NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL

October 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Council Members and Friends,

First, I want to thank everyone who came out for our **Sea Cadet Night in September**. Our **Fort Lauderdale Division Sea Cadets** did an outstanding job sharing their summer training experiences with us.

I was very proud of them. They spoke with confidence, shared some great stories, and showed everyone what the Sea Cadet program is all about. It is always great to see these young men and women growing in leadership, discipline, and confidence. A big thank you to the officers, staff, parents, and everyone who continues to support our Sea Cadets.

Our next dinner meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 21st**, and we have another great speaker joining us.

Our guest speaker will be **Leonard Pounds, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Data Strategy and Operational Excellence at Nova Southeastern University**.

Dr. Pounds has been with NSU since 2007 and has had a very successful career in technology, data strategy, operations, and innovation. What also makes his story special is that he is a **United States Navy veteran** who served as an Information Systems Technician and deployed in support of **Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom**.

I think our members will really enjoy hearing from him, especially with his background in the Navy, technology, leadership, and education.

I hope everyone can join us on **October 21st** for another great Navy League evening.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the **Fort Lauderdale Council,** our Sea Services, and our Sea Cadets.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Semper Fidelis,

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

NEW!
NAVY LEAGUE LOGO LAPEL PINS

Navy League logo lapel pins are available for $5 each. Each pin measures 1 inch in diameter and can be added to online dinner reservation or purchased in person at a monthly dinner meeting.



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Navy League Membership

Are you a “member in good standing” with the Navy League of the United States?

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. (navyleague.org) Members must ensure that their national membership remains current at all times. Local councils must remain in compliance with national policies to be considered in "good standing" and eligible to receive crucial funding, grants, or support from the Navy League of the United States.

From page 2-10 of the Navy League of the United States Operations Manual revised January 2, 2024: 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.

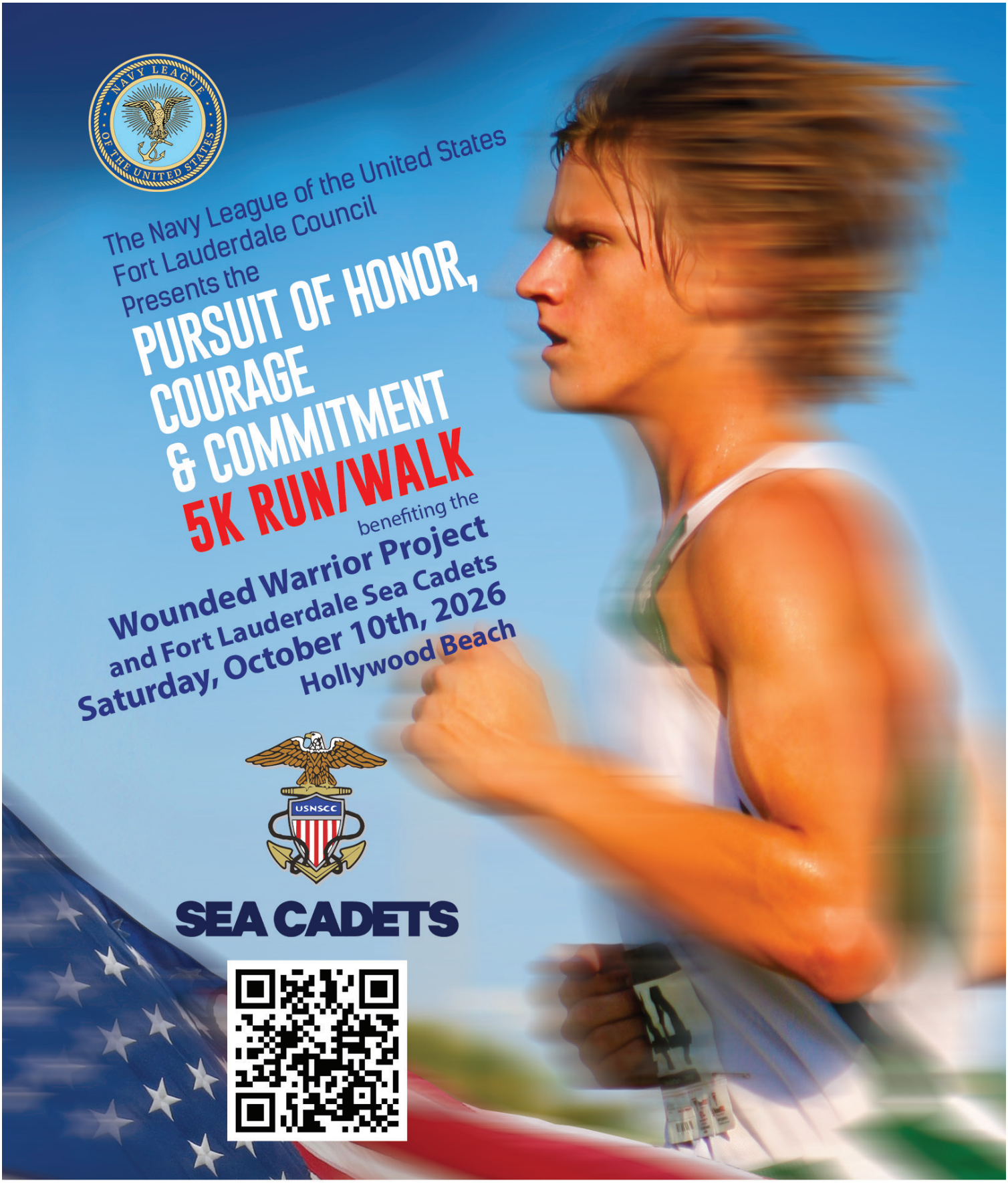
You can support the Fort Lauderdale Council by remaining a “member in good standing” with the Navy League of the United States. Navy League National offers several membership options including a free one-year basic membership.

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Please remember to designate Fort Lauderdale as your preferred council.

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The Navy League of the United States
Fort Lauderdale Council
Presents the
PURSUIT OF HONOR,
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5K RUN/WALK
benefiting the
Wounded Warrior Project
and Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets
Saturday, October 10th, 2026
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SEA CADETS
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GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR OCTOBER 21ST DINNER MEETING LEONARD POUNDS, PH.D, SENIOR VP OF DATA STRATEGY AND OPERATION EXCELLENCE, NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



Leonard Pounds, Ph.D., former vice president for clinical operations, has been named senior vice president of data strategy and operational excellence at Nova Southeastern University (NSU).

Pounds, who's been with NSU since 2007, will report to Rick James, executive vice president for strategy and operational excellence.

"It was a priority for NSU to identify an exceptional leader to strengthen our operational effectiveness and guide our information technology team into the next phase of excellence," James said, "Leonard brings a proven record across technology, healthcare, data strategy, and artificial intelligence, and I am confident he will help advance the university's technology strategy."

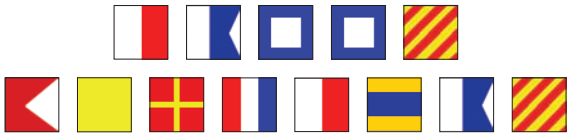
Pounds will oversee the Office of Information and Innovation Technology. His work will focus on enabling data-informed decision-making, strengthening operational performance, supporting responsible artificial intelligence adoption, and improving outcomes across education, research, healthcare, and administrative functions.

"It's a great privilege for me to continue serving NSU in this role alongside our talented team to strengthen operational effectiveness and drive innovation," Pounds said. "I look forward to advancing our strategic priorities across operational excellence, innovation, and technology to support NSU's mission."

A U.S. Navy veteran, Pounds was an information systems technician and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received numerous awards of distinction, including two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals, a Navy Unit Commendation medal, a Navy Good Conduct medal, a National Defense Service medal, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service medal, two Sea service ribbons, and the designation of Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

Pounds holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems from NSU's College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity, along with graduate and undergraduate degrees in information systems and information technology.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Jim Tobin	10/6	Jim Black	10/21
Luis Vela	10/12	George Moraitis	10/29
Greg Madonna	10/17	Jenna Hague	10/30

United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps
FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION & TRAINING SHIP RADFORD
Sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale Council of the Nay League of the United States
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LT Rosa Ryan, USNSCC
Commanding Officer

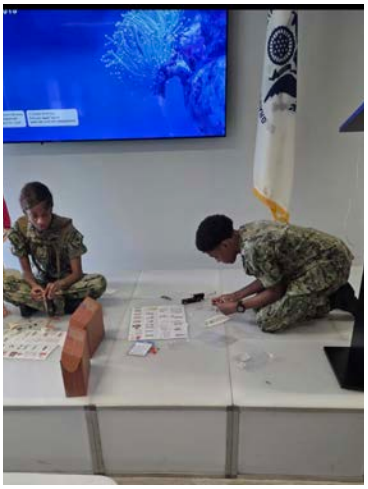
A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division

Cadets kicked off the month with a memorable trip to Boca Raton, where they had the honor of participating in the opening flag ceremony at the Navy vs. FAU football game. After the ceremony, the cadets joined family members and staff in the stands to enjoy the game and share in the excitement of the day.

The following Saturday, their drill at the base featured a hands-on STEM training project. The Cadets built walking robots and raced them! The activity gave cadets an opportunity to strengthen their problem-solving skills, work together, and apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts in a practical setting.

STEM TRAINING





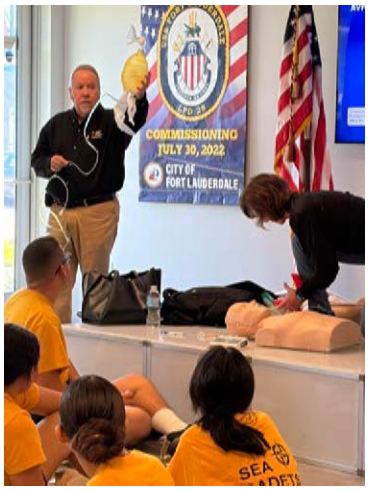


A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Fort Lauderdale Division
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To close out the month, the cadets completed CPR and First Aid training and earned their American Heart Association certifications. This training gave them valuable lifesaving skills and showed the importance of committing to helping others, staying ready, and leading by example.

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING













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SEA CADETS



SEA CADET NIGHT AT THE NAVY LEAGUE

We were delighted to resume our monthly dinner meetings at the Lauderdale Yacht Club following the summer break. Our annual joint meeting with the Broward County Council is always the best-attended meeting of the year—and for good reason. The Sea Cadets are always a big hit, and once again, they did not disappoint. They shared engaging, well-prepared presentations about their summer training experiences. Occasionally, adding a little humor! Our thanks



Cadet London Walton



Cadet Melody Bento



Cadet David Brown



Cadet Ried Himmelsbach



Cadet Vincent Leoli



Cadet Raelynn Stacey



Cadet Joseph Bento

SEA CADET NIGHT AT THE NAVY LEAGUE
continued

to LT Rosa Ryan, Fort Lauderdale Division Commanding Officer, who spent countless hours with the cadets practicing their presentations. It was a great public speaking experience that will undoubtedly serve them well in the future. Bravo Zulu to Cadets Melody Bento, Joseph Bento, David Brown, Raelynn Stacey, London Walton, Reid Himmelsbach, and Vincent Zeoli.

Congratulations to Cadet Alejandro Duran Jr., Enterprise Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, who was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer at the dinner.



Sea Cadet Night Speakers



LT Rosa Ryan and Abi Montes



Sea Cadet Night color Guard

FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL MEMBERS AT SOUTHCOM

On September 30, Council members attended the Senior Enlisted Command Change of Responsibility Ceremony at SOUTHCOM in Doral. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with members of the leadership team and staff. Attending these events is crucial for establishing and maintaining relationships and increasing awareness of the Navy League and the Fort Lauderdale Council.



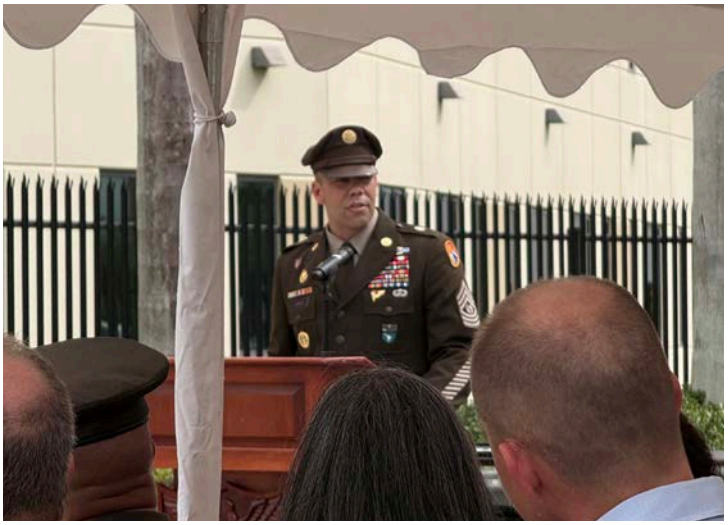
Abi Montes, Elaine Nasta,Command SgtMaj Harris, USA



General Donovan, USMC, Elaine Nasta, Abi Montes



MajGen Lightfoot, USMC, Elaine Nasta, Abi Montes



SgtMaj Raymond Harris, USA



SgtMaj Rodriguez

GALLERIA FORT LAUDERDALE

Henderson Behavioral Health

POPPY PROJECT

POP-UP LIVING GARDEN

IN SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS

WE'RE IN BLOOM

Experience The Poppy Project Pop-Up Living Garden for a limited time, only!

Featuring colorful, larger-than-life artistic poppy flowers set amidst vibrant tropical plants, this public art installation is a visual display of remembrance and patriotism.

Take a photo. Share it with friends and family. Donate to Henderson Behavioral Health to support local veterans.

September 10 - November 10, 2026

Galleria Fort Lauderdale*
2414 E. Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

*During normal mall hours



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THE POPPY PROJECT POP-UP LIVING GARDEN
AT GALLERIA FORT LAUDERDALE
SEPT 10, 2026 - NOV 10, 2026

As seen in The Boca Raton Observer

USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) Support Committee

GALLERIA FORT LAUDERDALE

Henderson Behavioral Health

POPPY PROJECT

IN SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS,
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND FAMILIES

Galleria Fort Lauderdale presents The Poppy Project Pop-Up Living Garden in support of Henderson Behavioral Health (HBH) in collaboration with the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD28) Support Committee. This public art initiative is designed to honor veterans while raising awareness and funds for critical mental health services. Shoppers can take colorful photos and selfies to share online and connect with and donate to HBH's virtual Legacy Wall which encourages friends and families to honor loved ones who have served or are currently serving our country. The cherished photo opportunity with the larger-than-life artistic poppy flowers will run through November 10 at Galleria Fort Lauderdale (2414 East Sunrise Blvd.).

Designed by South Florida based Ingham Landscaping and presented by Galleria Fort Lauderdale, the two-month living garden will be a colorful and lively setting featuring the five-and 6-foot striking handcrafted fiberglass poppy flowers which are a remembrance of those who protect and serve our country. The inside mall garden will include a variety of tropical ornamental plants and shrubs that will complement the artistic poppy works of art.

Adding to the installation, will be "Soldier Stories," an exclusive exhibition by award-winning artist Marilyn Johansen honoring veterans and the military. Visitors will also be encouraged to select free postcards and add a personal message to current servicemen and women. This special moment is arranged by the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD28) Support Committee. Special retail offers will coincide with this community project.

Inspired by the poppy's historical significance as a symbol of sacrifice, rooted in the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," and later adopted as a national emblem of remembrance, HBH's The Poppy Project brings this tradition to life in a local and meaningful way.

The effort is sponsored by key community partners and supporters including The Leo Goodwin Foundation, Arlene Pecora, the Henderson Behavioral Health Board of Directors, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD28) Support Committee, Community Foundation of Broward, Disabled American Veterans-Gold Coast Chapter 133, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Galleria Fort Lauderdale.

To learn more, call (954) 564-1015 or visit www.galleriamall-fl.com.

NLUS REMEBERING
CAPT (RET) FANANCY LOUIS ANZALONE MD, MPH, CPE, FASMA, IAASM
MARCH 29, 1956 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026



Dr. Fanancy Louis Anzalone, a highly decorated United States Navy Captain, physician, aerospace medicine specialist, and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Captain Anzalone was a former member of the Fort Lauderdale Council.

Read Capt Anazalone's Obituatry

Navy League of the United States
Fort Lauderdale Council

Social Calendar 2026 - 2027

Saturday, October 10, 2026, Pursuit of Honor, Courage, & Commitment 5K, Hollywood Beach, Sign up or Donate at Honor5K.org

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Leonard Pounds, Ph.D., Nova NSU

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Major Maryanna Sheck, USMC

Tuesday, December 15, 2026, Holiday Celebration Dinner/Toys for Tots Drive
Guest Speaker: Lashae Bacon, Former Army Helicopter Pilot, Founder of Mile-High Health Club

Saturday, January 23, 2027, Seven Seas Gala, Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort
Guest Speaker: MajGen Stephen Lightfoot, USMC

Wednesday, February 17, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Hugh Healey, CEO South Florida Container Terminal

Wednesday, March 17, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, April 21, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, May 19, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Rear Admiral Adam Chamie, USCG

Summer Break: June - August 2027

Wednesday, September 22, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, October 20, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, November 17, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, December 15, 2027, Dinner Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: TBD

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 3:30 PM EDT
Join Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 899 9626 3102
Passcode: GoNavy

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 21st, 2026

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

LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB
1725 SE 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Guest Speaker

LEONARD POUNDS, Ph.D
Senior VP of Data Strategy and Operation Excellence
Nova Southeastern University

Guests $55 per person
RSVP Required! Limited Seating!
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