



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

As we move into November, a month filled with remembrance, gratitude, and celebration, I want to thank each of you for your continued support of our mission to honor and support the men and women of our sea services. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of those who serve, and I'm proud to stand beside each of you.

## October Highlights

On Saturday, October 11, we held our 13th Annual **"Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment" 5K Run/Walk** on Hollywood Beach, and once again, it was a fantastic success! The weather was perfect, the energy was high, and the cause was meaningful. Proceeds benefited the **Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets** and the **Wounded Warrior Project**, two organizations doing incredible work in supporting our future leaders and honoring those who have served. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated, or volunteered. You truly made it happen.

At our October 15 dinner meeting, we were honored to welcome **Chief Boatswain's Mate Cassie McGuigan, USCG**, as our guest speaker. Chief McGuigan currently serves as the **Officer in Charge of the Aids to Navigation Team, Fort Lauderdale**, and brings with her a wealth of experience from assignments aboard multiple Coast Guard vessels and stations. Her story of leadership, dedication, and service was inspiring and a powerful reminder of the professionalism and sacrifice within the Coast Guard ranks.

## Happy 250th Birthday, United States Marine Corps

On **November 10, 1775**, a resolution of the Continental Congress established the United States Marine Corps. This year, we proudly celebrate the **250th Marine Corps Birthday**, two and a half centuries of courage, honor, and tradition.

As Marines do each year, we remember those who came before us and honor their legacy through the symbolic cake-cutting ceremony, where the oldest Marine passes the first slice to the youngest. This time-honored tradition reminds us of the responsibility we all share in passing down values, knowledge, and history.

**Happy 250th Birthday to our United States Marine Corps! SEMPER FI!**

## Veterans Day – November 11

**Veterans Day** is more than a holiday; it's a moment for all Americans to stop and reflect on the service and sacrifice

of our nation's heroes. From the signing of the Armistice ending World War I to today's ongoing missions around the globe, our veterans have stood strong to protect our freedom.

Let's all take time on **Monday, November 11**, to reach out, say thank you, and honor those who have served in uniform. We are forever in your debt.

## November Dinner Meeting – November 19

Our next dinner meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 19**, and you won't want to miss it

We are proud to welcome **Captain Willie L. Carmichael, Chief of Staff for U.S. Coast Guard District Seven**, headquartered in Miami. Captain Carmichael brings decades of operational experience from across the globe, including multiple command positions and leadership roles spanning from the Middle East to the Caribbean Basin.

As Chief of Staff, he oversees Coast Guard operations throughout the Southeastern U.S. and Caribbean, leading more than **9,000 personnel** across a vital and expansive area. His insights into maritime strategy, national security, and leadership are sure to be both enlightening and motivating.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. This is a speaker you do not want to miss!

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### Looking Ahead – Seven Seas Gala 2026

We are already preparing for our signature event, the **Seven Seas Gala**, taking place on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**. This annual celebration supports our ongoing mission and honors the men and women of the sea services.

We're calling on our members to step up and help make this event a success. Whether you can volunteer time, help with planning, or assist with donations, your involvement matters. Please contact any board member if you're interested in lending a hand.

As we celebrate Marine Corps heritage, honor our veterans, and look toward future events, I want to thank each of you again for the role you play in supporting our military community. It's your dedication, patriotism, and generosity that keep the Navy League strong.

**SEMPER FIDELIS – Always Faithful,**

**Abiud “Abi” Montes**

President  
Fort Lauderdale Council  
Navy League of the United States

## ELECTION OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL 2026 OFFICERS

In accordance with the Fort Lauderdale Council by-laws, the Council shall elect and install the 2026 Officers at the Tuesday, December 16, 2025 dinner meeting. Any group consisting of fifteen (15) or more voting members may nominate a candidate for any of the elective offices. Please contact either of the nominating committee co-chairs, Lynn Atkinson at 954.325.9102 or [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com) or Elaine Hogg at 954.857.3574 or [emhogg9999@gmail.com](mailto:emhogg9999@gmail.com) if you're interested in serving as an officer next year. The following is the proposed slate of candidates nominated to serve in 2026.

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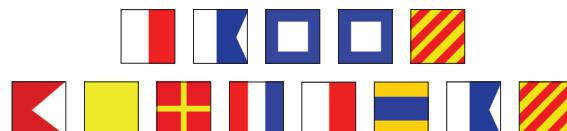
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## GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR NOVEMBER 19TH DINNER MEETING

### CAPTAIN WILLIE L. CARMICHAEL, USCG

### CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. COAST GUARD DISTRICT SOUTHEAST

Captain Carmichael reported as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard District Southeast on June 2024, headquartered in Miami, Florida. As Chief of Staff, he is responsible for the oversight of Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean basin and the leadership of a combined active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer workforce of over 9,000 members. The Seventh District encompasses an area of 1.8 million square miles and shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to being selected as the D7 Chief of Staff, Captain Carmichael served as the D7 Chief of Response, where he directed the execution of Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security, Incident Management and Contingency Preparedness for Coast Guard assets operating in South Carolina, Georgia, the Florida Peninsula, Puerto Rico and the entire Caribbean Basin covering 1.8M miles.

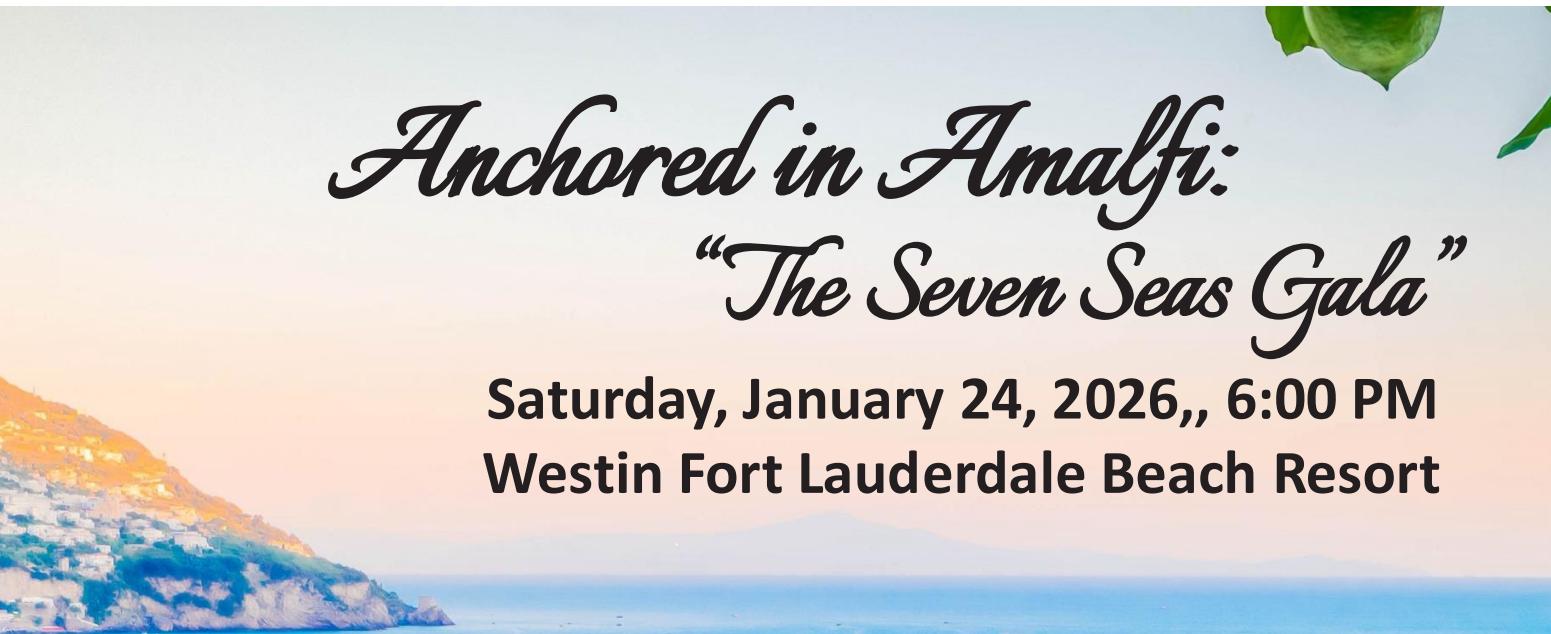
Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Carmichael has held numerous high-profile command positions, exemplifying his leadership and expertise in maritime operations. His roles have included serving as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL 757), CGC TAHOMA (WMEC 908), CGC JEFFERSON ISLAND (WPB-1340), CGC WRANGELL (WPB-1332), as well as the Commodore of the Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, where he played a pivotal role in operations throughout the Middle East.

With a career that spans over two decades, Captain Carmichael has amassed more than 14 years of sea duty, marking his tenure on nine different cutters and underscoring his profound commitment to maritime service. His extensive experience at sea is complemented by his significant contributions in various staff assignments, which include serving as the Coast Guard's Liaison Officer to the U.S. Southern Command and as the Program Manager for the Coast Guard's innovative High Tempo High Maintenance dual crewing initiative for eight patrol boats from 2008 to 2012.

Captain Carmichael's exceptional service has been recognized with several prestigious military awards, including Meritorious Service Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and Commandant's Letters of Commendation, in addition to various team and unit accolades.

A proud native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Captain Carmichael's academic background is as impressive as his military career. He is an alumnus of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Math-Computer Science. He furthered his education by earning a Master's in Business Administration from American Military University, preparing him for the complex challenges of modern military leadership.





# Anchored in Amalfi: “The Seven Seas Gala”

Saturday, January 24, 2026,, 6:00 PM  
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort

## SAVE THE DATE



Navy League of the United States  
Fort Lauderdale Council



*“Supporting the Sea Services”*

## HONORING 250 YEARS OF NAVAL POWER: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER IN TAMPA BAY

By Abiud Montes, President, Fort Lauderdale Navy League Council

On October 18, 2025, I had the distinct honor of representing the Fort Lauderdale Navy League Council at the 250th U.S. Navy Birthday Ball, hosted by the Tampa Bay Council at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. This milestone celebration commemorated two and a half centuries of proud naval service, courage, and innovation a legacy that began in 1775 and continues to strengthen our nation today.

The theme of the evening, "From Sail to Steel: 250 Years of Naval Power," captured the awe-inspiring journey of the United States Navy from its humble beginnings with wooden sailing ships to the global maritime force it is today. Every element of the event reflected this enduring spirit from the elegantly set tables and ceremonial cake to the heartfelt camaraderie that filled the ballroom.

A highlight of the evening was the keynote address delivered by Admiral Frank M. Bradley, Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command. Admiral Bradley's decorated career as a Navy SEAL, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and a visionary leader in special operations provided the audience with a compelling reflection on sacrifice, leadership, and resilience. His words reminded us of the immense dedication required to defend freedom and uphold peace around the world.

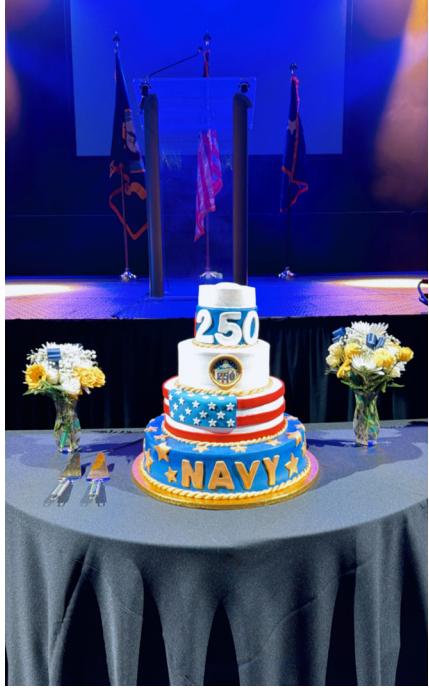
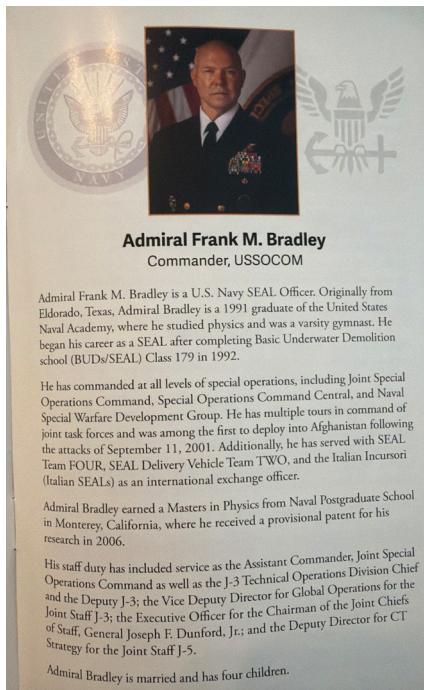


The evening also served as a powerful reminder of the community behind our Navy.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Jennifer Anderson, President of the Tampa Bay Navy League Council, whose tireless leadership and vision made this unforgettable evening possible. Her team, in partnership with Blue Star Families and numerous local military organizations, created an event that not only honored the Navy's legacy but inspired all in attendance to continue supporting our sea services with renewed commitment.

As we move forward, may we carry the spirit of this 250th celebration with us remembering the past, honoring the present, and building a stronger future for the next generation of Navy sailors and their families.

Happy 250th Birthday to the United States Navy and here's to the next 250 years of strength, service, and sea power!





# 50/50 Raffle at the Navy League Dinner Meeting!

Dear Council Members & Dinner Guests,

We are excited to announce that a 50/50 raffle will be held at our upcoming monthly dinner meeting! This is a fantastic opportunity to support the Navy League Fort Lauderdale Council while having a chance to win a cash prize.

## **How It Works:**

Purchase raffle tickets at the event. **Cash Only**. You must be present to play and win. The more tickets you buy, the greater your chances of winning!

- 1 ticket - \$5
- 3 tickets - \$10
- 5 tickets - \$20

At the end of the event, one ticket will be drawn. The lucky winner will receive 50% of the total proceeds from ticket sales, and the remaining 50% will go directly to support the Navy League Fort Lauderdale Council.

Don't miss out on the fun!

## **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Meeting & Dinner
- **Location:** Lauderdale Yacht Club,
- **Dinner reservations required.** Please **RSVP by Friday, November 10, 2025**.

## **RSVP online now**

## **Pay at the Door:**

- Leave a Voicemail Message: 954-522-8995
- Email: [JointheFLC@Gmail.com](mailto:JointheFLC@Gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Nasta at 954-554-6688 or send an email to [JoinTheFLC@gmail.com](mailto:JoinTheFLC@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!



# United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps

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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. Our Pursuit of Honor, Courage and Commitment 5K race on October 11th was a big success. We had a great turnout, with over 500 participants.

Later in the month we had drill at the Fort Lauderdale Coast Guard Station where Cadets practiced marksmanship, rescue line heaving and stretcher race. The drug awareness training was held at Miami Dade college with Cadets from other Sea Cadet units. It was an educational and informative training program. We are enjoying a fun drill year!



## PURSUIT OF HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT 5K RUN/WALK OCTOBER 11, 2025, HOLLYWOOD BEACH

Our Council celebrated the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday by sponsoring the Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk on October 11th 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.



Opening Ceremony

Registration started at 6:00 am. At 6:45, the Sea Cadets performed the Color Guard. The race started promptly at 7:00. Just over 500 participants ran or walked the beautiful course 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.



At the Start!

Click Here <https://youtu.be/ldgxD6X2eio?si=rQTr6LII4YJ0qlQi> to watch the video!

Click Here <https://runsignup.com/Race/Photos/FL/HollywoodBeach/PursuitofHonorCourageCommitment5KRunWalk> to view the complete photo album!

Click Here <https://accuchip.racetecresults.com/Results.aspx?CId=16337&RId=6704> to see the race results!

**PURSUIT OF HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT 5K RUN/WALK  
OCTOBER 11, 2025, HOLLYWOOD BEACH  
continued**

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Fun Run Winner with Abi Montes and Rosa Ryan



Awards Ceremony with Abi Montes and Rosa Ryan



Proud Sea Cadet Participants

## GENERAL DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

We had the pleasure of welcoming Chief Boatswains Mate Cassie McGuigan, USCG, as our guest speaker on Wednesday, October 15th at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Chief McGuigan spoke of her decision to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2010 and her career path that led to her current assignment at Officer in Charge, U.S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team, Fort Lauderdale. She shared some great personal photos and stories of her different assignments throughout her career.

The presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance including Council members from both Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Councils, Sea Cadet staff, family members and cadets as well as several active-duty members from our local commands.



Sea Cadet Color Guard



BMC Cassie McGuigan, USCG



Chief McGuigan with Council President, Abi Montes

## GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR DECEMBER 16TH DINNER MEETING

CAPT JOHN-DAVID A. LENTINE

CHIEF, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COAST GUARD SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Captain John-David “JD” Lentine assumed the duties of Chief of Resource Management for the Coast Guard (CG) Southeast District (CGD-SE) in July of 2024. As the CGD-SE Chief of Resource Management (dm), he is responsible for managing the financial, administrative, C5I, security & shore infrastructure planning support for CG Operations in the Southeast United States and Caribbean Basin, including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Captain Lentine reported to the CG Academy in 1996 from his hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska, and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. His subsequent assignments included Deck Watch Officer – Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) Cowslip (WLB-277), Executive Officer – CGC Sturgeon Bay (WTGB-109), CG Ocean Engineering Advanced Education Program – Oregon State University, Ocean Engineer – CG Civil Engineering Unit (CEU) Miami, Design Team Chief – CG CEU Miami, Program Manager – CG Facilities Design and Construction Center (FDCC), Facility Engineer – CG Air Station Clearwater, Executive Officer – CG CEU Miami, Commanding Officer – CG CEU Miami and Executive Assistant to the CG Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics (CG-4) – CG Headquarters.

Captain Lentine earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University in 2006 and a Master of Business Administration from Tulane University in 2012.

Captain Lentine is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. He is also a Project Management Professional, a Certified Energy Manager and a Level II, Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Program Manager and Contracting Officer’s Representative.

Captain Lentine’s personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, the CG Commendation Medal, two CG Achievement Medals and various other service and unit awards. Additionally, he received the 2013 Society of American Military Engineers CG Oren Medal for exemplary project execution, promotion of sustainable and resilient engineering solutions and advancement of the Civil Engineering profession.

Captain Lentine is married to Deykis “Kiki” Navarro-Lentine of Matanzas, Cuba.





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

## **Social Calendar 2025 - 2026**

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

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

### **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: CAPT John-David Lentine, Chief of Resource Management,  
USCG District Southeast**

### **Saturday, January 24, 2026, Seven Seas Gala, Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: Vice Admiral William Burke, USN (Ret)**

### **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: Ssgt Eliezer Olea, USMC, Marksmanship Training**

### **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

### **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025 3:30 PM EDT**  
**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
**Meeting ID: 899 9626 3102**  
**Passcode: GoNavy**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

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

**LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB**

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

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

**Guest Speaker**

**CAPTAIN WILLIE L. CARMICHAEL, USCG**

CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. COAST GUARD DISTRICT SOUTHEAST

Guests \$55 per person

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