

Sea Notes

Interim Briefing



NAVY LEAGUE OF
THE UNITED STATES
PALM BEACH COUNCIL

Kicking Off the New Year

We had a fun and exciting start to 2024.

Sharing news of our activities to highlight the value of your membership and demonstrate how our community supports the mission of the Navy League...

We started our year with a tour of the WPTV Studio with meteorologist Kate Wentzel as our host. This informative view of the making and airing of local news was followed by fun conversations and cocktails at Meat Market Steakhouse. [Click here to see coverage video broadcast as part of WPTV News](#) on January 25, 2024.



Members of the Navy League and a dozen Sea Cadets staffed our booth at the Legend's Radio concert at Abacoa Amphitheatre in Jupiter. Besides having fun and listening to the music, our goal was to highlight our mission and activities and recruit new members for both Sea Cadets and the Palm Beach Council.



PTF-26 *The Last U.S. Navy PT Boat*

One of the most exciting events was to support a special request from the Paducah, KY-based Maritime Pastoral Training Foundation. This non-profit organization owns PTF-26, a 95' Vietnam-era Navy gunboat. This vintage PTF-26 is the last American PT boat ever built.

The request was made to Council President Jeff Leibowitz to help move the ship from Port Everglades to Port of Palm Beach and find dock space for one month in the Port of Palm Beach. The Navy Leaguers who helped move the boat were Council officers Jeff Leibowitz, Stephen Rousseau, Denise Rousseau, and new members Craig Siegler and Nina Pucillo. Council Member Dr. Jean Enright was instrumental in helping secure dockage at the Port, and we thank her for her efforts.

The 40-mile trip had its adventure, with adverse weather and mechanical issues that diverted the voyage from outside to up the intercoastal waterway. The crew's duties included standing watch, maintaining course and speed, and ensuring safe passage through the bridges.

PTF-26 will remain at the Port of Palm Beach through February 23, 2024. The Board is working on scheduling boat tours, and information will be sent if and when we can arrange security to access to the Port. The boat will move and be overhauled in Mobile, AL, becoming a training vessel for Sea Scouts, Sea Cadets, and NJROTC cadets. The ship's owner has made the Palm Council a plank owner of this historic ship. For more information on PTF-26, [click here](#).



Member Luncheons

We are excited to announce two fabulous speakers for our February and March member luncheons.

We are also delighted to announce that they will be held at a new location for the Navy League...Café Centro, a charming restaurant in the historic Old Northwood area.

On February 9, our speaker is Brent Sadler, Captain USN (Ret) and Research Fellow for the Heritage Foundation.

The luncheons are from noon to 2 pm. Don't miss this, as Brent will present and discuss topics from his recently published book, *U.S. Naval Power in the 21st Century*.

[Click here](#) to register.



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CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF THE SEA SERVICES

Council Lunch Meeting – New Date & Location
Friday, February 9, 2024 ★ Noon – 2:00PM
Café Centro – 2409 North Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BRENT SADLER, CAPTAIN, USN (RET)
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW FOR NAVAL WARFARE & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
HERITAGE FOUNDATION – ALLISON CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

Brent Sadler is a respected contributor to many TV News programs and publications. He will present and discuss topics from his highly rated and acclaimed recently published (May 2023) book *U.S. Naval Power in the 21st Century: A New Strategy for Facing the Chinese and Russian Threat*. His 26-year Navy career and diplomatic roles have made him a trusted advisor to the Navy, the U.S. government, global businesses, and allied governments and militaries as well, and it is an honor to have him present to and talk with our Council. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and earned Master's Degrees from Jochi University (Tokyo, Japan) and the U.S. Naval War College. In 2021, he established the Navy Asia Pacific Advisory Group (NAPAG), providing regionally informed advice directly to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). At Pacific Command (2012-2015) he held numerous key positions. He again served on the CNO's personal staff in 2015-2016, playing a key role in developing the Defense Department's Third Offset. Following his final tour on CNO's staff, Brent returned to Asia as Senior Defense Official, Defense and Naval Attaché in Malaysia. His final Navy assignment was China Branch of Navy Staff at the Pentagon.

Join your fellow Council members and bring your friends to enjoy & learn!

- Welcome – 12:00-12:30 Cash Bar
- Excellent 3-Course Luncheon – 12:30
 - 3 Entrée Choices + Appetizer & Dessert
 - Chicken Parmigiana, Salmon, or Pasta Bolognese
- Program/Presentation – 1:00-1:30
- Q&A Session – 1:30-1:45
- \$65 per Member or Guest

PLEASE Register & Pay Online [by Clicking Here](#)
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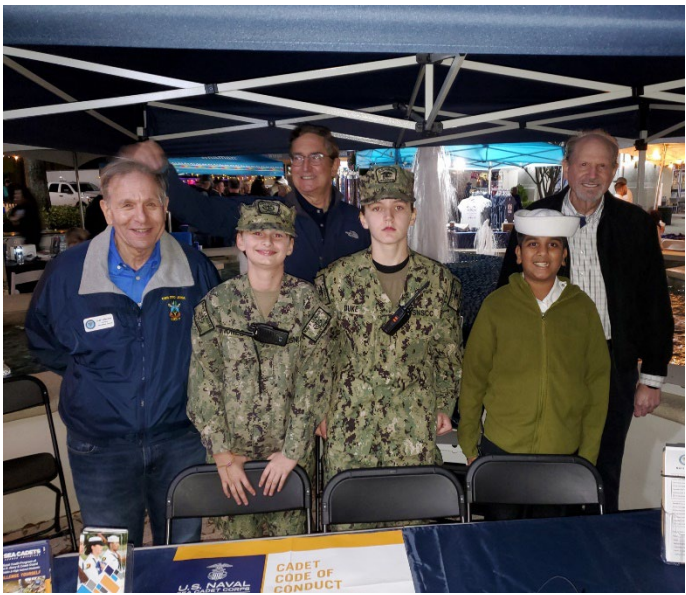
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SAVE THE DATES! (Dates & Details Subject to Change with Notice)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 – 6:00PM-10:00PM – 249th Navy Birthday Ball – Ballen Isles Country Club	Board Meetings (Noon to 1:00PM)
Member Meetings & Events	FEB 13, 2024 – Ballen Isles Country Club
FRI FEB 9, 2024 (Noon-2PM) – Member Luncheon @ Café Centro	TUE MAR 12, 2024 – Ballen Isles Country Club
SAT MAR 16, 2024 (Noon-2PM) – Member Luncheon @ Café Centro	TUE APR 09, 2024 – Ballen Isles Country Club
SAT APR 20, 2024 (6PM-9PM) – Youth Appreciation Dinner	TUE MAY 14, 2024 – Ballen Isles Country Club
SAT MAY 11, 2024 (Noon-2PM) – Member Luncheon	

On March 16, 2024 we will be back at Café Centro for our luncheon. Our keynote speaker is probably familiar to you as the TV commercial spokesperson (and Executive Chairman) for NewDay USA...Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch, USN (Ret). As a former Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, his insights should be of interest to all, especially our cadets and youth group leaders. Further information will be sent, and registration will be available on about February 9, 2024.

Picture Gallery for January 2024







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Next 2024 Council Board Meetings

Noon – 1 pm at BallenIsles Country Club

- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

Palm Beach Council Newsletter

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The Palm Beach Council supports:

- Naval Sea Cadet Corps – American Veterans Division
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps – Jupiter/Langley Squadron (AC-3/CV-1)
- Navy JROTC – Palm Beach Gardens High School
- Navy JROTC – Royal Palm Beach High School
- Marine JROTC – Palm Beach Lakes High School
- Marine JROTC – Boynton Beach High School
- Young Marines of the Palm Beaches

The Palm Beach Council supports military units:

- Navy Reserve Center, West Palm Beach
- 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (4th ANGLICO) Marine Corps Forces Reserve
- Atlantic Undersea Test & Evaluation Center, Andros Island Bahamas (AUTEC)
- U.S. Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet
- USS Florida – Adopted Ship