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Palm Beach Council

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

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Navy Reserves Appreciation Dinner

Airport Hilton Hotel – West Palm Beach



Over thirty Palm Beach Council members gathered at the Palm Beach Airport Hilton for a dinner salute to our local Navy Reservists who had deployed overseas and returned over the past year.

Returning reservist Senior Chief Petty Officer John Walls was in attendance and was given a \$300 cash honorarium in recognition of his deployed service in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2018.

Also attending was Senior Chief (and Mrs) Nicolas Hernandez, who will be deploying next month for duties within CONUS.



Senior Chief Petty Officers Wall and Hernandez

Council President John Lively introduced other dignitaries in attendance, including:

- Council Past Presidents Irv Silver and Ken Lee
- Current Council Vice Presidents Bob Ames, Jennie Monroe and Frank Verna
- Past VP Youth Programs Nancy Fish, visiting from new digs in Punta Gorda, FL
- Astronaut Bob Crippen and NASA Project Lead Engineer Pandora Crippen
- John also saluted Council Director Patricia Reybold, who was celebrating her 80th birthday; and Jerry Nelinson, who had just returned from a three week trip to Moscow and official attendance at the May 9th Red Square WW-2 Victory Celebration.
- Commander Keith Bushey – Commanding Officer, NOSC West Palm Beach

It was a trying evening as the late afternoon thunderstorms had knocked out power in the hotel, and the air-conditioning systems hadn't yet recovered. Jennie Monroe had the hotel staff working throughout the evening to provide all possible relief.



Senior Chief Walls provided an interesting short talk on his most recent deployment to Guantanamo Bay; this time he was in the slot of Senior Enlisted Leader. In an earlier deployment he was a lead Hospital Corpsman and was involved in prisoner oversight and treatment. John and his wife Margaret (also in attendance) reside in Vero Beach, where he is a 30+-year officer in

the Firefighting Department.

Council President John Lively presented SCPO Hernandez with a Palm Beach Council challenge coin, telling him we'd be thinking of him during his upcoming deployment.

Thank you to award donors Anthony Scarpellino, Lou Palumbo, Bob Crippen, Bob Ames and John Lively.

Thank you Jerry Nelinson, Ken Lee and Lou Palumbo for photos of the evening!





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Senior Chief Petty Officer John & Margaret Walls



Senior Chief Petty Officer Nicolas Hernandez & John Lively





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Board members are reminded that we have a Board Meeting on June 11 at Marriott WPB; this will be final meeting before September.

Have a great Summer!!



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