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Navy League

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Palm Beach Council

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

AUTEC SOQ Awards – Rep Brian Mast Rear Admiral Phil Whitacre

Just a note to let you know the Navy League Palm Beach Council is continuing to work during these crazy quarantine times.

Yesterday our AUTEC Liaison Lou Palumbo (and Irena Gannon) delivered 3 Sailor of the Quarter plaques, each with a \$100 cash honorarium attached, to the AUTEC terminal at PBI. The awards were flown to the AUTEC Navy underwater range facility on Andros Island, Bahamas on the afternoon charter flight and will be presented there by CDR Mike Woodcock and Senior Chief James Howard.



Today, our Executive VP Bob Ames and VP Maritime Affairs Ken Lee spoke with Congressman Brian Mast by telephone at his home in Washington,DC. The call was in support of garnering further inquiry and review into the on-going prosecution of 3 Marine Special Operations warriors at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina. One of the three is a Navy Independent Duty Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer in addition to being a USMC Spec Ops warrior.



Prior to the call both Bob and Ken had corresponded with Rep. Mast's staff, and Bob had sent along links to a key video and Marine Corps TIMES article. Congressman Mast acknowledged having watched the video and said he would ask their Congressional-associated Justice for Warriors organization to

look into and report back on the case in question. Thanks Bob and Ken for continuing our Navy League support of the sea services; thanks Congressman Mast for continued support!!

A sad note.

We learned today that long-time Palm Beach Council benefactor and friend Rear Admiral Phil Whitacre passed away last week at age 87. He was resident at the Carlisle Palm Beach senior living facility.

RADM Whitacre always kept our Palm Beach Council activities in mind and brought others, such as Helen Persson, into council membership and financial support. Here's a photo of RADM Whitacre and 3 other passed members and strong supporters; the occasion was our Palm Beach Council luncheon at the Everglades Club, with Astronaut Bob Crippen as guest of honor and speaker. Wonderful people – great memories!



Next Council Events

May 12 – Board of Directors (tbd-probably teleconference)

May 13 Luncheon – Cancelled....Covid-19



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