



The Fleet Sheet

A monthly Newsletter from the Mayport Navy League

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From the Bridge

Mayport Navy Leaguers -

We are coming to the end of the year. We have had a number of great events. I hope you all got to attend a number of them. This coming new year, please make a resolution to come out and support some of our great events. During our November dinner meeting, we voted in the new slate of officers for next year. Please take the time to look at our various committees and see where you would like to be plugged in. There are so many opportunities to get involved.



The only way we can continue to do the great things we do is with support of the membership. I hope you will consider being an active participant in your Mayport Navy League.

Our last opportunity to serve this year is our No Dough Dinner. Please sign up for that if you have not done that before. You will love it. You can sign up by contacting Charlie Armstrong at Charles.r.armstrong@gmail.com. We will not have a December meeting. Our next meeting will be the January 15th meeting when we induct the new board. Please make plans to attend. We will announce the speaker in the next newsletter. Even though we are not having a dinner meeting this month, we still have many activities going on. We are supporting the Salvation Army bell ringing, the Blount Island Marines through giving to their Christmas commissary chits and the before mentioned No dough dinner.

I want to mention one last time, we are switching to an electronic newsletter. If you have not done so,

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<http://www.mayportnlus.org>
For NL Application

December 8th
No Dough Dinner - USO
volunteers needed

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mayport is Easy Coast LCS Homeport

Congressman Ander Crenshaw, a member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, recently toured Naval Base San Diego and Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California the homeport for the Navy's West Coast Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) fleet.

With the United States Navy's planned homeport of the East Coast LCS fleet at Naval Station Mayport, he wanted first-hand information from his San Diego tour to ensure Mayport has the resources it needs for the LCS homeporting. During the San Diego visit, he viewed LCS operations at the base, discussed training and maintenance with top Navy and industry personnel, and was able to sail on the USS Freedom (LCS1).

"The first six Littoral Combat Ships of the East Coast fleet will begin arriving at Mayport in 2016 with more ships expected by 2020 – this is an example of the key

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please send me your email address so you can receive the newsletter. Contact me at rick@aboutfloorsnmore.com

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Rick Costner
Mayport Council President

RADM Gumataotao Join-Up

On 6 November several of us had a fun and informative evening at Singleton’s Seafood Shack in quaint Mayport Village. Present were active duty officers and their spouses like Commodore Ryan and Amy Tillotson (DESRON-14), Commodore Sam Hancock (DESRON 40), CAPT Erin Armstrong (Dep DESRON 40), Commodore Paul Young (LCSRON-2), CDR Pete and Mrs. Ehlers, (Dep LSCRON-2), CDR Adam Aycock (ATG-Mayport), CDR Bo Palmer (XO NAVSTA) and MCPO Susan Whitman (Atlantic Surface Force Master Chief).

Rear Admiral Pete Gumataotao is the Commander for all surface ships in the Atlantic Fleet. He was in Mayport to stand up the new squadron that will support the Atlantic Fleet Littoral Combat Ships. The LCSs will be based at Mayport Naval Station.

Gumataotao spoke about the importance of Mayport to the Navy and the nation. He thanked all of us present for taking care of our Sailors. He also reflected on all of his sea assignments being in the Pacific and how wonderful it would have been to be stationed in Mayport!

It was a terrific setting to watch shrimp boats and large ships pass by in the

From the Congressional Affairs Chairman

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and lasting role of the LCS and Jacksonville to our national security,” said Crenshaw. “My top priority is to ensure our military has the resources it needs whenever and wherever needed. The San Diego tour provided valuable, first-hand information that I will put to use on Capitol Hill in my continued fight for a strong military that includes a smooth transition for homeporting the LCS on the First Coast.”

“With its strategic location, Naval Station Mayport is the perfect fit for the LCS, cruisers, destroyers and the three-ship Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) already there,” Crenshaw continued. “Naval Station Mayport and all our First Coast military assets help anchor our national security.

In its official August 2014 announcement, the Navy stated that the first six vessels of the LCS East Coast homeporting is expected to bring 900 Sailors and support personnel to the Mayport area. The ships are the future Little Rock (LCS 9), Sioux City (LCS 11), Wichita (LCS 13), Billing (LCS 13), Indianapolis (LCS 17) and LCS 19 (name is pending).

J. Michael McGrath
Congressional Affairs Chairman

St John’s River. All present enjoyed the comraderie of the evening and viewing Captain Singleton’s collection of model ships and boats that he built. As always, the seafood was great.

Mayport Navy League members present included: Rick Costner, Elenor Snite, Lee Wahler, Kathy Kharman and Dennis Stokowski

Do you have a change of Address?

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Address _____

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**Passing of Chaplain James Mennis,
Captain, CHC, USN (Ret.)**

On 28 October, our long standing Mayport Navy League Chaplain, Monsignor James Mennis passed away. Chaplain Mennis was buried by his family on Friday, 7 November, in Navan, Ireland. On Wednesday, 19 November, a Memorial Mass was said for Monsignor Mennis at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville Beach. The Pastor, Father William Kelly celebrated the Mass with 8 other area priests, including retired Navy Chaplains John Kaul and Gerard O'Shea. The eulogy was given by RADM George Huchting USN(Ret.). Mass was followed by a reception at Chaplain Jim's condominium lobby and the releasing of 4 doves: one for the Father, one for the Son, one for the Holy Spirit and one for Chaplain Jim! As a side light, the doves are homing, and they beat the people who brought them back to their roosts!



Calendar of Coming Events

**December 8th - No Dough Dinner - USO -
need volunteers**

TENTATIVE 2015 SCHEDULE

**January 15th - Installation of Officers and
Board of Directors - Location TBD**

**February 19th - Marine Corps Dinner -
Surfside (next to Ocean Breeze)**

**March 19th - USCG Dinner -
CAPT Allan, RDML Paul Thomas
Co-host w. Prop Club of Jax - DM Location
TBD - MNL Sea Cadets Career Day - DM Location**

April 16th - SoY Dinner - Surfside

**May 21st - Sea Cadet/NJROTC/NROTC Dinner -
Location TBD**

June 13th - BoM Dinner

June 18th Casual Dinner - C.O. NAVSTA Quarters

**September 17th - Congressional/Port Authority/
Sea Service speaker - Surfside**

**October 17th Friday - Annual Silent Auction
TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse**

**November 19th - Congressional/Port Authority/
Sea Service speaker - Surfside**

December TBD - Concert w/ JSO

FOR BASE ACCESS - Base Security now has a requirement for Full Name (as on Driver's License) & Date of Birth for All occupants in the car. AND THE LAST 4 DIGITS OF ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS This information must be submitted on the Base Access list for the dinner.

Full Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

Mayport Naval Station Sailors of the Year Luncheon

On Friday, 15 November, your Mayport Navy League, along with our loyal supporters - the Navy Federal Credit Union, Morris Busbia GEICO Insurance and First Command Financial Services - supported the Mayport Naval Station in honoring the Sailors of the Year from both the Naval Station, Mayport and the commands located and home-ported in Mayport. It was a sold out crowd and our support was recognized by Naval Station Mayport Command Master Chief Cramer. Our support allows the honorees and their spouse to attend with out charge. The

Navy Region Southeast new Command Master Chief, Michael Jackson, was the key note speaker - asking us all to ask ourselves: "Why would someone want to follow my lead?" Kind of makes you stop and think about how we conduct ourselves! It was a sell out crowd - another great event that you helped make possible -
Honoring the best of the best!

Note - the Mayport Navy League will honor the top Mayport Shore, Sea and Aviation Sailors, the Marine Of the Year and the Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Coast Guardsman of the Year at one of our dinners in 2015.



USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) Returns to Mayport

On Sunday, 23 November, the USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) returned to her Mayport homeport after a 9 month deployment. About 4 AM, the rain was pounding however by about 8 AM as the families began to gather, the rain had moved on. A great Navy Day - haze gray and not too humid and warm!

Your Mayport Navy Leaguers Roseanne Jameson, George Huchting and their Ship Return Leader, Bill Mc Loughlin were again on the pier to make sure that everyone had an American flag to wave as the ship came along side. Those of you who watched the evening news on Sunday should have seen the flags waving.

Ship returns are normally announced by the Mayport Navy League g-mail as the Navy holds off on making the date and time of arrival public until closer to the actual date - so we cannot always get that information into The Fleet Sheet.

Please consider joining the team to put smiles on faces - it only takes about 1 -2 hours of time. If you need base access, please send your full name as it is on your drivers license, date of birth and last 4 digits of your Social security Number (need for each person in the car who does not have a military ID) to Rick Costner (floors1rc@bellsouth.net) or George Huchting (geohuch@aol.com) at least 5 working days in advance so that they can submit that information to the Navy and get you cleared - it is a several day process to get the information into the DoD computer system and get clearance back and out to the gate guards. Contact one of us and we will be happy to help you get started!



USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) Returns to Mayport from 9 month deployment on Saturday 11/15/14

Our guided missile cruiser, USS Philippine Sea (CG 58), returned to her Mayport from a 9 month deployment (!!!) on Saturday, 15 November. A huge crowd of family and friends were on the pier to welcome the ship back home. Everyone had an American flag to wave - thanks to your support!

Mayport Navy Leaguers on the pier were Clark and Loretta Gaylord, Tim Jenkins, Rosanne Jameson, George Huchting and their fearless leader, Bill McLoughlin, complete with his bag of flags!

It was a good thing the ship is 567 feet long as the crowd was packed the pier for the entire ship length - 5 & 6 deep!

Many thanks to the Mayport Navy Leaguers who came out to distribute the flags and put smiles on so many faces!



**Tim Jenkins
(L) and Clark
Gaylord (R)
handing out flags**

It simply does not
get any better than
this -
**the family
reunited again!**



Navy League Dinner



Mike McGrath, Don Mooers



Representatives of Navy Federal



FC2(SW) Joseph Bribianca, FC2(SW) Garrett Fogle and STG2 Jon Schultz with Dennis Stokowski



Jon Vargo and FC2 (SW) Fogle



Capt. and Mrs. Tillotson with CAPT Chris Brunett, C.O. of the USS New York



Rick Costner with Mayport Base CO, Wes McCall and Francis Hoyt

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Sea Cadet Annual Veterans Day Parade



Monthly Dinner

On 20 November we held our Monthly Dinner at the Surfside facility on Mayport Naval Station. Our guest speaker was CAPT Ryan Tillotson. He is the Commodore for the destroyers, frigates and coastal patrol ships in Mayport.

Commodore Tillotson provided insight into what our Navy is doing around the globe, emphasizing that the U.S. is the only nation in the history to maintain freedom of the seas not just for itself but for all nations. He also provided a timeline for the decommissioning of ships and the expected arrival of new ships to Mayport. Finally, told us how much he appreciates the many activities of Mayport Navy League Council and the impact we make on Sailors.

During the dinner we recognized three of the many Sailors who spent the entire day on Saturday, 8 November, training our Sea Cadets aboard UDD Hue City (CG 66). By all accounts it was one of the best opportunities for our youngsters in many years!



President Rick Costner presents CAPT Ryan Tillotson with a token of appreciation for his interesting talk



First row: Midshipman Jesse Moniz, Seaman Apprentice Hernandez, LC3 Matson
Second row: Seaman Recruit Howard, P03 Carter

Sea Cadet News



The Hue City Crew held training for our Mayport Naval Sea Cadets on November 8th. The Hue City crew went all out for our cadets giving them the most extensive ship training we have experienced in a long time. The cadets were broken into the rotational groups at 5 stations followed by Chow in the ships Galley. The crew ate with the cadets and before chow was over the crew decided to extend our visit by coming up with 2 additional training stations that were not part of the original plan. Before the day was over the cadets had experienced: damage control (DC), the bridge, Combat Information Center (CIC), an overview of the ships weapon systems including the Torpedo system and the forward five-inch gun mount. After chow the ships Engineers gave the cadets an overview of the ship's engines and the gas powered electrical generator.

On Veterans Day, the Mayport Cadets proudly marched in their whites behind the crew of the USS Gettysburg. This year's Veteran's Day parade had the largest showing in the Mayport Sea Cadets history with 46 cadets marching in the parade.



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**Bill McLoughlin, Marge Petschke
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Patti Burger**

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Council activities range from special military installation visits and ship tours or cruises to a wide variety of social events as luncheons or dinners during which members of the Sea Services are honored or presented with awards. Council members work together to foster common local interest and to promote maritime issues of national importance.

And along the way, we have a great time!

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