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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message – May 2025

By Abiud Montes, President,
Fort Lauderdale Council

April was a month full of energy and inspiration for our Council. I want to start by thanking Commander Steph Wood, U.S. Coast Guard, who

was our guest speaker at the April 23rd Dinner Meeting. She did an outstanding job. Her presentation was both insightful and motivating, and it was an honor to welcome her—especially now that she has been promoted to Commander. Congratulations once again!

I'm also looking forward to our next Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th at 6 PM at the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, where we'll be joined by Damian Valdez, a U.S. Navy veteran and now Account Executive with the Florida Panthers. Damian has a remarkable story, from serving aboard nuclear submarines to succeeding in the sports world. It will be great to hear about his journey and how his time in the Navy continues to shape his success.

Last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Sea-Air-Space Conference in Washington, D.C. It was a fantastic event filled with important conversations and updates from across the maritime services. A special highlight was our visit to the Pentagon with my wonderful wife Lina Montes and our good friend Lynn Drucker. It was also a proud moment to meet the new Secretary of the Navy—a memory I'll carry with me for a long time. We've included a short article in this newsletter covering that visit and the conference highlights.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the Navy League mission. I hope to see you on May 14th.

With appreciation,

Abiud Montes
President, Fort Lauderdale Council
Navy League of the United States 



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GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR MAY 14TH DINNER MEETING DAMIAN VALDEZ, ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, FLORIDA PANTHERS



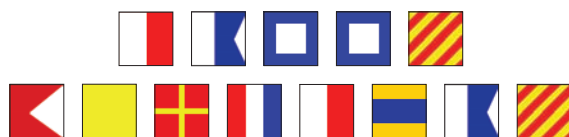
Damian Valdez enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2016 as an Electricians Mate (Nuclear) with 15 months of sea time serving aboard two Virginia Class fast attack submarines responsible for reactor operations, electrical power generation/distribution, and shipboard electrical equipment. He was the RPOC (Recruit Chief Petty Officer) in his boot camp division which consisted of leading 86 sailors to graduation in bootcamp. He then attended the infamous 'Nuclear Pipeline' to become a nuclear reactor operator. First up was Nuclear Field "A" School in Charleston, SC which consisted of learning the intricate methods of Electrical engineering designed by MIT. Following graduation, he attended Nuclear Power School (NPS) in Charleston, SC where students learned the dynamic complexities of Nuclear Engineering and design. Upon graduating, he attended Nuclear Prototype which consisted of becoming a certified nuclear reactor plant operator onboard a S5G live nuclear reactor plant by the Department of Energy (DOE). He then spent time as a nuclear instructor certifying students at Nuclear Power School. Upon his

Staff tour, he served aboard the PCU Indiana (SSN 789) in Norfolk, VA conducting Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie Sea trials to commission her and became certified on an S9G reactor. Shortly after becoming a plank owner, he was transferred to the USS Washington (SSN 787) embarking on pre-deployment workups and her maiden EUCOM deployment to the North Arctic region focusing on Russian deterrence and intelligence. After 22 successful missions and POTUS's authorization for extensions, the USS Washington was awarded the title for tracking the most foreign submarines on a single deployment. Following his sea tour, he assisted in reactor division ashore at Submarine Squadron 6 in Norfolk, Virginia.

He has since joined the of Florida Panthers in January of 2023 after completing his time in service and obtaining his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Nova Southeastern University. Damian is currently an Account Executive on the New business sales team after being the first to be promoted within from the C.A.T.S. Academy (career advancement in ticket sales) inside sales program. He has also had the privilege to join the short list of 'Million-dollar sellers' in the sports industry. He is currently working on his Master of Business Administration degree from NSU.



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL MAY BIRTHDAYS



David Crane	5/9
Alicia Romano	5/12
Ted Andrus	5/26

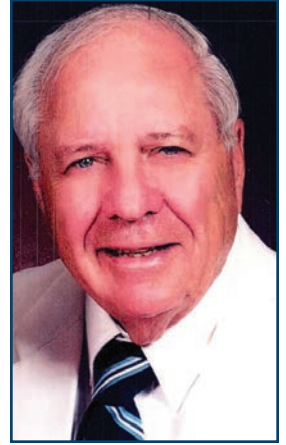
FAREWELL TO JOHN "JACK" PARKS, JR. NATIONAL DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE

JOHN "JACK" PARKS, JR.

JUNE 24, 1923 – FEBRUARY 27, 2025

John Alexander Parks, Jr., age 101, of Viera, Florida, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 27, 2025. Jack was born on June 24, 1923, in Detroit, MI, to John Alexander Parks and Anna Mae Miller.

Jack attended public schools in Detroit and enlisted in the Navy on December 15, 1941, as a seaman recruit in the V-6 program. He served with the 1st and 4th U.S. Naval Construction Battalions. Initially stationed at Dutch Harbor, he was given the chance to attend college in Kalamazoo, MI, in 1943 under the V-12 program. He then attended Columbia University Midshipman School in NY and was commissioned as an Ensign in 1945. He trained as a deck officer and an aerial gunner instructor, eventually becoming a Naval Ordnance Demolition Officer. After WWII, he married Audre Reed and joined his father's Detroit, John A Parks Co. insurance business.



Recalled for the Korean War, he served as the Officer in Charge of the watch for classified communications, overseeing the bureaus of the Navy Department in Washington, DC. After this, he became the Commanding Officer for Naval Reserve Surface and Fleet Divisions at the Broadhead Naval Armory in Detroit. He was stationed at various locations and served on different ships during the Cold War, remaining in the reserve for 41 years. He married Monica Anderson in 1965 and lived in the Indian Village neighborhood of Detroit.

Jack served as president of the John A. Parks Co. in Detroit until 1984, when he and Monica moved to Fort Lauderdale and then to Indian River Colony Club in Viera, FL, in 2004. He was a patriot who supported his country and the military throughout his lifetime. He was a committee member and chairman of numerous events and balls. He served as a National Director Emeritus of the Navy League and was a member of the Navy Seabee Veterans, Rotary International, USO, and Military Officer Association of America (MOAA.)

Jack will be remembered for his tremendous enthusiasm and enjoyment of life. He loved to travel the world and particularly cherished the more than 20 summers he and Monica spent at their home in County Kerry, Ireland. Jack is survived by his loving wife, Monica, and his sons, John III (married to Janet) and Stephen (married to Patricia). His legacy lives on through his grandchildren, Jennifer, Christopher, Erin, Eileen, and Gregory, as well as his great-grandchildren, AJ, Matthew, Elizabeth, Reed, Grayson, Alexander, Isabelle, Hudson, Roger, and John, along with many nieces and nephews.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest Fort Lauderdale Council member Naia Montes. We look forward to seeing her at our dinner meetings and events throughout the year.

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."

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HONORING LEGACY, EMBRACING PROGRESS

MY CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JOHN C. PHELAN

By Abiud Montes, MGySgt, USMC (Ret.), President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League

Yesterday, I had the distinct honor of sitting down with the Honorable John C. Phelan, the newly sworn-in 79th Secretary of the Navy. To say it was a privilege would be an understatement. As a Marine, a public servant, and a passionate advocate for our military community, I've had the opportunity to meet many leaders across my career—but this conversation stood out. It wasn't just a discussion about policy or budgets. It was a moment where conviction met vision, where the values we hold dear in the Marine Corps—honor, courage, and commitment—were echoed in a forward-thinking plan to rebuild the Navy into a force that's not just strong, but sustainable.

A Symbol of Connection: The Fort Lauderdale Navy League Coin

As our conversation opened, I presented Secretary Phelan with the official Fort Lauderdale Navy League coin—a gesture not just of appreciation, but of unity between civilian supporters and military leadership. I also personally invited him to join us as the guest speaker for next year's Seven Seas Gala in Fort Lauderdale. With a smile and a firm handshake, he said, "Send me the invitation—I'll see what I can do."

Whether or not he makes it, the gesture reflected the very spirit of our military community: we show up, we extend the hand, and we try. That's how bridges are built. That's how momentum begins.

A Vision to Rebuild and Reform

Secretary Phelan's priorities are refreshingly bold and unapologetically focused. He spoke with intensity and clarity about the urgent need to modernize our shipbuilding infrastructure—not slowly, but with speed and precision. He acknowledged the logistical roadblocks: years of industrial decline, shuttered shipyards, and overinflated costs on military construction projects.

But he isn't just pointing out problems—he's outlining solutions. His five- and ten-year plans aim to:

- Accelerate shipbuilding timelines,
- Reopen key shipyards across the country,
- Rebuild the maritime industrial base,
- And restore accountability and fiscal responsibility.

He shared a startling comparison—how he personally built luxury hotels in Hawaii for less than what prior administrations spent building barracks. His goal is clear: demand better results with fewer excuses.

Secretary Phelan's Message: Accountability, Innovation, and Warrior Culture

As we listened to Secretary Phelan address the larger group, his message struck a deep chord with me. His leadership vision is centered around three core pillars:

1 A Smarter, Faster Navy:

- "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it."
- Shipbuilding must be based on real results, not red tape.
- Collaboration with industry is essential—this is not a one-man mission, but a team effort.



HONORING LEGACY, EMBRACING PROGRESS

MY CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JOHN C. PHELAN

continued

2 A Return to the Warrior Ethos:

- Bureaucracy has no place on the battlefield.
- Leadership must challenge outdated norms and ignite adaptability at every level.
- As he said: “Failure to adapt is fatal.”

3 People First—Always:

- The welfare, health, and development of Sailors, Marines, Reservists, and their families will not be sidelined.
- A thriving Navy requires thriving people.

Why This Moment Matters

This wasn't just another event. For me, it was a moment of hope—a spark of inspiration reminding us that real leadership still exists in high places. Secretary Phelan is not only advocating for stronger ships but for stronger people, smarter decisions, and a military culture that reflects the very best of who we are.

As someone who's dedicated his life to serving others—through combat tours, ministry, speaking, and community engagement—I left that room encouraged. Not just because of his words, but because I recognized the fire behind them.

That's the kind of leadership our nation needs. That's the kind of leadership I support.

Looking Ahead

I'm optimistic about what lies ahead for the Department of the Navy under Secretary Phelan's watch. And I remain committed—through the Navy League, my ministry, and every platform God opens for me—to continue building up others, strengthening our institutions, and fighting for what matters.

I often say this: Life is a gift from God. What we do with it is our gift back to Him.

Yesterday was one of those moments I'll cherish for years to come—not just because of who I met, but because of what it represents: the courage to connect, the power to lead, and the faith to believe in something bigger.

Semper Fidelis,
Abiud Montes



A SPECIAL DAY AT THE PENTAGON

By Abiud Montes, President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League

On Monday, April 7, 2025, I had the distinct pleasure of returning to the Pentagon—this time with very special company: my wife Lina Montes, our daughter Naia Montes, and our dear friend Lynn Drucker. While I have had the honor of visiting the Pentagon before, this was the first visit for my family and Lynn, making the day even more meaningful.

Thanks to our good friend, Navy Chaplain Porter, we were treated to a private, behind-the-scenes tour that few ever experience. Chaplain Porter generously gave his time to walk us through areas not typically open to the general public, offering rich insights, history, and context at every stop. For my wife, daughter, and Lynn, seeing the Pentagon up close was both awe-inspiring and humbling—an unforgettable opportunity to connect with the heart of America's military leadership.

Standing at the podium of the Department of Defense briefing room, with the seal of the United States Marine Corps displayed proudly beside us, was a particularly special moment. We also had the honor of taking photos under the Pentagon insignia, symbolic of the immense responsibility and sacrifice that takes place within those five walls.

The Pentagon, located in Arlington, Virginia, is the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. Built during World War II and completed in 1943, the Pentagon is not just an architectural icon—it is the nerve center of American military operations. Its five-sided design and vast internal structure allow for seamless coordination across all branches of our armed forces. Housing more than 23,000 military and civilian personnel, it stands as a powerful symbol of national defense, unity, and readiness.

For my family and Lynn, this first visit brought a deeper appreciation for the service and dedication of the men and women who work tirelessly to protect our country. And for me, it was a meaningful reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of a community—through the Navy League—that supports and honors those in uniform.

We left the Pentagon with full hearts and lasting memories, grateful for the opportunity and for Chaplain Porter's incredible hospitality.

Semper Fi,
Abiud Montes
President,
Fort Lauderdale Navy League



HONORING SERVICE AND INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AT SEA-AIR-SPACE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

By Abiud Montes, President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League

Attending this year's Sea-Air-Space Conference in Washington, D.C. was more than just an opportunity to connect with maritime leaders—it was a reminder of why we do what we do at the Navy League. One of the highlights for me was spending time with the incredible team from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, whose mission continues to inspire and energize everyone around them.

I was proud to stand with CAPT Thurraya S. Kent, USN (Ret.), the Strategic Growth Director for the Sea Cadets; Andy Lennon, Executive Director of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps; and my dear friend Lynn Atkinson, who I've had the honor of working alongside for over a decade. Lynn's unwavering commitment to the Sea Cadet program is nothing short of extraordinary—she brings heart, vision, and passion to everything she does. We've shared many years of collaboration, and I've seen firsthand how her leadership has impacted the lives of so many young cadets.

Andy and I first met two years ago at the Fort Lauderdale Navy League's Seven Seas Gala, and I was immediately struck by his professionalism and genuine enthusiasm for the mission. Seeing him in action again this week, leading with purpose and representing the Sea Cadets with pride, only reaffirmed how lucky the program is to have him at the helm.

The Sea Cadet Corps is building more than future sailors—they're building strong, capable, confident young Americans who understand the value of service and community. As someone deeply invested in our Navy League mission, it's incredibly fulfilling to support an organization that's helping develop the next generation of leaders.

If you haven't yet had a chance to engage with the Sea Cadets, now is the time. These are the programs that carry our values forward and ensure the legacy of service continues for generations to come.



FORT LAUDERDALE SEA CADETS ABOARD THE USS NEW YORK FOR FLEET WEEK 2025

By Abiud Montes, President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League

This week marks an incredible milestone for our Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets, who are currently underway aboard the USS New York (LPD-21) en route to their hometown for Fleet Week 2025.

Our group of 29 cadets and 5 dedicated adult volunteer officers embarked in Norfolk, Virginia on April 18th after arriving a day early to stay on base and get acclimated. Their journey aboard this iconic ship is more than just a ride—it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that brings them face-to-face with the operational heart of our U.S. Navy.

Led by Commanding Officer Rosa Ryan and hosted by LT Sarah Ryan in Norfolk, the cadets are getting a front-row seat to Navy life at sea. From touring the ship's well deck and flight deck to speaking with sailors and observing daily operations, this immersion builds leadership, discipline, and a deeper appreciation for service.

The USS New York—built with steel from the World Trade Center—represents resilience and strength. It's only fitting that our cadets, many of whom aspire to serve, are aboard a vessel that stands for courage and unity.

They'll arrive in Port Everglades on April 22nd to participate in Fleet Week activities, showcasing the future of America's sea services. As President of the Fort Lauderdale Navy League, I couldn't be prouder of these young men and women. They represent the best of our community, and I know they'll return with stories and inspiration that will last a lifetime.

Fair winds and following seas to our Sea Cadets and the crew of the USS New York—we'll see you soon in Fort Lauderdale!

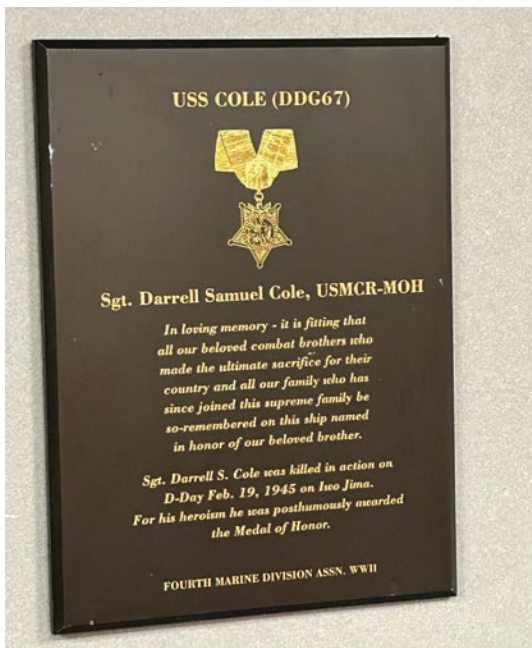
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PRESIDENT ABIUD MONTES VISITS USS COLE FLEET WEEK FORT LAUDERDALE 2025 FORT LAUDERDALE NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL By Abiud Montes, President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League

During this year's Fleet Week in Fort Lauderdale, my wife Lina Montes and I had the incredible honor of touring the USS Cole (DDG 67). As President of the Fort Lauderdale Navy League Council—and as a proud Marine Corps veteran—it was especially meaningful to step aboard a Navy ship named after a fellow Marine.

The USS Cole is named after Sgt. Darrell Samuel Cole, a Medal of Honor recipient who gave his life during the invasion of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. Seeing the tribute to Sgt. Cole on the ship was incredibly moving. He showed unbelievable courage in battle, and it's fitting that a ship carrying his name continues to serve our nation with pride and determination.



PRESIDENT ABIUD MONTES VISITS USS COLE FLEET WEEK FORT LAUDERDALE 2025 FORT LAUDERDALE NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL continued

We had the chance to meet the ship's Captain, Executive Officer, and many members of the crew. Everyone was welcoming, professional, and proud to share their ship with us. One of the highlights of our visit was being able to present them with our Fort Lauderdale Navy League Council challenge coin.

The crew was truly impressed—they all said it was the nicest coin they had ever seen. The coin proudly represents all four sea services: the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine. The craftsmanship and design really stood out, and it meant a lot to be able to share something that reflects the unity and strength of our maritime community.

The Captain also spoke with us about the tragic attack on the USS Cole in the port of Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000. Seventeen sailors lost their lives that day. The crew continues to honor their memory with strength, pride, and a deep sense of purpose. It was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices our service members make in defense of our freedom.

Fleet Week 2025 was a memorable and moving experience. We are proud to support the men and women of our sea services and carry on the mission of the Navy League—to serve those who serve.



A TIME-HONORED TRADITION: SECTOR MIAMI CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

By Abiud Montes, President, Navy League Fort Lauderdale Council

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, I had the distinct honor of attending the United States Coast Guard Sector Miami's Change of Command Ceremony, held at Cruise Terminal V at the Port of Miami. It was a powerful reminder of the traditions that shape our military services and the strong partnerships that sustain them.

The ceremony marked the formal transfer of command from Captain Christopher R. Cederholm to Captain Frank J. Florio, with Rear Admiral Douglas Schofield, Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District, presiding. I'm grateful to RADM Schofield for his warm welcome and for personally inviting me to attend on behalf of our Fort Lauderdale Council. He took a moment to thank me for being there and for the Navy League's continued support of the Coast Guard—words that meant a great deal.

Captain Cederholm, whose leadership at Sector Miami has been nothing short of exemplary, is now headed to Washington, D.C., where he will be serving alongside the Assistant Commandant of the Coast Guard. He shared his appreciation for the dedicated men and women of Sector Miami, and it was clear that his time here was both meaningful and impactful.

As we welcomed Captain Frank J. Florio into command, his enthusiasm for both the mission and the community was evident. He expressed a sincere



A TIME-HONORED TRADITION: SECTOR MIAMI CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY *continued*

desire to remain closely involved with our Council, saying he looks forward to attending Navy League dinners throughout the year and continuing to engage with our members. That kind of commitment speaks volumes and reinforces the strong bond between the Navy League and our local Coast Guard leadership.

This ceremony was more than a change in leadership—it was a testament to the enduring values of service, duty, and continuity. Watching the transfer of command unfold with such precision and respect was deeply moving. It reminded me why we, as Navy League members, do what we do: to stand behind the men and women in uniform who serve with honor and courage every day.

On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Council, I extend our deepest gratitude to Captain Cederholm for his outstanding service and offer our full support to Captain Florio as he takes the helm. We look forward to working together in the months ahead.

Fair winds and following seas to both commanders. Semper Paratus.





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.**



TRAINING



UNIT



REGIONAL

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



Navy League of the United States Fort Lauderdale Council

Social Calendar 2025 - 2026

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

Guest Speaker: Guest Speaker: Damian Valdez, Account Executive,
New Business Sales, Florida Panthers

Sunday, June 1, 2025, Sea Cadet Awards Banquet, Club 19, Pembroke Lakes Golf Club

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Annual Sea Cadet Night

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

Guest Speaker: Martha Gutierrez-Steinkamp, Author

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

Guest Speaker: CAPT Willie L. Carmichael, Chief of Staff, USCG District 7

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

Guest Speaker: VADM William Burke, USN (Ret)

Saturday, January 24, 2026, Seven Seas Gala

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Join Zoom Meeting:
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

6-7 PM Cocktails • 7-9 PM Dinner Buffet

LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

1725 SE 12th Street

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Guest Speaker

DAMIAN VALDEZ

Account Executive, Florida Panthers

Guests \$55 per person

RSVP Required! Limited Seating!

No later than noon, Friday prior to the meeting.

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