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April 13, 2019



Navy League
of the United States
Palm Beach Council
Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

Youth Recognition Dinner

Preserve at Ironhorse CC

Top performers from the six council-sponsored Sea Service youth groups were recognized at an elegant dinner and awards ceremony on April 13 at Ironhorse Country Club, where we were hosted by council members Catherine Brister and Jerry Gay.



The **Royal Palm Beach Navy JROTC** unit provided Color Guard services and Iwo Jima Naval Sea Cadet Carlo Fulgenzi sang the national anthem, kicking off an outstanding evening of dining, conversation between youth groups and Navy Leaguers, and the presentation of 19 personalized plaques & cash awards.

Two **Top Performers** from each cadet unit were recognized, and the **Color Guard Commander** of each unit was presented with the **CAPT Peter L Knight Leadership** award. Each of these 18 awards consisted of a personalized plaque and \$100 cash honorarium. And tonight, the award included a crisp \$2-bill in honor of Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

Each cash award was individually sponsored by a Navy League council member; honorees and sponsors are listed on the table card shown below that was given to all evening attendees.



Council member Ken Lee was MC for the evening, and was assisted by PB Council VP Jennie Monroe for award presentations. Nearly all of the award sponsors were in attendance for the event and also participated in the awards presentations.



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Top Performer Honorees

Palm Beach Gardens H.S. – Navy JROTC
c/CDR Mariah Lott *Sponsor: Elinor Pedrick*
c/CAPT Ricardo Encalada* *Sponsor: Bandi Gilley*


Young Marines of the Palm Beaches
c/GySGT Elliot Trzasko *Sponsor: Jerry Nelinson*
c/SGT Max McGrady *Sponsor: John Lively*

Naval Sea Cadet Corps – Iwo Jima Div
c/PO3 Victoria Varallo *Sponsor: Charles Zambrano*
c/PO2 Nathan Conner* *Sponsor: Estella O'Connor*

Naval Sea Cadet Corps – AmVets Division
c/PO1 Garrett Fulton *Sponsor: Jerry Gay*
c/MA3 Skylar Hansrote *Sponsor: Catherine Brister*

Palm Beach Lakes H.S. – Marines JROTC
c/1stLT Losedala Varilus *Sponsor: Diana Paxton*
c/SSGT Samelia Myers *Sponsor: Cindy Townsend*

Royal Palm Beach H.S. – Navy JROTC
c/CDR Kim Urizar *Sponsor: Betty Parker*
c/LCDR Leanni Villao *Sponsor: Nancy Leonetti*



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CAPT Peter L. Knight
Color Guard Commander Award
In Honor of Capt Peter L. Knight – Past Council President

Palm Beach Gardens H.S. – Navy JROTC
c/CPO Hunter Lott *Sponsor: Ted Blake*

Young Marines of the Palm Beaches
c/SGT Daniel Peguero *Sponsor: Greg Parker*

Naval Sea Cadet Corps – Iwo Jima Division
c/SN Elijah Hebert *Sponsor: Joan Ross*

Naval Sea Cadet Corps – AmVets Division
c/CPO Ethan Spell* *Sponsor: Eric Rydstrom*

Palm Beach Lakes H.S. – Marines JROTC
c/1stSGT Jezeabelle Garcie *Sponsor: Lou Palumbo CIA(ret)*

Royal Palm Beach H.S. – Navy JROTC
c/LT Brianna McGovern *Sponsor: CAPT Dan Pedrick*

Commander Norm Daly
\$1000 Scholarship
Sponsored by Merry O'Donnell
Competitively Awarded to Applicants Who Will Be Pursuing
College-level ROTC Program Starting Fall 2019
Sea Cadet MA3 Skylar Hansrote

Cadet Dinner Sponsors
Bob & Pandora Crippen Diana Paxton Ken Lee
Joan Ross & Eric Rydstrom Karen Restaino
Dr Maurice & Rosemarie Maccario M.Elizabeth Rogers

In addition to the aforementioned Color Guard and Top Performer awards, the 2019 winner of our CDR Norm Daly \$1000 Scholarship was announced.

The Norm Daly scholarship was endowed eight years ago by council member Merry O'Donnell, and tonight's award to Cadet Petty Officer Skylar Hansrote of the AmVets Sea Cadets unit, presented by Council Treasurer and Daly Scholarship Chair Eric Rydstrom, was the 19th presented over the past eight years.

We wish the best of luck to c/PO3 Hansrote; she will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy this Fall very impressive!!

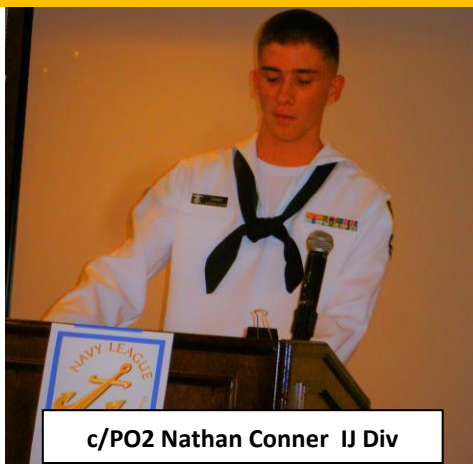
Toward the end of the evening we were treated to a short speech by one cadet from each of the six youth groups; each presentation was different from the others, and all were equally inspiring. These highly poised cadets were universal in praising their cadet unit staff leaders for inspiring them and making a quantum change in their lives.



Eric Rydstrom & MA3 Skylar Hansrote



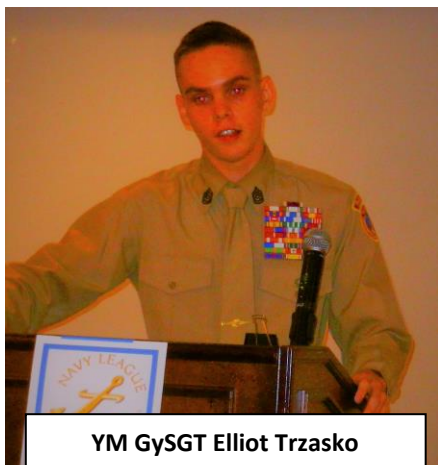
c/CPO Hunter Lott PBG NJROTC



c/PO2 Nathan Conner IJ Div



c/LCDR Leanni Villao RPB NJROTC



YM GySGT Elliot Trzasko



c/MA3 Skylar Hansrote A/V Div

All of the cadet staff leaders couldn't attend this evening due to conflicting scheduled events; but MC Ken Lee had each of those in attendance stand for recognition, and the group received a resounding ovation from the council members and cadets. Attending tonight were:

CPO Robert Cox – PB Gardens HS NJROTC

CPO Israel Gonzalez – Royal Palm Beach HS NJROTC

Chris Alosio – Young Marines of Palm Beaches

LTJG Larry Saulog & ENS William Boggess – Sea Cadets, AmVets Division

LTJG Frank Verna & LTJG Jennie Monroe – Sea Cadets, Iwo Jima Division

Council President John Lively thanked our council Programs VP Jennie Monroe and Tammy Fernandez and council Youth Programs VP Frank Verna for their many hours of work in organizing and presenting this outstanding dinner.

The many awards of the evening were on display for members to review and appreciate during the social time.



We hope you'll enjoy the following photos of the evening as much as we enjoyed being there! Thank you Jerry Nelinson and Lou Palumbo and Jian Yang for your photo assistance.



Sea Cadets – Iwo Jima Division

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NJROTC – Royal Palm Beach High School



Young Marines of the Palm Beaches

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Sea Cadets – American Veterans Division



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Marines JROTC – Palm Beach Lakes H.S.



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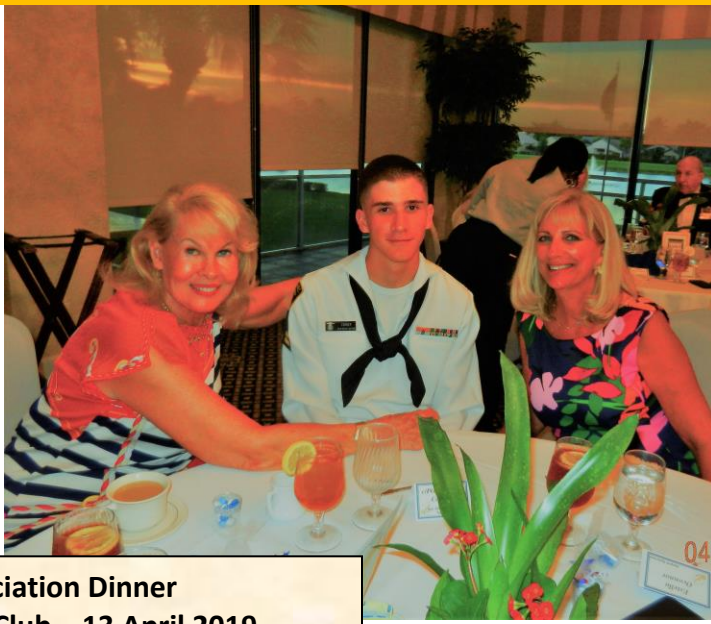
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It was a great Navy League evening!

Congratulations again to the outstanding cadets and unit leaders and thanks to our member sponsors..... What's Next?

Board Meeting May 14th – Marriott WPB

Luncheon Social at Bear Lakes CC May 22nd

Navy Reserves Appreciation Dinner June 8th at Hilton Hotel @ PBI



Come Join the Fun !

Membership & Schedule Info Available on Website

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