

News Clip

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Navy League

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Palm Beach Council

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

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Monthly Luncheon Ironhorse Country Club

Over 40 of our Navy League family gathered at the beautiful Ironhorse Country Club in West Palm Beach, hosted by Council Director Catherine Brister and Jerry Gay.



The day's speaker was our own Peter Petrelis (Captain, USNR(ret)), who gave us a good insight into the U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD).



Peter joined our council last year after a 30-year career in the merchant marine and U.S. Navy Reserve worlds, and we're very fortunate to have his expertise available to us.



Catherine Brister took the initiative to host the Palm Beach

Council's first-ever luncheon at the Ironhorse Country Club; she even provided the beautiful bromeliad centerpieces for the table. Club catering manager Lauren Pottinger was very attentive to all our needs, and the day was a pleasure from start to finish. Catherine and the centerpiece are pictured above with Dan and Elinor Pedrick, Jianying Yang and Judy Baillargeon and Dick Mooney.

Council President Ken Lee chaired the luncheon and made note of the fact that we were meeting on the U.S. Marine Corps' birthday; it was very appropriate that he had Colonel Jim Wells, USMC(Ret) open the meeting by leading us all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken also noted that the Marines were joined by Jianying Yang in celebrating a birthday today.



Phil Dunmire brought a guest today, WW-2 veteran Bob Goldstein.

He related the unusual story of Bill, a Destroyer Escort sailor in the war, using his liberty time to join his aviator brother in a B-17 bombing run over Berlin.

Bob, Jerry Nelinson and Jim Wells were saluted at the luncheon as stalwart WW-2 veterans, in advance of tomorrow's official Veterans Day.

President Ken explained the council's formal nominating process for selecting Officers and Directors to lead the council next year. Lou Palumbo chaired this year's nominating committee and presented the Board of Directors with the proposed 2017 Slate of Officers and Directors at the Nov 8 Board meeting.

Lou was assisted by Phil Dunmire, Mike Hurley, Jerry Nelinson and our beloved Jack Veasy, and all were given a round of applause for their outstanding work.

We were joined at today's luncheon by new Council President nominee Sonia Foster and our 3 new Director nominees Helen Hull, Irwin Edenzon and Peter Petrelis.



President Nominee Sonia Foster with Directors Patricia Reybold and Jerry Nelinson and new Director Peter Petrelis. New Directors Helen Hull and Irwin Edenzon are shown with Mike Flanigan and Ken Lee. The entire 2017 Slate is shown at the end of this News Clip.



Lou Palumbo and Irena Gannon brought new friends Rick and Heloise Halcomb of Palm City, and Rick has already joined us as a new member – Welcome Aboard Rick and Heloise!

Many thanks to our photographers Jerry Nelinson, Lou Palumbo and Jianying Yang; please enjoy their work on this and following pages.











We had a ball and we learned more about our Palm Beach Council and the U.S. Merchant Marine force.

Come join us for our next luncheon – Dec 13th at Sailfish Club in Palm Beach – flyer soon!



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Lou Palumbo headed up the council Nominating Committee that put together this impressive leadership slate for the coming year; he was assisted by Jack Veasy, Phil Dunmire, Mike Hurley and Jerry Nelinson.



Slate of Officers and Directors to serve 2017 **Palm Beach Council**

President	Sonia Foster	VP Youth	Nancy Fish
Executive VP	Deirdre Krause	Treasurer	Anita Manuel
Secretary	Cindy Saulog	VP Maritime Affairs	Ken Lee
Judge Advocate	Redid Moore, Jr	USCG Liaison	Sonia Foster
		NOSC Liaison	Dan Pedrick
		USMC Liaison	Jim Wells
VP Communications	Jerry Nelinson	AUTEC Liaison	Lou Palumbo
VP Programs	Sue Comerford	USS FLORIDA Liaison	John Brandes
VP Membership	Steve Wiggins	VP Development	<i>open*</i>
Asst for Retention	Joan Ross	Awards Program	Ken Lee
Asst for New Members	Patrica Reybold		
Navy Ball Chair	<i>open*</i>	Website Master	<i>open*</i>
Daly Scholarship Comm. Chair	<i>open* (Ken Lee acting)</i>		
	<i>* several slots still open – volunteers needed – please help</i>		

Directors

Serving through Dec 2017

Lou Palumbo	Frank Habicht	Patricia Reybold
Stan Shanck	Helen Hull **	Jim Wells

** to be elected

Serving through Dec 2018

John Lively	Diana Paxton	Chuck Stark
George Mastics	Irwin Edenzon **	Peter Petrelis **

Serving through Dec 2017

Dan Pedrick	Catherine Brister	Sumner Hushing
Merry O'Donnell	Phil Dunmire	MaryBelle Knight

Immediate Past President: **Ken Lee**

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

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This Slate will be Presented for Voting at our Dec 13th Luncheon at Sailfish Club – Installation of Officers/Directors will be done at our Jan 17th Luncheon at Sandpiper's Cove NPB.