

# NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

F O R T L A U D E R D A L E C O U N C I L

March 2024



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6 PM, hosted at the esteemed Lauderdale Yacht Club. We highly encourage each member to bring along a guest to share in the

evening's festivities.

We are particularly honored to announce that Captain Dennis Neutze, USN (Ret), will grace us with his presence as our esteemed guest speaker. Your attendance would not only be appreciated but would also contribute greatly to the success of the event.

Reflecting on our recent February 21st dinner gathering, held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, we were truly delighted to witness such a remarkable turnout. Your presence underscores the vital role each member plays in enriching our organization, and for that, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

During our previous gathering, we had the privilege of hosting Senior Harbor Pilot, Captain Sam Stephenson, J.D., USCG Master Mariner, whose captivating narratives of his experiences as a Harbor Pilot and military service in the Coast Guard left a lasting impression on all attendees. His inspirational journey serves as a beacon of motivation for us all.

While our focus remains dedicated to the Sea Cadet Building Fund Capital Campaign, which is diligently spearheaded by our Board of Directors and Council members, we humbly yet enthusiastically urge your continued support. Your contributions towards the future of our youth are invaluable, and we encourage participation in our ongoing fundraising efforts. The opportunity to leave a lasting legacy through our brick campaign remains open, and we welcome your involvement.

We once again extend our invitation to all members to join us on Tuesday, March 19th, for what promises to be a memorable evening. Your presence is eagerly anticipated

at this special event. For those interested in volunteering, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the board.

Warm regards,

“Non Sibi Sed Patriae!”  
(Not for self, but Country)  
Abiud “Abi” Montes  
President Fort Lauderdale Council  
Navy League of the United States



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**GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR MARCH 19TH DINNER MEETING  
CAPTAIN DENNIS NEUTZE, JAGC, USN (RET)  
BGO SOUTH FLORIDA AREA COORDINATOR  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY**

**America Strikes Back: The Doolittle Raid**

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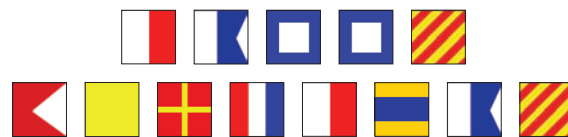
**MEMBERSHIP**

To join and maintain membership in a Navy League council, an individual must be a member in good standing with the Navy League of the United States. It is incumbent upon the member to maintain current national membership.

From page 2-10 of the Navy League of the United States Operations Manual revised November 6, 2021:

“II.D.6. A council may establish local dues or membership fees as it may deem to be appropriate but such dues or fees must be in addition to, not in lieu of, the national dues.”

**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES  
FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL  
MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



Lynn Atkinson Drucker	3/4	Peter Apol	3/19
Shirley Castro	3/12	Jose Mendia	3/22
Bob Hogg	3/15	Gary Pirtle	3/24
Mike Lanpolsaen	3/15	Michael Ryan	3/25
Marilyn Gari	3/17	Dennis Neutze	3/30
Joan Kovac	3/18		



**NAVY LEAGUE of the UNITED STATES  
FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL**

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**GENERAL DINNER MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

*at the*

**LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB**

1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

**6-7 PM Cocktails • 7-9 PM Dinner & Meeting**

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**Guests \$45 per person**

**Admittance by reservation only.**

# America Strikes Back: The Doolittle Raid

Join us for a special presentation by  
**CAPT Dennis Neutze, JAGC, USN (Ret)**

**Navy League Fort Lauderdale Council Dinner Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6 PM**

Lauderdale Yacht Club

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**LTJG Rosa Ryan, USNSCC**  
**Commanding Officer**

## **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** **U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division**

February was an active month for our Sea Cadets. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we were honored to have Captain Tina Pena, USCG, Chief of Staff, USCG District Seven speak to our Cadets about her amazing career in the Coast Guard. On the February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> weekend we had our Wilderness Survival Bivouac at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. Cadets learned about water purification, building shelters and first aid. We were thrilled to have 5 USCG Rescue Swimmers from USCG Air Station Miami teach the Cadets about their careers. A Coast Guard Helicopter did a fly-over off Fort Lauderdale Beach and performed a simulated rescue at sea for the benefit of the Sea Cadets. They hovered over the surf and hoisted up two of the rescue swimmers into the helicopter. They then lowered the swimmers



*Captain Tina Pena, USCG*





## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division continued

back down to the rescue raft. It was an exciting demonstration, and the Cadets learned a lot about careers in the Coast Guard. The weekend was lots of fun and included Night Operations and cooking s'mores over a campfire. Bravo Zulu to the Staff and Cadets for making the weekend a great success.





## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division continued

On February 17<sup>th</sup> we had a special Celebration for Mike Ryan. The EMT's from the City of Davie Fire & Rescue, who saved Mike's life after his cardiac arrest last summer, surprised Mike by presenting him with a "Re-Birth" Certificate. The EMT's then gave the Cadets hands-on instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The celebration continued with





## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division continued

Mission BBQ for lunch. It was a very emotional and joyful day!

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, our Sea Cadets attended our Council Dinner Meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club to present the colors, mingle with council members and active-duty military guests, enjoy a delicious dinner, and learn about the inspiring career of speaker Port Everglades Senior Harbor Pilot Captain Sam Stephenson.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> we had all “Cadets” on deck, in their dress uniforms, for our Annual Personnel Inspection, performed by Sea Cadets Regional Director LTJG Kevin Grams. We had excellent attendance and the unit passed “with flying colors.” It was a fun and educational month for our division.





## FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL DINNER MEETING FEBRUARY, 21, 2024

We had another great turnout for our February 21<sup>st</sup> dinner meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Many thanks to our guest speaker, Captain Sam Stephenson of the Port Everglades Pilot Association. His presentation was extremely enlightening with photos and videos that provided us with an inside view of what it's like to pilot massive cruise liners and cargo ships in and out of Port Everglades. He also spoke about his impressive career path and fielded many questions from our dinner guests that included council members, sea cadets and staff, and active-duty members from the Coast Guard, Navy, and Marines.



With Deepest  
*Sympathy*

### Joann Heather Black (1934-2024)



It is with much sadness that we inform you that Joann Black, longtime Council member and wife of Admiral Jim Black, passed away at home on February 26th. Jim and family members were by her side. Our hearts go out to Jim and family at this difficult time. Please keep Joann, Jim, and their family in your prayers.

There will be a Memorial service held at **Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Lauderdale** on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**, at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the [Cancer Society](#) or [Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society](#) in Joann's memory.

### [Read Joann's Story](#)

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/joann-black-obituary?id=54483374#obituary>



# SEA CADETS BY THE NUMBERS

**380+ TOTAL UNITS**  
IN 47 STATES,  
*Guam, & Puerto Rico*

**11,000+**  
CADETS SERVED ANNUALLY  
*AGES 10-18*

**3,000+ VOLUNTEERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION SPEND OVER 238,000 HOURS VOLUNTEERING EACH YEAR.**



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UNIT



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Our volunteers hail from diverse backgrounds. Many of our volunteers are active duty, reserve, or retired servicemembers. Over 360 of our volunteers are serving active duty and reserve in the U.S. Military. Our volunteers serve in a variety of areas including in their local units, during advanced trainings, and for their regional staff.



**36% OF CADETS REPRESENT ETHNIC MINORITIES**

**23% OF CADETS COME FROM INNER CITY COMMUNITIES**

**23% OF CADETS ARE FEMALE**

IN A TYPICAL YEAR:  
**1,000 CADETS FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATE FROM THE USNSCC**

*These remarkable young men and women often choose to serve in the military, attend universities and trade schools, or serve their local communities through frontline careers.*



Cadets make great decisions about their futures  
**IN A TYPICAL YEAR:**

### U.S. NAVY

- 250 Enlist in the U.S. Navy\*
- 130 Matriculate to the United States Naval Academy\*\*
- 100+ Are Accepted to Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC)\*

\*Source: NRC Analytics 2010-2018  
\*\*Source: USNA OIR 2010-2018

### OTHER\*\*\*

- 150 Enlist in other military branches
- 30 Matriculate to other service academies
- 30 Accepted to other ROTC programs
- 300+ Attend 2-4 year universities

\*\*\*Source: Graduating Cadet Surveys 2015-2019

**360+ MILITARY VOLUNTEERS**  
INCLUDING 230+ ACTIVE AND RESERVE  
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE U.S. NAVY

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY:  
**10% - 12%**  
OF EACH INCOMING CLASS OF MIDSHIPMEN  
ARE FORMER U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS.

While cadets are not required to join the military after graduation:

**OVER 650 FORMER CADETS CHOOSE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY EVERY YEAR.**

*500 of these cadets choose to serve in the United States Navy*



**EACH SEA CADET SAVES THE U.S. NAVY \$14,000**

IN RECRUITING & LIFE-CYCLE COSTS  
*-Former CNO Gary Roughead*

Cadets who achieve the rank of E-3 as Sea Cadets are eligible to graduate U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard recruit training as an:

**E-3 / SEAMAN**

*This encourages cadets to both join the U.S. Navy and remain in service longer while reducing life-cycle training costs per sailor.*



U.S. NAVAL  
SEA CADET CORPS  
[www.seacadets.org](http://www.seacadets.org)

*The following statistics represent typical annual data from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.*



# U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Spruance Division Buy-a-Brick Fundraiser



Architect's rendering of 300 SW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale – North elevation

The **Navy League of the United States, Fort Lauderdale Council** invites you to become a permanent part of the new **Mary N. Porter Sea Cadet Training Center** by purchasing a commemorative brick; an easy way to leave a lasting family legacy.

Your custom brick could be engraved with your family name, a cadet or former cadet's name and year of graduation, your business name, your organization name, or you could choose to engrave a brick in honor of someone special, a veteran, or in memory of a loved one.

*\*Engraved symbols are an additional \$5. Choose from the symbol gallery:*

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about  
custom  
logos



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- Please contact me about naming opportunities at the new Mary N. Porter Sea Cadet Training Center.



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- \$100
- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$5,000
- \$10,000
- \$25,000
- \$50,000
- Other \$

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# **Navy League of the United States Fort Lauderdale Council**

## **Social Calendar 2024**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6pm, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: Captain Dennis Neutze, JAGC, USN (Ret)**

**BGO South Florida Area Coordinator, United States Naval Academy**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6pm, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: Ken Abramowitz, Chairman, Citizens for National Security**

**May 6 -12, 2024, Fleet Week, Port of Miami**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024, Fleet Week Commander's Reception, Vizcaya Museum &  
Gardens, Miami**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6pm, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: Major Miguel Santana, USA (Ret)**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024, Sea Cadet Awards Banquet, Club Nineteen at  
Pembroke Lakes Golf & Racquet Club, Pembroke Pines**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Sea Cadet Night**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Holiday Celebration & Toys for Tots Campaign**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**



**GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR MAY 15TH DINNER MEETING**  
**MAJOR MIGUEL N. SANTANA, U.S. ARMY (RET.)**  
**DIRECTOR OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON-MIAMI, SOUTHERN COMMAND**

Major (retired) Miguel Santana is a native of Dominican Republic and was raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Miguel first joined the Army as an enlisted E-1 Soldier back in December 1989 and was a 63N (M60 Tank System Mechanic); his career assignments included Troop D, 5th Cavalry, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

In August 2004, Miguel received his commission through the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) as a Distinguished Military Graduate after earning his Bachelor's Degree from Florida International University (FIU), Miami, Florida.

As an officer, Miguel completed the following military and civilian education: Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Mechanized Leaders Course, Finance Captain's Career Course, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University.



Miguel's assignments as an officer included Infantry Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment ("Spartans"), Ray Barracks, Germany; Bravo Detachment, Executive Officer, 8th Finance Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany; Bravo Detachment, Commander, 106th Financial Management Company, Ansbach, Germany; Bravo Company, Commander, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Brigade Resource Management officer, 173rd Airborne Brigade ("Sky Soldiers"), Vicenza, Italy; and Deputy, Tactical Execution Branch, U.S. Army Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany.

Miguel's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Miguel completed three major combat deployments, two deployments to Iraq and one deployment to Afghanistan.

In December 2015, Miguel retired from the Army as a Field Grade Officer with the rank of Major. However, the desire to continue to serve his country, Miguel raised his right hand again and took his third oath of office as a Federal Employee GS-13 Civilian. Miguel is currently the Director of the Resource Management Office, United States Army Garrison-Miami, Southern Command.

Today, Miguel is accompanied by his wife, Loreta, and his two sons, Michael and Matthew.



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