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New Executive Committee installed at Change of Watch (l to r) Treasurer John Matthews, Secretary Kay Goodman, Fleet Captain Tim Roberts, Commodore Sam Foreman, Vice Commodore Jim Robinson, Rear Commodore Carole Lick and Immediate Past Commodore Wayne Stewart.

## **Lake Beresford Yacht Club to Host Next General Membership Meeting in DeLand - February 3-4, 2017**

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#### **Winter Meeting**

February 3-4 Lake Beresford YC

#### **Spring Meeting**

April 21-22.....Pelican YC

#### **4Star Commodore Nomination**

Deadline.....September 30

#### **Summer Meeting**

July 21-22..... Sarasota YC

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# From the Helm

## Commodore Sam Foreman



Anna and I hope you had a great time with family and friends during the holidays and wish everyone all the best for 2017!

This past October 21st and 22nd, the membership of FCA descended on the Pensacola Yacht Club for the Fall Meeting and Change of

Watch. It's always great to renew friendships with the Members and Associate Members of FCA. We know how to have good time!

I'm very honored to be chosen as your Commodore for the 2016 - 2017 term. I will do all I can to build this organization. I will do all I can to honor and promote its ideals, traditions and programs.

The Florida Commodores Association is only seven years old and in that time has had successes in membership growth and the introduction of great programs such as the W.A.V.E., Four-Star Commodores Award, Leadership Resources Committee, and the FCA Foundation. It is now 2017 with all of the excitement that a new year brings, a renewal of ideas, thoughts, and plans. All of which requires the hard work of follow-up and follow-through to have any chance for success.

In 2017 the FCA is at a crossroad. We have the potential for successes several times what we have experienced. It requires far better communications than we have experienced. The communications failures we have had is inexcusable and it is a waste of time pointing fingers. All of this is fixable with the dedication and commitment of your Executive Committee. We also need your feedback. Let us know your thoughts on how your FCA experience can be better.

At last year's winter meeting at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, the Executive Committee approved the purchase of a club management system from Club Express that the FCA needed on so many levels. We stumbled at the gate for a number of reasons beyond

anyone's control. Again, a waste of time pointing fingers. The first problem was our database needed repairing and updating which was not easy and very time consuming. Thanks to our Treasurer P/C John Matthews who has worked diligently to bring our database up to date, we now have the means to communicate directly with every member. There will be a responsibility on the part of each and every Member to keep their information up to date with the ability to change your own data directly on this new system.

When you read this article, our new club management system should be operational. Many thanks go to our Webmaster P/C John Slattery for all of his efforts in getting this system launched. The website portion of our new system is far superior to any site we have had in the past, but the main reason was to be more effective in communicating with all of our members. It does that and much more.

The FCA established the Four-Star Commodore program to distinguish former Commodores of qualified yacht clubs in the State of Florida who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for their club. It takes three of a club's Past Commodores to nominate someone for the Four-Star Award and is a high honor to be recognized by your peers. We have three recipients of the Four-Star named in 2016: P/C Margaret Yaeger of Halifax River Yacht Club; P/C Dan Morrison of Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club and P/C Robert Furman of Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club. Congratulations to all the recipients of this great award and many thanks to the Chairperson of the Four-Star Commodore program P/C Kathy Champagne!

We have only scratched the surface of our potential! There are so many more clubs and members that need to be in the FCA fold. Membership growth has always been a group project. I look forward to working with each of you.



## Olympic Sailing Update

By Larry Kimmerling

The Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games were held August 5-21 and September 7-18 respectively. The Florida Commodores Association supported sailors Paige Railey, and Brad Kendall.

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Paige Railey, Women's laser radial and Paralympic Sonar Team USA1, was very competitive throughout the laser radial sailing races and qualified for medal races. Unfortunately Paige did not medal.

It was noted during the sailing events that the winds and currents were difficult and unpredictable race by race.

Paige was very appreciative and thankful for FCA memberships continued support. Paige said "it's a lot of work and commitment to qualify for the U.S. sailing team and make the Olympic team BUT there is no greater thrill and pride than to sail in the Olympics flying the American flag and representing my country."

We are working with Paige on her schedule and our membership meeting schedule. Paige would like to attend a FCA membership meeting to personally thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness, support and to share her Olympic experience.

The results of the Paralympic Sonar Team 1 - Brad Kendell and teammates Rich Doerr and Hugh Freund - are well known. They appeared on various TV channels, a half time appearance at a Buccaneers football game and a visit to the White House. Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC) had a Silver medal celebration with Team USA1. As a gesture of support and appreciation, CYC members and individuals donated travel and lodging expenses for team members Rick, Hugh and their coach, Mike Ingham, and families to attend this celebration. Brad resides in the Tampa Bay area.

Brad continues to play an integral role in the Never Say Never Foundation whose vision is to help children and young adults with challenges in their lives to overcome adversity with a positive attitude and to understand that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it. You are the only person who can limit you - never say never!

Brad's Foundation sponsors disabled athletes and seeks funding to allow youth and young adults with disabilities to attend camps, sporting events and get prosthetics or other tools they need to thrive.

As you can see Brad continues to serve and give back to the community and youth sailing.

I really believe our youth and young adults play a key role in the future of our country. The leadership of sailors like Paige Railey, and Brad Kendell (Sonar Team USA1), provide the learning of critically important skills that lead to lifelong success and as they "pay it forward" - maybe, just maybe, with our support they can make a difference!



## **FCA Historian**

**by Dr. Lynne Reynolds**

It took many years for the movement of independence from the International Order of the Blue Gavel to crystallize. Frustrations with needed IOBG reforms, especially concerning expenses and representation, in the IOBG became the catalyst for forming the FCA. Demonstrating solidarity in purpose, IOBG District 8's entire Board resigned in December 2008. This was followed by the withdrawal of a number of chapters within the district.

Florida's past commodores celebrate December 16, 2008 as the natal day of the Florida's Commodores Association, since it was on that day that seven past commodores, and their spouses, gathered in Gainesville, Florida at the Cabot Lodge to approve newly promulgated articles of incorporation.

As we celebrate the season, let us also celebrate the "birthday" of FCA and of the friendships that we hold so dear within our association. Happy New Year to each of you.

If you have pictures or other materials that you feel would be of interest to those reading about our activities, please let me know or send them to me. Many thanks for your interest.



## **Note from the Treasurer**

**P/C John Matthews**

The Florida Commodores Association's continued success is directly related to the willingness of our members to continue participation as an active member. As we move forward into the coming year, we

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need your continuing support to the FCA by renewing your membership. The annual dues remain unchanged at \$20 for a full Member and At-Large Member dues at \$25. The dues for an Associate Member remain at \$15. Upon receipt of payment of your annual dues, you will receive a “17” sticker to put on your FCA membership card to denote that you are a paid up supporting member for the year 2017.

All Members and Associate Members are encouraged to pay their dues directly to your chapter Secretary/Treasurer. This will enable them to send the dues to the FCA Treasurer. At-Large Members should remit your dues directly to the Treasurer at the following address:

**Office of the Treasurer  
Florida Commodores Association  
P. O. Box 488  
Shalimar, FL 32579**

In addition, all Members and Associates are requested to check their latest chapter roster to see if their personal information is correct. You are requested to make any additions/deletions and any other changes necessary to the roster. The updated roster with your chapter dues payment should be sent to the address above. **The annual dues were due on December 1, 2016.** However, dues are not delinquent until January 16, 2017.

The updated roster information is essential for the Association to move into the application of our new information and communication management system called Club Express. This system relies on the accuracy of the personal information of both Members and Associates. We need your help in insuring that all the information we have on our Members and Associates are correct and up to date.

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## **A Story of Vision and Determination**

*Although I have a list of many books to recommend, I decided to actually present you with an excerpt from a story from storyteller Jay O'Callahan. It is from a trilogy he wrote about NASA. I believe the*

*start of a new year for all our clubs with new officers and goals is a good time to appreciate what vision and determination can accomplish. I first heard Jay O'Callahan tell this story about six years ago and it has stuck with me ever since.—PUB*

In 1948, in a working-class neighborhood in Oklahoma City, a five-year-old boy ran into the kitchen, he said, ‘Mom, I heard a voice.’

‘A voice?’

‘Yes, it was coming from way up by the sun, it said I was going to have something to do with getting people to the Moon!’

And she said, ‘That’s a vision.’ She said that because they were Cherokee, Osage. She said, ‘You’re going to have to work for the vision.’ Working meant being good at mathematics and physics.

His name was J. C. High Eagle - that was his Cherokee name. His name in the white world was Jerry Elliot. He did well in high school.

Then, J.C. High Eagle, 1961, went to the University of Oklahoma, 18, excited – physics, mathematics! However, he found a lot of students didn’t want him there.

‘What’s the Indian kid doin’ here?’

A lot of professors didn’t want him.

‘You’re a fine young man, but see nature hands out gifts indiscriminately, and your people don’t have, well, the mental wherewithal to be engineers or scientists. You’re wasting your time.’

He was hurt, but he had the vision and he stayed with it. He did very well. In 1966, J.C. High Eagle decided to go to graduate school – physics, mathematics! But, there was no money. Stepfather had died, his mother was working.

So, this young man, J.C. High Eagle went down – this is Norman, Oklahoma – to the police station. ‘I want to be a policeman.’ They gave him a test. He scored as high as anyone has ever scored. He became a full-time policeman and a deputy sheriff.

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That meant he could take two courses a semester. Nine o'clock, ten o'clock was Electrical Engineering. He wore his uniform with a loaded gun to class. But, it was Oklahoma.

One day, his mother called and said, 'There's a telegram.'

'Open it, Mom.'

'It's from the army – you have to report for your draft physical.' He passed. She called again.  
'Another telegram for you.'

'Open it.'

'You've got to report to boot camp in 15 days – Vietnam. Ca—call your grandfather.' J.C. called his grandfather – wise old man. Called him at his wheat farm.

'Granddad, J.C. I'm going to boot camp in 15 days.'

'They won't take you.'

'Oh, no. I got the piece of paper.'

'I don't believe in paper. They won't take you. Had a hard time getting the calf born last night. I had to hitch the tractor up!'

'Granddad, I'm going to boot camp.'

'They won't take you. Let me tell you about last night! His granddad went on and on, J.C. was furious. Hung up, called his mom: 'He didn't listen to me, said they wouldn't take me. Went on and on about a calf.'

'He's my – my father. I'm with him.' J.C. was furious; the two people he trusted didn't listen to him! 15 days, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10. On the tenth day, there was an angry drunk. He got a backpack, they arrested the drunk, and the drunk said to J.C. High Eagle, 'Arrest me, I will kill you.' They arrested him.

They found out the drunk had been released from Macalister after serving 30 years for killing a man. The drunk paid his fine, he was off.

Nine days, eight days. On the eighth day a letter came to the police station. The drunk was going to get J.C. High Eagle. So, J.C. is looking over his shoulder.

Seven days, six days. The sixth day he finished class, 11 o'clock, Electrical Engineering – walked down the corridor, several students are waiting outside the Dean's office. And there on the bulletin board – NASA interviewing today! J.C. got in line, said to the student, 'What do you got?'

'You got to have a NASA application, a government application, and your resume. They won't talk to you if you don't.' There's no time to get that. The line melts down, J.C. steps in. The NASA man is packing his briefcase.

He looks at this cop, 'What can I do for you, officer?'

'I want to put people on the moon.' He looks at this cop. 'I'm working my way through graduate school.'

'Well, listen; I got a plane to catch. Write down your phone number there, your name. Don't call us, we'll call you.' The NASA man is off.

Five days, four days. His mother calls.

'J.C., a man, Bernie Goodwin, from NASA, he said he talked to you. You ought to call him right now. Here's the phone number.'

He calls, 'Mr. Goodwin, J.C. High Eagle.'

'You're a bright young man. I checked on your record, you're brilliant. You got fire, we need people like you. In fact, we want you to work for us. Monday morning, Manned Space Center, Houston.'

'I can't.'

'Why? The draft?'

'Yes, sir, the draft.'

'Well, you're a policeman; you know possession is nine tenths of the law. You come, we possess you.'

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Who runs the draft there?’

We have a colonel.’

‘Well, we have a general. Our general will talk to your colonel. Monday morning, Manned Space Center.’

‘Yes, sir!’ J.C. High Eagle, goes home, tells his mother.

She says, ‘Call your grandfather.’ He calls his grandfather. ‘Granddad –’

‘I told you they wouldn’t take you.’ J.C. High Eagle gets his guitar, borrows his mom’s car and he heads to Houston. And he’s thinking, ‘Granddad must have negotiated a different fate for me with the Creator.’

Nine o’clock Monday morning he is hired as an engineer at NASA. A few weeks go by. Chris Craft, who becomes the famed flight director, comes over with a big cigar and says to J.C., ‘How do you like it here, son?’

‘I love it! I love the responsibility, but one thing, sir...’

‘What’s that?’

‘I’m used to reading books to learn what I should – what should I read?’

‘Son, we don’t read books here, we write them.’

Soon enough, J.C. High Eagle is writing the Aegena Systems Handbook. J.C. High Eagle is an engineer in Flight Control Center for all the Apollo missions, for astronauts landing on the moon. He has achieved his vision. And there’s a coda. Apollo 13 is about to lift off, and J.C. High Eagle gets another paper. This is for jury duty in Houston. He goes down to Houston. Nobody gets out of jury duty with Judge Singleton.

There’s a pregnant woman saying, ‘Your honor, I’m pregnant.’

‘The baby will wait. And what’s your excuse?’

‘It’s not an excuse, your honor. I’m the lead – the lead retrofire officer for Apollo 13.’

‘What’s a retrofire officer?’

‘I calculate the reentry of the command module. If it’s too steep, they burn up. If it’s too shallow, they flip off, they do not come back.’

‘I don’t usually make exceptions. I’ll make an exception in this case if you do me a favor.’

‘Yes, sir?’

‘Bring them back alive.’

‘Yes, sir!’

Apollo 13 lifts off. It goes up and up, it’s two hundred thousand miles up. All is fine. J.C. High Eagle finishes his shift at Flight Control Center, goes out, gets in his car, turns on the radio. There’s been an accident in space.

Turns the car around, runs into Flight Control Center. Men are running around, some men are crying, something very serious has happened. They’re not sure what. And somebody says, ‘They’ve got to abort.’

‘No!’ said J.C. ‘No! Don’t abort!’ He’s afraid the engine may be damaged. And if they do a u-turn in the command module, he’s afraid the engine won’t get them back.

He says, ‘No, you’ve got to slingshot them around the moon! Use the gravity of the moon to help slingshot them back to the earth.’ Right away he gets to work putting together the calculations required to do it. J.C. High Eagle helps get people to the moon and helps them get back to Earth.

He’s achieved his vision!



by P/C Kathy Champagne

The Wounded American Veteran Event, continues to gain momentum with promotion by and support from the Florida Commodores Association.

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Pensacola Bay W.A.V.E. 2016 was sponsored by Navy Yacht Club and Pensacola Yacht Club at PYC on September 17, 2016. Operating under a modified schedule, attendees enjoyed a patriotic Opening Ceremony under cover of PYC's Watson Sailing Center, complete with Color Guard and a Choral Group from Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP.) Base CO Captain Christopher Martin addressed the group, highlighting the impact 75 years ago of the Pearl Harbor attack on NASP. While lunch was enjoyed, the skies began to clear, and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon on the bay. With the sun finally shining, veterans were appreciative of their W.A.V.E. caps.

Charlotte Harbor W.A.V.E. 2016 was held on April 30, 2016, at Isles Yacht Club. The event was sponsored by Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Boat Club, Punta Gorda Sailing Club, and the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club. The weather cooperated and the veterans enjoyed a great day of sailing, fishing or just cruising on the harbor. Breakfast was served before the event started with an Opening Ceremony. Following the boating activities, lunch was served at the Isles Yacht Club. Representatives from Veterans Activities helped with veteran outreach and were present with a display of memorabilia, and distributed pins to all Viet Nam veterans. All participants were given a commemorative W.A.V.E. cap. W.A.V.E. 2017 will be held at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club on a date to be determined.

Home of the first W.A.V.E. in 2012, Ft. Walton Yacht Club, hosted 86 guests on their boats all of whom enjoyed a great "Day on the Bay". Credit for the large number of participants is credited to assistance from Panhandle Warriors, as well as the fact that the invitation was extended to families. Children were required to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets throughout the sail

If your yacht club is considering hosting a W.A.V.E. and you would like some guidelines, P/C John Slatery has converted our multi-page tutorial into an electronic document that is available on the FCA website [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org). In addition, W.A.V.E. burgees and Veteran caps are available at a discount through the FCA Ship Store.

As you can see from the examples above, if you "Catch the W.A.V.E.", make it your own.



## Club Project

### PYC SATORI FOUNDATION

By P/C John Matthews  
Pensacola Yacht Club

One of the highlights of the FCA General Membership Meeting and the Change of Watch held at Pensacola Yacht Club in October was the presentation on the PYC Satori Foundation. The foundation President Denis McKinnon gave the presentation which included a tour of the Satori which was positioned at the PYC Marina "T" dock in preparation for the sailing event for its very special passengers.

The Satori is a 52' Shannon sailing vessel and the name means "Enlightenment". A very appropriate name once you understand how the Satori is being used by Pensacola Yacht Club. In 2014, two PYC members, Tom and Carol Patterson, who were the original owners of the vessel, decided they would like to donate the boat to the Pensacola Yacht Club.



The PYC Board held several discussions with the Pattersons about what could be done to meet their desires to donate the boat to a non-profit organization that would be able to make use of the boat to enhance the sport of sailing and educate and train future sailors. After consulting with several attorney's that specialize in creating charitable organizations, the PYC Board decided to create a standalone 501(c)(3) foundation and name it the PYC Satori

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Foundation with its own Board of Trustees. Upon final acceptance of the foundation as a legal charitable organization, ownership of the Satori was transferred to the foundation.

The mission of the PYC Satori Foundation is to inspire interest in and encourage and promote the sport of sailing and yachting and a broad range of maritime activities. The Foundation is established to develop educational and training programs for the sport of sailing and yachting, for seamanship and for marine education. Specific goals and objectives were developed by the Foundation. In 2015, the Foundation implemented a series of programs to train and educate underprivileged children and explore new horizons during charitable adventures. These youth are part of the local Boys and Girls Club in the area or the members of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. However, other underprivileged youth are also considered. In 2015, 11 sailing adventures were conducted for 55 youth. So far for 2016, 20 cruises have been held for 100 youth.

Prior to stepping on board the Satori, the youth and their escorts are given a detailed briefing on the boat and a safety orientation to ensure their protection.



In addition to these education and training programs, the Satori Foundation has already accepted donations of two smaller sailboats and one power boat which is used to support other sailing activities and competitions held at Pensacola Yacht Club. The foundation has sponsored the re-institution of the Pensacola to Havana, Cuba Regatta as a program to be conducted in the odd number years as a training and educational activity for more experienced and mature sailors. Other milestones being considered

are supporting the development and creation of maritime related publications as training and educational materials.

More information about programs and activities is available at [www.satorifoundation.com](http://www.satorifoundation.com).



## Four-Star Commodores

by P/C Kathy Champagne

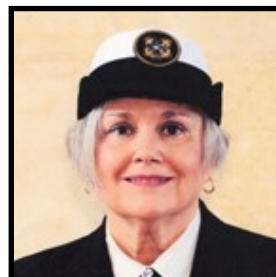
Last October, as Hurricane Matthew roared up the Florida Atlantic Coast, I knew that three yacht clubs in his path were in good hands to deal with preparation for and clean-up after whatever destruction this storm might bring. In the “cone of uncertainty” were the cities of Ft. Lauderdale, Stuart, and Daytona Beach, the homes of the FCA 2016 Four-Star Commodores.



P/C Dan Morrison, served three years as Commodore, and in the words of a fellow past commodore, “saved our club!” True to my prediction, P/C Morrison was on hand to secure Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club, and will likely use his

diving skills to repair damage to any boats in the yacht club’s marina.

“Blood, sweat and tears”, were the words used to describe P/C Robert Furman’s approach to upkeep and repairs at Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club. Always ready to lend a hand, P/C Furman was known to leave his dinner on the table when a problem arose at the yacht club.



“Member satisfaction is Job 1!” was the guiding principle for P/C Margaret Yaeger, as she tackled declining membership at Halifax River Yacht Club. Her direct actions with regard to food and beverage service were instrumental in revitalizing membership, and P/C Yaeger

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fulfilled her promise to turn over command of a much improved yacht club at the end of her term.

The Florida Commodores Association 2016 Four-Star Award has certainly highlighted great commodores, whose actions serve as an inspiration to all of our members.

To see more information about these Commodores of distinction and those who have won this award in previous years click on: [Past Recipients](#)

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## Get Involved! The Secret to Health and Happiness!

*This is a reprint of an article that appeared in another periodical I publish. It was written by Jonathan Katzen and good friend to Mary and me. -PUB*

Every nonprofit organization I have been involved with has always sang the chorus to its members to "Get Involved, Participate and Volunteer." As a member-organization, we depend on the contributions of the members to make things happen.

So why volunteer? The benefits of volunteering have a long history going back 2,500 years - yep, those ancient mariners, the Phoenicians, were talking about volunteering, too! I recently read an article by Mark Horoszowski in **Forbes** reviewing some recent research on the science and benefits of volunteering. As leaders and philosophers have long known, "*One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served*". Gordon Hinckle.

Recent research has identified five interesting benefits of volunteering:

**1. Volunteering time makes you feel like you have more time.** Cassie Mogilner from Wharton wrote in the **Harvard Business Review** that her research found those who volunteer their time feel like they have *more* of it. This is similar to research showing that people who donate to charity *feel* wealthier.

**2. Volunteering your skills helps you to develop new skills.** An article in **Stanford Social Innova-**

**tion Review**, called skills-based volunteering overseas "the next executive training ground." This makes sense. As you offer your expertise in a certain area, other people contribute their expertise from which learn and benefit.

**3. Volunteering your body helps you to have a healthier body.** A Corporation for National & Community Service report made the observation: "Research demonstrates that volunteering led to better health...*those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.*"

**4. Volunteering your experience helps build your experience.** This one is self-evident, the more you build on your experience, the deeper your knowledge becomes.

**5. Volunteering your love makes you feel more love.** OK this one might be getting some laughs among our readers. Love is indeed a hard thing to measure. But researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness, they found the more people volunteer, the happier they were. Volunteering builds empathy, strengthens social bonds and makes you smile - all factors that increase the feeling of love!

So, add it all up; more time, greater wealth, better health, deeper experience and more happiness. Get involved in your local FCA Chapter and in the Association on the state level.

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## A COW Prayer

*At the October Change of Watch meeting, P/C Larry Kimmerling (our unofficial Chaplain) gave the following Invocation. I think it is very appropriate and timely since so many of our clubs are having their COW— and might want to consider using it, with any modifications to fit your club. -PUB*

Heavenly Father, let us give thanks for the bounty that we have received this year. We are from many walks of life, yet we are in unity, for we have the same goals. We ask for your blessings upon this

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meeting and our members; that we may sense anew our responsibilities to those we serve, in our homes, our yacht clubs, and communities. Give us inspiration to meet the needs of the future. Give us wisdom to make the right decisions, persistence to support them, and radiance that will win others to work with us. We are grateful for this opportunity to honor and thank those who will be leaving office; first for their dedication to the mission of the Association, and second for the personal sacrifice made to bring these ideals to many others. Finally give wisdom, vision, and courage to those who will be our new leaders. We continue to pray for our first responders and to those members of the Armed Forces that are serving both at home and abroad and ask for peace in our troubled world. And we thank you for your presence with us and for the bonds of friendship which will be strengthened here today. It is in your name we give thanks. Amen.



## Ship's Store

by A/M Beverly Plummer

During the October General membership meeting it was with great pleasure that I was able to present to the FCA Foundation President, P/C Larry Kimmerling, a check from the Ship's Store 2016 profits for \$1,000. This contribution is a critical part of the support for educational and professional activities of our organization. I want to thank each one of the members for their support through their purchases from the Ship's Store.

Sales of men's Columbia shirts was such a success that I have replenished the inventory and have a selection of colors and sizes to choose from. The shirts come long or short sleeved and are embroidered with the FCA burgee.

Also, in stock is a selection of canvas tote bags in medium or large sizes. Some of these have zipper closing or an open top.

With most yacht clubs having their Change of Watch this time of year, don't forget to direct your newest members of FCA to the Ship's Store for their uniform needs. I am more than happy to help where

ever I can. Just have them contact me at [www.shipsstore@flcommodores.org](mailto:www.shipsstore@flcommodores.org).

On a personal note, I will NOT be attending the General membership meeting in February. My mother will be celebrating her 90th birthday on February 4th and I will be in Pennsylvania to help celebrate with my family. That being said, if there is anything you desire from the Ship's Store please contact me and I will do my best to work with you. I look forward to seeing everyone in April.



## Webmaster

By P/C John Slattery

By now all of you should have received the email welcoming you to our new website. This website is only one part of a club management program FCA has installed. Up to now, all of our operational and historic documentation, information about our programs, Chapters and members was maintained by numerous Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs. Now it is all maintained in one location and confidential and proprietary information is only available to our members.

In addition to my duties of Publisher of the *Commodores Journal*, I have also assumed the position of Webmaster and as such, I'm prepared to assist you in getting the most of what is available on the website. **The first thing you might notice when you go to the website is it doesn't seem to have all I have mentioned above. That's probably because you haven't logged-on yet. While some information is available to the public visiting us online, only as a member do you have access to all the information contained on the website.**

I encourage everyone to log-on and explore what's available. While you're there, take the time to go to your profile and fill in some of the missing information about yourself so you're less of a stranger to your fellow members.

Another advantage of this new site is that it completely compatible with tablet and smart phone devices so that everything is available to you even when you're not sitting in front of your home computer.

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I will be writing ongoing articles about what's new on the website and addressing the solution to problems our members may be having in future issues but for now I want to address a common issue when a website of this type (member ID protected) is implemented.

No doubt you are familiar with the fact that when you log-on to a new website for the first time that requires you to enter a username and password, right away your computer pops open a window which says "Do you want me to remember the username and password for this site?" Of course your computer is just trying to be helpful and if you click yes it will remember that information and the next time you go to log-in it will automatically enter that information and you will be logged-on.

**This is just great unless you live in a household where everyone shares the same computer. If you and your spouse are both members, you each have a separate account and member profile in our system.** So when you go to a username/password protected website, your computer does its job and inputs what the first person to use the site told it to remember.

So how do you fix this? Depends on what internet browser you're using. There are so many that I am providing the following link that will take you to a webpage (courtesy of Boston University) where you can select your browser and get step by step instructions: [Browser Password Management](#).

You can reach me at [webmaster@flcommodores.org](mailto:webmaster@flcommodores.org)



**FCA Foundation**  
by P/C Mary Slattery

At this time of year, it a case of head-turning ... a look back at 2016 and a look forward into 2017.

**Looking back ..** 2016 was a successful year for the FCA Foundation. The inaugural 2016 Fundraising Campaign is in the books ... and can be considered a success! While the goal of \$20,000 remained just out of reach, the purpose was achieved. The Foun-

dation is proud of the work the Chapters did to raise funds and to those who contributed on a personal basis. *Thank you!*

The Foundation was able to make a significant contribution to two Florida-based sailors - one headed to the Olympics, the other to the Paralympic Games, both held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Paige Railey, U.S. Olympic sailor, and Brad Kendall, U.S. Paralympic sailor, were surprised, pleased, and very appreciative of the unexpected support they received from the FCA Foundation. Both sent personal thanks to all Foundation members who played a part in helping them get to the Games.

**Looking forward ...** 2017 will be a year of new challenges. The FCAF will turn it's attention to supporting other areas of it's mission. This means the W.A.V.E. program (Wounded American Veterans Events), and youth sailing at member clubs. Several FCA Chapters do one or both programs well, but still many Chapters and clubs have yet to implement either. While youth sailing is a large commitment for any yacht club, the W.A.V.E. program is not. To see these programs implemented within the FCA family, will, in many cases, take outside funding. The Foundation's aim is to be there with support. However, this means raising money.

The year 2017 will see a new FCA Foundation Fundraising Campaign. Hopefully, all FCA members will now see the value of having an FCA Foundation and understand the benefits it can bring both people and programs of member yacht clubs. Only with the FCA membership's continued - *and generous* - support will the Foundation be able to look forward to another year of growth and success!

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### ***Schedule of Events***

#### **Friday, February 3, 2017**

1330	FCA foundation BOD Meeting (as invited)	as Invited	
1430	FCA Executive Committee Meeting	as invited	
1730	Sundown Ceremony followed by a brief Cocktail Celebration		# Attending ____
1815	Cocktails, Dinner (order from the menu, LBYC Dining Room)		# Attending ____
	Live music at the LBYC		

#### **Saturday, February 4, 2017**

0815	Registration and Continental Breakfast (Complementary)—LBYC		# Attending ____
0900	FCA Winter Membership Meeting—LBYC Dining Room		# Attending ____
1015	Break		
1030-1200	Speakers: "Major" Dave Garrett		# Attending ____
	2016 Winner of the 2016 Lionfish Challenge		
	Speaker: Guest From the Florida Wildlife Commission		# Attending ____
1215	Lunch-in the Dining Room. Pasta Bar (\$16.00 per person)		# Attending ____
1400-1700	St. Johns River Cruise-Blue Heron River Tours (\$20.00 per person)		# Attending ____
	Cruise the St. Johns River and the Hontoon Dead River		
1400-1700	DeLand Mural Tour		# Attending ____
1900—Dinner-with Dancing	LBYC Dining Room (\$42.00 per person)		# Attending ____
	Beresford d' Argentina (A sampler meat platter and traditional sauces and other Argentine taste treats.)		

#### **Sunday, February 5, 2017**

0900	Breakfast from the Yacht Club (Order from the menu)	# Attending ____
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Contact: Past Commodore Stanley Mitchell  
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- 1330 FCA Foundation BOD Meeting (as invited)
- 1430 FCA Executive Committee Meeting (as invited)
- 1730 Sundown Ceremony followed by a brief Cocktail Celebration (LBYC Lounge)  
(Class B uniform with cover)
- 1815 Cocktails, Dinner (order from the menu, LBYC Dining Room)  
Live music at the LBYC

### **Saturday, February 4, 2017**

- 0815 Registration and Continental Breakfast (Complementary)—LBYC
- 900 FCA Winter Membership Meeting—LBYC Dining Room (Class C uniform no cover)
- 1015 Break
- 1030-1200 Speakers: "Major" Dave Garrett  
2016 Winner of the 2016 Lionfish Challenge  
Speaker: Guest From the Florida Wildlife Commission
- 1215 Lunch-in the Dining Room. Pasta Bar
- 1400-1700 St. Johns River Cruise-Blue Heron River Tours  
Cruise the St. Johns River and the Hontoon Dead River
- 1400-1700 DeLand Mural Tour
- 1900—Dinner-with Dancing LBYC Dining Room (Class B uniform and Cocktail Attire)  
Beresford d' Argentina (A sampler meat platter with traditional sauces  
and other Argentine taste treats.)

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- 0900 Breakfast from the Yacht Club (Order from the menu)

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