

News Clip

October 15, 2016



Navy League

of the United States

Palm Beach Council

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

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241st Navy Birthday Dinner **Sailfish Club – Palm Beach**

Over 150 of our Navy League family gathered at the beautiful Sailfish Club in Palm Beach and celebrated the 241st birthday of the U.S. Navy in grand style.



In addition to our Palm Beach Council members, we were joined by Sea Cadets, Young Marines, Navy JROTC Cadets and Navy Reserve Officers and Sailors from Navy Operational Support Center, West Palm Beach.



The evening's Guest of Honor and speaker was Vice Admiral Al Konetzni, one of the most popular and influential Submarine Admirals of the past 20 years. His enthusiasm for today's young sailors and cadets was obvious as he spent much of the evening talking to them and about them. It 's no mystery why he's widely known as "Big Al, the Sailor's Pal."



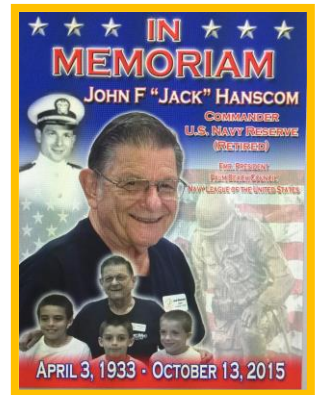
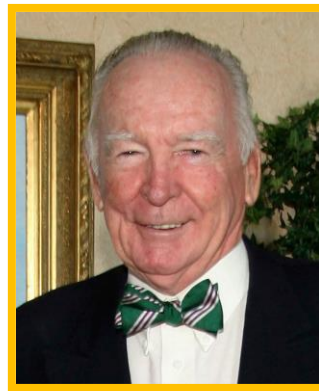
Here he's shown with Palm Beach Council President Ken Lee and council member and National Vice Commander of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Bill Andrea. Bill introduced Admiral Konetzni for his keynote speech, following an outstanding surf and turf Sailfish Club dinner and the cutting of the ceremonial cake by 4 WW-2 Navy Veterans, the youngest Navy Reserve sailor and the youngest cadet in attendance.

The evening also included a salute from the podium for two popular and important Palm Beach Council active directors who passed away during the year – ‘Captain Jack’ Veasy and Jack Hanscom, immediate past President of the council.

This birthday party was everything we wanted it to be patriotic, inspiring and great fun! A big, big thank you to

Chairman Anita Manual and her principal assistants Elinor Pedrick, Joan Ross, Catherine Brister, Sue Comerford and Youth V.P. Nancy Fish and to Sailfish Club Manager Michael Nadeau and outstanding staff.

The evening’s professional photographer will have his several hundred high definition photos available soon; meanwhile here are some photos from our amateur ‘phone’ photographers for you to enjoy!

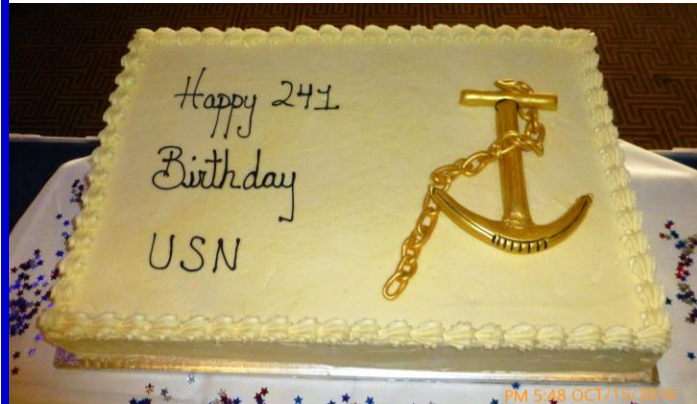








**Thank You
Elinor and Joan !!**





**Congratulations to council member Bob Crippen! -
our country's newest inductee to the
National Aviation Hall of Fame**





NAVY LEAGUE – PALM BEACH COUNCIL

This is What We Do Come Join the Fun!!

Performance Awards (Cash and Plaques)
Sailors & Cadets of the Quarter etc.

NOSC West Palm Beach - AUTECH Bahamas - Coast Guard Station LWI
Palm Beach and AmVets Sea Cadets - Young Marines - NJROTC PBG H.S.

Unit Morale/Welfare Cash Contributions

Family Days, Recreation Equip etc

Cadet Training Funds

Training Tuitions/Travel/Equipment

Multiple Scholarships & Science Fair Awards

Also, for council members

Monthly Luncheon or Dinner Socials with Speakers

Monthly Board Meetings

Group Outings

SEAL Museum, Port of PB, Dolphins Game etc

Navy League Membership Applications Available Tonight



Many Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors
of Navy Birthday Dinner for helping to host
our Military and Cadet attendees

Bob Crippen Catherine Brister Jerry Gay Phil Dunmire
Eric Rydstrom Joan Ross Ken Lee Diana Paxton
Sumner Hushing & Adele - Siegel - John Benisch - Lockheed Martin
Joel Jacobs-Iain Currie-James Gilley-Frank Leonetti-Irv Silver-Helen Hull
Dan Pedrick Lou Palumbo Jerry Nelinson Greg Arnold Lamar Parker
Richard Wennet Jerome Goodman Jim Wells Stan Shanck Nancy Leonetti
Rachel Gwinn Sue Comerford John Brandes Charles Zambrano



Celebrates

United States Navy

241st Birthday

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Sailfish Club – Palm Beach

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**Thank You to Our
Generous Contributors**

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Cocktails

Photos by Council Photographer

6:45 pm

Proceed to Main Dining Room

7:00 pm

Honors & Ceremonies

Present the Colors

National Anthem – Cadet James Wyatt Thomas

Post the Colors

Welcome Remarks & Introductions

Captain Ken A. Lee

President – Palm Beach Council

7:20 pm

Gourmet Dinner

8:00 pm

POW/MJA Salute – Capt Deirdre Krause

& Sea Cadet Scott Van Otteren

Birthday Cake Celebration - Youngest & Oldest Sailors

Cadet Special Presentation

8:20 pm

Introduction and Guest Speaker

Vice Admiral Al Konetzni, USN(Ret)

9:00pm

Closing – God Bless America



Vice Admiral Al Konetzni is one of the most popular and influential Submarine admirals of the past 20 years.

In numerous command positions he gained a well-earned reputation as a relentless fighter for improving working and living conditions for the enlisted sailors.

He also gained the unshakable nickname of "Big Al, the sailor's pal" At the same time he was a highly visible example to the submarine

force officers corps of how to do a great job and have fun at the same time. Indeed a big man, with a big voice, a big heart, and often a big cigar.

Admiral Konetzni grew up in White Plains, NY and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966 and immediately began his 20+ years of service in the nuclear submarine force.

He was Commanding Officer of the submarine USS GRAYLING (SSN 646), Commander Submarine SEVEN in Yokosuka, Japan and Commander Submarine Force, Pacific. Prior to retirement in 2004 Admiral Konetzni was the Deputy Commander U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet.





Thanks again to everyone who contributed time, effort and money to make another great Navy League day! We'll put the link online when the hi def photos are ready.

What's next for the Palm Beach Council?

Nov 8 Board of Directors meeting – Marriott WPB 11:30 All members welcome

Nov 10 Luncheon at Ironhorse Country Club flyer attached



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**PALM BEACH
COUNCIL**



Please Join Us

November Luncheon

Thursday – November 10, 2015 11:30 am

\$45 – includes valet parking, lunch & dessert

Ironhorse

Country Club

www.ironhorsecountryclub.com



**8055 Ironhorse Blvd
West Palm Beach 33412**



Guest Speaker

Captain Peter Petrelis

U.S. Maritime Administration



\$45 per person – Checks payable to INLJS-PBC

Mail to: Joan Ross 237 E. River Park Dr Jupiter, FL 33477

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Or register and pay on website: www.navyleague-pbcouncil.org

**Come Enjoy the Beautiful Club &
the Great Lunch & your Council Shipmates**