Navy League Supports U.S. Ship Operations

In its 2011-12 Policy Statement, the Navy League of the U.S. stated a skilled Merchant Marine and strong U.S. shipbuilding industry are critical to America’s national and economic security. The 32-page document, available at www.navyleague.org, credits the Jones Act and other U.S. maritime laws with playing a crucial role in today’s irregular warfare environment and emphasized the critical role of U.S. shipyards. The report said the Jones Act and other U.S. maritime laws boost security by adding a sealift capacity as well as an expanded pool of trained and experienced mariners to crew U.S. government-owned sealift assets. These laws also help to sustain the U.S. shipbuilding and repair industrial base that is vital to the U.S. Navy. Ninety-five percent of the equipment and supplies required to deploy the U.S. armed forces is moved by sea.

Upcoming Events:

May 20: Dollars and Strikes at Marlins Game
June 18: FLMC Dinner Cruise - More Details Soon!
July 29-31: Getaway Weekend
Welcome New Members!

Alexandria Sloboda  WR Hodgens Marine Insurance Inc.
Aimee Hoalt  Muston Group International
A. Benjamin Chiriboga  Moore & Company PA
Blair Brogan  Moore & Company PA

Members’ Son Earns Eagle Scout Honor

Alexander Karentz, son of Christopher and Leslie Karentz earned the rank of Eagle Scout this past month. Chris welcomed his son into this elite club. Congratulations to Alex - and the Karentz family, he is now a 3rd generation Eagle Scout!

Nautical Word of the Month:

**Mae West** – A Second World War personal flotation device used to keep people afloat in the water; named after the 1930s actress Mae West