

# News Clip

Nov 20, 2019



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

## ***Luncheon at PGA Members Club*** ***Guest Speaker Jerry Nelinson***

Over 40 enthusiastic Palm Beach Council members convened in the PGA Members Club for our November luncheon.

We were treated to an outstanding presentation by our council's International Ambassador, Jerry Nelinson, relating his experiences as an official attendee at the May 9, 2019 Victory Day celebrations in Red Square, Moscow.



Members Club  
PGA National Resort and Spa



Ambassador Huntsman

День Победы - Красная Площадь

**SN 1/c Jerry Nelinson USCG WW-2**



**Palm Beach Council**  
**International Ambassador**



**Red Square – MOSCOW – 9 May 2019**

Jerry had applied to the Russian Embassy in Washington, DC to be seated as an American WW-2 veteran at this year's annual Victory Day celebrations in Red Square.



Much to his surprise and happiness, he did indeed receive a coveted reserved seat in the reviewing stands, not far from President Putin, and was treated as a very welcome visitor and fellow warrior in WW-2, known as the Great Patriotic War in Russia.

Jerry's good friend Tammy Svoboda teaches at the Anglo American School in Moscow and assisted Jerry in navigating the city and events in a very big and very busy Moscow.

Jerry's talk was both fascinating and somewhat emotional, as we listened

carefully to the only American WW-2 veteran seated in the VIP stands in Red Square that day. Jerry was careful to emphasize how friendly everyone was and how clean and secure the city was throughout his 9-day visit.

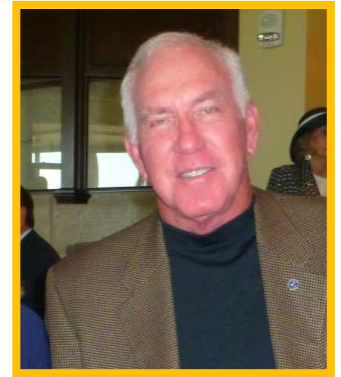
At today's luncheon, stories still abounded on the success of our Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday Ball. James and Bandi Gilley were in attendance today, and she was repeatedly thanked for the beautiful table centerpieces she and Jim donated to the Ball. Bandi conceived and constructed each one, and Jim carefully delivered them to the Trump International Golf Club for the Ball.



Also saluted today were Dick Ray and Charles Zambrano; both nominated to join the council Board of Directors in 2020. Officer and Director voting takes place at our Dec 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Sailfish Club. All council members are encouraged to enjoy the beautiful club and to vote for our 2020 leadership.

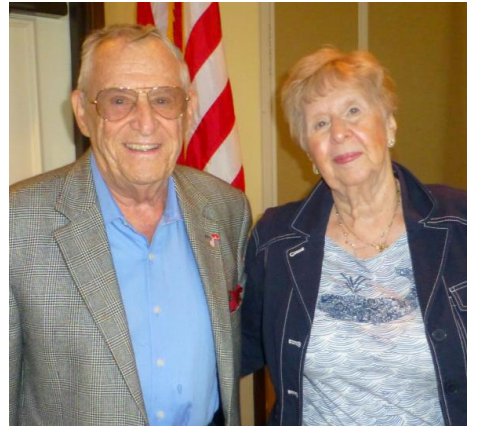


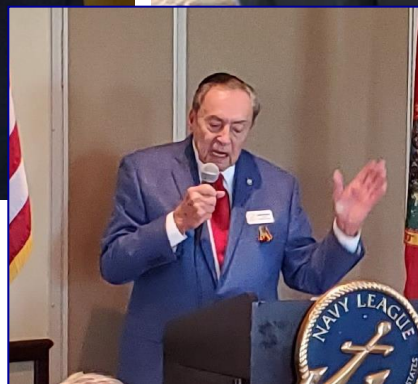
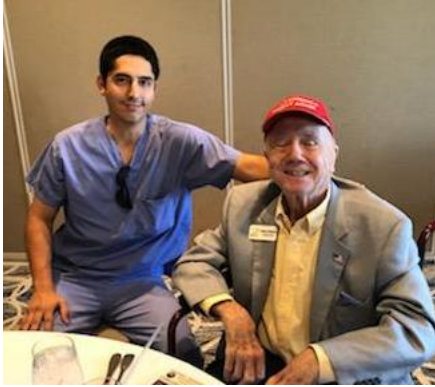
Council President John Lively had our Executive Vice President, Colonel Bob Ames, provide a few words on our next two luncheon speakers, both of whom are renowned Air Force veterans. First is LtCol Bill Burk, one of the just 84 pilots who flew the 2000-mph SR-71 Cold War reconnaissance plane; and second is LtCol Mel Pollack, a 5+-year POW in Viet Nam and lifelong friend of Senator John McCain.



It's a good time to be a Navy Leaguer in the Palm Beach Council. Please encourage your friends to join us in our Citizens Support to the Sea Services and in our very enjoyable, monthly social activities. Here are some of the snapshots from today.









## Next Council Events

**Dec 10 – Board of Directors Meeting at Marriott WPB**

**Dec 17 – Luncheon at Sailfish Club - Palm Beach**

Includes election of Officers & Directors (Slate – next page)

**Jan 14 - Board of Directors Meeting at Marriott WPB**

**Jan 22 – Luncheon at Ballen Isles**

**Feb 11 - Board of Directors Meeting at Marriott WPB**

**Feb 12 – Luncheon at Abacoa Golf Club**

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Dec 17 Luncheon Flyer & Reservations/Payment are on Website  
Sign Up Early – It's a Popular event



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Thanks again to all for making today's luncheon a great success!

**Officers/Directors Slate Attached**

Officers and Directors for service beginning 1 January 2020, subject to the Slate being presented and voted upon at the December 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting of the general membership of the council.



Thanks to Nominating Committee – Ken Lee, Chairman..... assisted by Rich Wennet, Jennie Monroe, Lou Palumbo and Frank Verna

## Palm Beach Council

### Slate of Officers and Directors to serve 2020

|                        |                 |                     |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| President              | John Lively     | VP Youth            | Frank Verna   |
| Executive VP           | Bob Ames        | Treasurer           | Eric Rydstrom |
| Secretary              | Marilyn Coleman | VP Maritime Affairs | Ken Lee       |
| Judge Advocate         | Richard Wennet  | VP Development      | Phil Dunmire  |
| VP Programs            | Jennie Monroe   | VP Membership       | Joan Ross     |
| VP Communications      | Jerry Nelinson  |                     |               |
| VP Legislative Affairs | John Limoncelli |                     |               |

### Directors

Electing to serve through Dec 2022

Dan Pedrick Catherine Brister Richard Ray  
Charles Zambrano

Serving through Dec 2020

Anita Manuel Lou Palumbo Betty Parker  
Patricia Reybold Merry O'Donnell

Serving through Dec 2021

Chuck Stark Diana Paxton Maurice Maccario  
Sumner Hushing

Immediate Past President: Steve Wiggins

Many thanks to these council members who step up to take on leadership roles throughout the year to help us better carry out our slogan ...

*Citizens Supporting the Sea Services*

The Nominating Committee further recommends the Presidential Appointment of the following:

Awards Program Chair Ken Lee

#### Under VP Maritime Affairs

NOSC liaison Dan Pedrick  
AUTEC liaison Lou Palumbo  
USCG liaison tbd  
USMC liaison Jim Wells

Daly Scholarship Chair Betty Parker  
Wetherington

Science Fair Judge/Awards tbd

Webmaster Ken Lee

Birthday Dinner Chair tbd

## Navy Birthday Ball Photos

Photos can be viewed and downloaded at no cost (your council paid for them) at the <https://www.jacekphotography.com/Events/Navy-League/244-Birthday-Ball/n-V2rWdb/>

