represent our council and recognize the areas we serve. If you have any ideas as to how our logo and coin should look, or better yet, if you're artistically-inclined and would like to submit a finished design, we ask that you help us out on this. Those who contribute to the final design will be recognized by.... you guessed it: Presentation of one of our new custom challenge coins!

Please send any ideas to our council email, nlsarasota@gmail.com, or phone your suggestions to Tim Rocklein at 756-0304.



Month	Day & Time	Proposed Theme	Prospective Speaker	Venue	Coordinated or Joint Event?	Other Considerations/ Color Guard
January	15th	Special Ops	SOCOM	BKYC	NO	
February	19th	Merchant Marine	Capt Case, CO Coast Guard Sector St. Pete	Sara Bay CC	Propeller Club	
March	19th	Coast Guard	RADM R.S. Branham, USCG (Ret)	TBD		Sailor of the Quarter?
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	22nd	Navy Air/ Marine Air	TBD	TBD		
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?	Sailor of the Quarter
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 - NLUS
January 15, 2014 – Bird Key Yacht Club
6 p.m. Cocktails - 6:45 p.m. Dinner
To Honor the Special Operations Command

Menu

SMALL CHEESE DISPLAY WITH CRACKERS

GOURMET SALAD: WHITE BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE CHOICE OF:

CHICKEN MARSALA

Or

TOP SIRLOIN STEAK

Both with

Twice-Baked Yukon Gold Potato Broccolini

Rolls & Butter

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

TEA & COFFEE

Directions to Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Drive, Sarasota Fl 34236, Telephone 953-4455: From Downtown Sarasota – Go West on John Ringling Blvd. (SR 789) across the Ringling Bridge. Turn left at Bird Key Drive. Go past gatehouse about 400 yards. Yacht Club is on the left.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. Bear in mind that our Council pays for the dinners of our guests and speakers. Please consider sponsoring one or more guests in addition to your own reservation. If you cannot attend the dinner, you might 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. Late reservations (or cancellations) by phone: (941) 756- 0304, or email: nelbr141@aol.com, and pay at the door. No shows or late cancellations, may not receive a 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.

----- Clip here, and mail to arrive before Monday, 13 January 2014-----

Number of dinner Reservations.....	@\$34.00	\$ _____
Mixed drinks	@\$8.00	\$ _____
Beer.	@\$7.00.....	\$ _____
Wine.....	@\$7.00.....	\$ _____
Soda.....	@\$3.00.....	\$ _____
Donations to support Council programs		\$ _____
Donations to sponsor guest(s).....	@\$34.00	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed \$	_____

	Steak	Chicken
Member's Name(s)_____	()	()
Guest's Name(s)_____	()	()

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

(Remember to "update" your 2013 ROSTER with the following additions & changes)

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JROTC Units, USCG/CORTEZ,
USCG Cutter CROCODILE, SEA
CADETS, YOUNG MARINES,
Council Support and Navy
League Guests:
Steve BARTEK
Roger BETTS
Cliff BERMANN
Tim & Nel ROCKLEIN
JPete ROSS
and all the participants in
the "Pot of Gold" drawings

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Please remember to send your renewal dues at least two weeks before their expiration date. Include your ID# which is on your Sea Power Magazine address label. If you have any recent changes in your ROSTER information, please contact Jerry St. Germain at (941) 492-6266 or gtgermain@comcast.net. The Anchor Line is now being mailed quarterly only. Events are being emailed/snail-mailed between publications. Note that our Navy League email address is nlsarasota@gmail.net It is being used for all messages updating information received between our "quarterly" Anchor Lines sent to you. Those 25 who do not have computer email are sent "snail mail" first Class typed notices.

ATTENTION TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE: If you have any questions about the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the NAVY LEAGUE or request a membership application and/or dinner meeting reservation, please call June Moore, Vice President, Membership at (941) 388-3118 or email junegemini@earthlink.net



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Eighth Annual Earl Fowler Memorial Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual Earl Fowler Golf Tournament was held at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club on November 6th. We fielded 63 players including teams from Coast Guard Sector St. Pete, Coast Guard Station Cortez and Coast Guard Cutter Crocodile. First place was won by a foursome comprised of Marty Jones, Mike Chandler, Mike Melenik, and Doug Manning with a score of 56. Second prize went to: Jim Stufflebeam, Jamie Beyerlein, Tim Akin, and Ken Brickse with a 57. The Coast Guard Challenge was won by Station Cortez with a team of: Senior Chief Travis Park, BM2 Bradley Galloway, and MK3 Anibal Martinez. It was a beautiful day for golf and a fun time was had by all. The day concluded with a great roast prime rib buffet and a Chinese Auction of more than 50 items. Financially it was a great success netting a profit of over \$17, 300. We thank all the participants, volunteers and especially our sponsors and donors. Please see the website for additional information regarding our sponsors and donors. There are some pictures there as well. **Please patronize the businesses of our sponsors and donors.** This tournament provides most of the funding for our program for the year and it wouldn't be a financial success without them. The website is: www.navyleague-sarasota-manatee.org.