

NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

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

November 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, October 12, we all had a fantastic time at our 12th annual "Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk on Hollywood Beach. It was a resounding success, benefiting the Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets and Wounded Warrior Project. We should all be proud of our contribution to this cause.

Our October 16 guest speaker, Rich Washburn, shared knowledge in the ever-evolving landscape of Artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and digital forensics, believing in the power of innovation to change the world. Everyone enjoyed his speech, which captivated the audience.

On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date, many thousand men & women have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them, we, as Marines, should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history. By tradition, the first slice of cake is given to the oldest Marine present, who hands it off to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the old and experienced Marines passing their knowledge to the new generation of Marines. **HAPPY 249th BIRTHDAY to our UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!**

World War I ended in the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It is recognized as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Today, we celebrate it by honoring military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. On Monday, November 11, "Happy Veterans Day"!

Our next dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20. Our guest speaker will be Major Gregory W. Mateo, USMC. He was born in Berkeley, Cal-

ifornia, and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2012. He is currently the Marine Corps Recruiting Station Commanding Officer in Fort Lauderdale.

We are also in the early stages of preparation for our Seven Seas Gala on Saturday, January 25. We are looking for more volunteers to help. If you are interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to contact anyone on the board. Also, I want to thank all our members for supporting our men and women in uniform.

SEMPER FIDELIS: "Always Faithful"

Abiud "Abi" Montes

President

Fort Lauderdale Council

Navy League of the United States

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ELECTION OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL 2025 OFFICERS

"In accordance with the Fort Lauderdale Council by-laws, the Council shall elect and install the 2025 Officers at the December 18th dinner meeting. Any group consisting of fifteen (15) or more voting members may nominate a candidate for any of the elective offices." Please contact the nominating committee chair, Elaine Hogg, at 954.857.3574 or emhogg9999@gmail.com if you're interested in serving as an officer next year. The following is the slate of Council Officers nominated to serve for 2025.

President: **Abiud Montes**
First Vice President: **Gary Pirtle**
Second Vice President: **Barbara Kelleher**
Third Vice President: **Aaron Bresnahan**
Treasurer: **Diana Molina**
Secretary: **Elaine Nasta**

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new active duty service members who have joined the Fort Lauderdale Council. Each of them brings talents and stories that enhance our membership roster. We hope they'll attend our dinner meetings and events throughout the year.

Gifard Alexis, USMC
Keldon Back, USCG
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Christopher Caputo, USN
Felix Cedeno, USCG
Heather Clark, USCG
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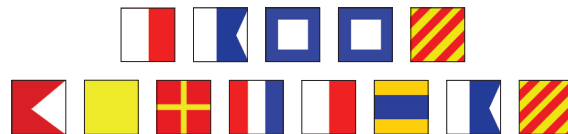
To join and maintain membership in a Navy League council, an individual must be a member in good standing with the Navy League of the United States. It is incumbent upon the member to maintain current national membership.

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."

Join the Navy League:
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<https://ftlnavyleague.org/joinus>

LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Frank Sellers	11/3	Abi Montez	11/19
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Zane Kelleher	11/5	Patricia Du Mont	11/29
Jodi Stoiber	11/6	Pete Swanson	11/29
Linda Vazquez	11/11		

NOVEMBER 20TH DINNER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER
MAJ. GREGORY W. MATEO, USMC
COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. MARINE CORPS RECRUITING STATION, FORT LAUDERDALE



Major Gregory W. Mateo was born in Berkeley, California and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May of 2012. Following graduation from The Basic School, the Infantry Officers Course, and the Light Armored Reconnaissance Leaders Course, Major Mateo reported to 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion as a platoon commander. In October of 2014, Major Mateo deployed as the LAR platoon commander for BLT 2/4 on the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In December 2015, Major Mateo reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force to begin the pre-deployment workup with Task Force Al Asad. Following graduation from Foreign Weapons Instructor Course, Major Mateo deployed to Al Asad Air Base in support of Operation Inherent Resolve where he served as the infantry tactics advisor and task force security section leader. Following re-deployment to California, Major Mateo served as the assistant operations officer at 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

In July of 2017, Major Mateo reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. While at NPS, his research focused on modeling and simulation analysis of emerging small unmanned aerial vehicle threats, weaponized opioids, and the effectiveness of friendly counter-systems and mitigation methods. He graduated in June of 2019 with a Master's Degree in Science in Operations Research.

In July of 2019, Major Mateo reported to 2d Battalion, 5th Marines in Camp Pendleton, California. He served as the assistant operations officer from July of 2019 until April of 2020. Major Mateo served as the battalion operations officer while 2d Battalion, 5th Marines was deployed as the ground combat element of SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.2 from May to October of 2020. While deployed, the battalion supported multiple operations and exercises across seven countries. In November of 2020, Major Mateo reported to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines and assumed command of Weapons Company. Following the completion of the battalion's pre-deployment workup, he deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. While deployed, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit supported multiple theater security cooperation events, as well as service-directed experimentation training.

Following his assignments in 5th Marine Regiment, Major Mateo reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force Expeditionary Operations Training Group in January of 2022. During this assignment, he served as the assistant operations officer and amphibious raids branch officer-in-charge.

Major Mateo's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Award with gold star and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star. He and his wife, Colleen, have three children.



12TH ANNUAL PURSUIT OF HONOR, COURAGE & COMMITMENT 5K RUN/WALK BENEFITING FORT LAUDERDALE SEA CADETS AND WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Our Council celebrated the US Navy's 249th birthday by sponsoring the Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk on October 12th on Hollywood Beach. On the morning of the race, we all arrived at 5:00 AM to prepare in the dark at Charnow Park on the Hollywood Broadwalk. Cadets, Staff, and Parent volunteers from the Fort Lauderdale and Boca Delray Divisions helped to set up the course, prepare the registration and food tables, set up water stations, and prepare the awards table. Many thanks to Bob Dozoretz of Precision Running Events for setting up the course, Susan Harding from Accuchip Timing, who ensured everything ran smoothly, and our excellent DJ, Shane LeMar, who provided the inspiring music.

Registration started at 6:30 am. At 7:15, the Sea Cadets performed the Color Guard. The race started promptly at 7:30. Just under 500 participants ran or walked the beautiful course north from the park along the beach and back. We had great support from our local military commands. There were also lots of family and friends there to cheer on the participants. After the race, we had a fun run for children ten and under. After the race, everyone enjoyed breakfast from sponsor Whole Foods Market Aventura and the awards presentation.

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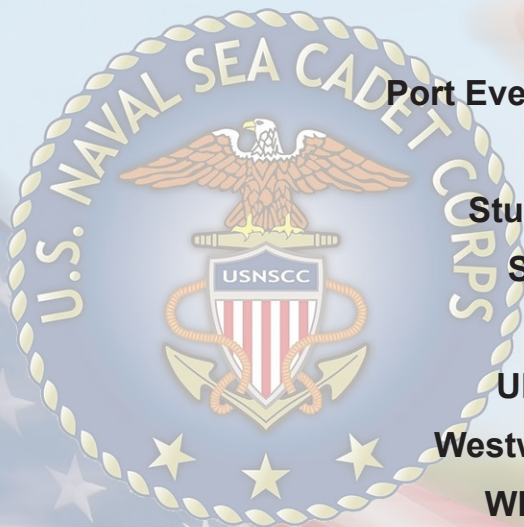
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The event was a great success! We raised funds for two great causes, our Fort Lauderdale Division Sea Cadets, and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K

October 12, 2024



SEA CADETS



NAVY ANNOUNCES SITE FOR NEW NAVY MUSEUM

SEAPOWERS MAGAZINE

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Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro addresses the crowd at the site selection ceremony on Oct. 18. Also pictured are Nina Albert, deputy mayor of the District of Columbia for planning and economic development, and Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox (retired), director of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Seapower | Brett Davis

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro highlighted a site selection ceremony for the future of the National Museum of the United States Navy on Oct. 18.

“This is a moment of immense pride and anticipation for the Navy, for our nation, and for all who cherish maritime heritage,” Del Toro said, standing near two dilapidated buildings that will be part of the new museum campus.

The site is adjacent to the Navy Yard in Washington and a short walk from the current Navy museum, housed in an aging facility largely off-limits to the general public. The new museum is intended to be a state-of-the-art look at the U.S. Navy, will be open to the public and is near a vibrant neighborhood that also boasts the stadiums for the Washington Nationals baseball team and the DC United, DC Power FC and Washington Spirit soccer teams. It’s expected to attract up to two million visitors annually, well over the 100,000 annual attendance of the current museum, most of whom are already in the Navy.

Del Toro said he is well aware of the draw of Nationals Stadium, and said “I want half of them over here before the game and after the game.”

NAVY ANNOUNCES SITE FOR NEW NAVY MUSEUM

continued

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, the district's congressional representative, highlighted the city's historic ties to the Navy. She said 30,000 city residents are veterans and "deserve the full equality of statehood," as district residents don't have voting rights in Congress.

A Long Road Ahead

While service officials now know where the museum will be located, they haven't yet raised the money, don't know what it will look like and don't yet know what artifacts will be in it. All of those efforts are underway by the organizations that will create it: the Navy Museum Development Foundation that will raise the money (\$475 million or more) and construct the building and the Naval History and Heritage Command that will select what goes in it. Once the museum is built, the foundation will give it to the Navy, which will staff and operate it.

Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox (retired), director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, gently poked fun at the museums of the Marine Corps and Army, which he described as being "out in the wilds of Virginia" while the new Navy museum will be next to an all-hours neighborhood.

The new museum, still years away — a groundbreaking is tentatively planned for next October and the first phase likely won't open until 2030 — has already been a long time coming. Nina Albert, D.C.'s deputy mayor for planning and economic development, was one of the speakers at the event and noted she had served on a Navy museum site selection committee 17 years ago.

"The vision will be worth the work and it will be worth the wait," she said.

Part of the delay was a prolonged and what Cox called "tortuous" process to acquire the land from the city in a swap that saw the Navy Yard give up some of its land on the other side of the base near the river to acquire the plot that will house the new museum.

The museum will ultimately be 240,000 square feet and filled with meaningful artifacts, such as the bell from the USS Jacob Jones, sunk in 1917 off the coast of Cornwall, England, by a German U-boat and rediscovered in 2022. It was the first U.S. Navy destroyer sunk by enemy action. The bell, recovered by the British Ministry of Defence and transferred to the U.S. Navy earlier this year, is being prepared for display, said Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral James J. Kilby.

The museum is carrying high hopes for Navy officials. Former Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite II said "it will not be a musty old hall with a bunch of old artifacts ... it will be the spark that will draw people to the service of our country in the uniform of the United States Navy. This will be a new crown jewel in this city."



SAVE THE DATE

EVENING IN THAILAND

AT THE SEVEN SEAS GALA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

WESTIN FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH RESORT

The USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning Committee is honored to be a sponsor of the YMCA 10th Annual Veterans Day Salute

the Y
10th ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY SALUTE
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 8, 2024

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST
A CELEBRATION TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

Featuring Keynote Speaker:
Mark Nutsch

Mark Nutsch led a 12-man U.S. Special Forces team in a unconventional warfare campaign in Afghanistan after 9/11, riding on horseback with Muslim allies to swiftly capture Mazar-i-Sharif and help overthrow the Taliban. His story, depicted in "12 Strong," highlights the mission's impact and the resilience required for success.

Friday, November 8
9:00am - 11:00am
Bonaventure Town Center Club
16690 Saddle Club Rd, Weston, FL 33326

Complimentary entry for veterans
RSVP Required

For sponsorship contact: Aimee Fretwell, afretwell@ymcasouthflorida.org

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Reservations for Non-Military

Minimum \$50 Donation

Please RSVP and in the "Military Branch Served" write "Donation"

Complementary Entry for Veterans

RSVP REQUIRED

<http://YMCAsouthflorida.org/veterans-breakfast/>

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United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps

FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION & TRAINING SHIP RADFORD

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LTJG Rosa Ryan, USNSCC
Commanding Officer

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

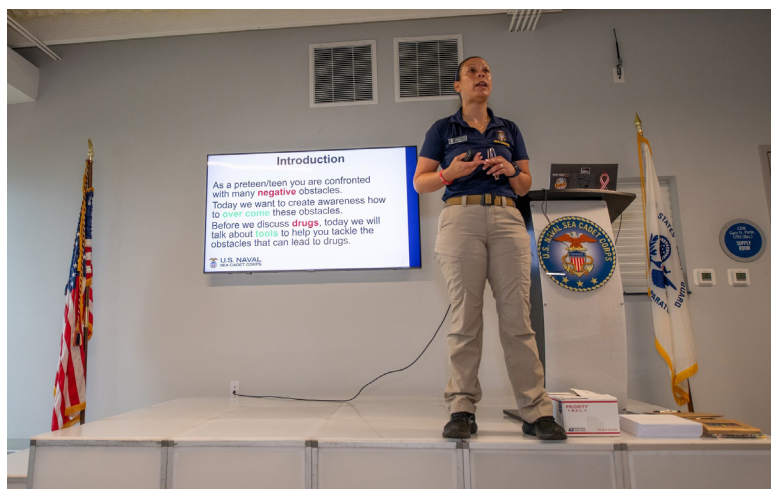
The Fort Lauderdale Division of the Sea Cadets has had a busy month! On October 12th, we put on our 12th annual Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets and the Wounded Warrior Project. The event was a great success, with just under 500 participants. We had great support from our local military commands. We raised funds to support our Sea Cadet unit's activities throughout the school year. On October 19, the Cadets received training in Drug Awareness from local police officers and DEA agents.

On October 26th, we had Physical Training testing at Sea Cadet Headquarters. Cadets must pass these tests to qualify to attend awesome Winter Training opportunities across the United States.

We look forward to a bus field trip to the Annual Navy Seal Muster on November 2nd at the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce. Touring this museum and seeing the Seal demonstration has always been a favorite activity for our Cadets.



Drug Awareness Training



Commanding Officer Rosa Ryan lecturing to Cadets on Drug Awareness

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE continued



5K Pre-Race Ceremony



Adult Staff Members Hand Out Race Medals



Sea Cadet & Others at 5K Start Up



Sea Cadets from Boca Raton Division Join Us for the 5K



Cadets 5K Warm Ups Pre-Race



Cadet CPO Fuentes with Family

DECEMBER 18TH DINNER MEETING GUEST SPEAKER
ERIC R. DAWICKI, MPA
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE

Mr. Eric R. Dawicki, MPA has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Maritime Institute since 1995. He also currently serves as the Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Registry President and CEO. He has served in both the United States Coast Guard Reserve and the United States Merchant Marine. He attended Arkansas State University and The American University.



During his tenure at Northeast Maritime Institute, Mr. Dawicki has been responsible for overseeing its growth from an exam preparation facility to a full-service Maritime Education and Training Institution, providing quality education to mariners at all levels. He created a vision and follow through for NMI to become the first private maritime college in the United States and has recently developed the concept and architecture the most comprehensive online learning management system in the world for mariners to receive compliance training for the International Convention on Standards of Training and Certification for Watchkeepers and Seafarer's (STCW).

Mr. Dawicki has advised numerous shipping companies, government agencies and industry associations on regulatory trends and compliance programs. Mr. Dawicki is regarded as a leader of industry and has also participated on numerous delegations at IMO Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings annually since 1996. He continues to serve as the lead delegate on Government delegations to the United Nations' International Maritime Organization (IMO).

As President of the Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Registry, a full-service International Ship Registry, Mr. Dawicki is responsible for overseeing all vessel-related services, including technical, statutory, inspection, registration, corporate and manning certification services. This includes the implementation of international regulatory and legal instruments as they apply to each vessel, its crew and its owners and operators.

Mr. Dawicki has been a member of the Board of Governors and an Executive Governor for the IMO's World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden and served as the Chairman of the 30 year Feasibility Study on behalf of the International Maritime Organization. Mr. Dawicki also sits on the Board of Trustees for the United States Coast Guard Foundation as a "Lifetime Trustee" or Emeritus Trustee. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the American Sail Training Association and was Co-Chairman of the Board. He was also an Executive Committee Member of the Board of Directors for the International Maritime Lecturers Association through 2001, a World Maritime University industry association. Mr. Dawicki also served a full tenure as a member of the United States Maritime Security Advisory Committee post 9/11 under both the Bush and Obama Administrations.



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.



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.



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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 25th 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.

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(All donations are tax-deductible)

**Yes, I would like to reserve a permanent commemorative brick for the
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\$100/\$105***

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← 21 characters per line or 18 characters with symbol/clipart →

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\$225/\$230***

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE MARY N. PORTER SEA CADET TRAINING CENTER

BUILDING LEADERS BEGINS WITH YOU.

A capital campaign to fund the construction of the Mary N. Porter Sea Cadet Training Center

- _____ Yes, I want to support the Capital Campaign to build a new Sea Cadet Training Center in Fort Lauderdale. My gift will enable the Navy League of the U.S. to provide a home for excellent youth programs that foster leadership, academic skills and civic responsibility.
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- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$5,000
- \$10,000
- \$25,000
- \$50,000
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Make check payable to the Navy League of the United States - Fort Lauderdale Council.

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Signature _____

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In memory of _____

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Total amount of \$ _____ to be paid as follows:

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Navy League of the United States Fort Lauderdale Council

Social Calendar 2024 - 2025

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:00 PM, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

**Guest Speaker: Major Gregory Mateo, USMC, Commanding Officer,
United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Fort Lauderdale**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6:00 PM, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Holiday Celebration & Toys for Tots Campaign

Guest Speaker: Mr. Eric R. Dawicki, President & CEO, Northeast Maritime Institute

Saturday, January 25, 2025, Seven Seas Gala, Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach

Guest of Honor: TBD

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

**Guest Speaker: LT Justin B. Dadlani, USCG, Commanding Officer,
Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: LT Brendan Clements, USN, NTAG Miami, USNA Graduate

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, December 16, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: TBD

OCTOBER 16TH DINNER MEETING

We had the pleasure of welcoming Rich Washburn as our guest speaker at our October 16th Dinner. Rich is a technology researcher and IT professional with deep-rooted expertise in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital forensics. He gave a fascinating presentation that instantly captured the attention of everyone in the room and prompted many questions.

We were honored to host guests from the local Coast Guard commands, NTAG Miami, as well as staff, cadets and family members from the Fort Lauderdale Division sea cadets.



Guest Speaker Rich Washburn with Council President Abiud Montes

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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 6-7 PM Cocktails • 7-9 PM Dinner Buffet
LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB
 1725 SE 12th Street
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Guest Speaker

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