



March 2017

To All Navy Leaguers and the Palm Beach Council, and Board of Directors, and Visitors,

As the year pushes forward, Our Palm Beach Council VP Legislative Affairs Bill Waylett has arranged for a meeting with Congressman Brian Mast on April 7, 2017.

I look forward to reporting back to you the outcome of the meeting. We will discuss the importance of the Sea Services and the Budget for a strong Sea Service.

This months Hall of Fame WWII recipient to recognize his service and lifetime achievements is Colonel James Wells USMC.

I attended our Regional Meeting in FT. Lauderdale this past weekend. Our Regional President John Vargo , 3 Area Presidents, Council Presidents voted on the National Directors, Regional Director and Area Presidents, and National President.

The discussion of Membership was a hot topic. For every 2 that leave 1 is replaced. Many that are off the roster have been due to the aging membership. That generation is the devoted to the mission and provided loyal membership.

The multigenerational gap exist and we are working together on a Strategic Plan to bridge those gaps. The methods of conducting business has changed. No more pencil and paper, today its computers and technology that expedite our Council business. Mentoring is the key to bridging the gap. Both generations can learn from each other. The diversity is to be embraced.

National is working hard to streamline the process for membership processing.

There is still a disconnect but the new team is working diligently to solve the problem. I will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

We are providing Scholarships, Awards and monies to support our Youth Programs for the Sea Cadets, Young Marines, Naval JROTC and Youth STEM

Awards. Our Council was in Sea Power for the Science and Engineering Awards that were given to 2 youths for their science projects. The Ullman Scholar Awards were presented by Immediate Past President Ken Lee and Council President Sonia Foster to A.D. Henderson Middle School student Devin Willis and Suncoast High School Student Claudia Cabal. Peter and Marie Petrelis, and Jerome Nelinson were present from the Palm Beach Council. Both students were presented with a certificate and \$400.00 honorarium.

We are working to educate Congress and the American people about the needs of our Sea Services and Waterways and how things impact our lives.

We continue to support Ship Commissioning's , Morale Welfare and Recreation for Sea services. We present Sailor of the Quarter Awards for Navy and Guardian of the Quarter Awards to USCG. We support the Youth groups and fund requests for training and educational opportunities for their units at destinations including their upcoming Washington D.C. trip, Paris Island, and Mayport. April 29 2017 is Youth Appreciation Dinner at Bear Lakes Country Club. Sponsor a Youth Award \$100.00 or a Youth dinner \$40.00. Adults \$60.00 p.p.. I promise an evening to remember.

Lets continue giving to these great causes and continue to sponsor our NLUS PBC for the good of Our Sea Services and families. Donations accepted at NLUS- PBC PO Box 14344 N. Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

Warmly,

Sonia Foster

President