

Mini Briefing

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Home from the War Zone: VP-10 Skipper To Address 2012 Annual Meeting Jan. 12

The realities of the ongoing Global War on Terror are largely hidden from the American people. We receive most of our daily “news” as selected and filtered by our national media, which is too often preoccupied with other matters. At best, we get the big picture painted with a broad brush; seldom do we get an insight into the day-to-day operations of our armed forces operating halfway around the world. That’s where Navy League can make a difference.

One of the most memorable Jacksonville Council programs in recent memory was newly retired four-star Admiral Mark Fitzgerald’s assessment of the Middle East situation at our May 2011 luncheon. On Jan. 12, JaxCouncil members and their guests will have another special opportunity to



hear a first-hand account of life in the Middle East war zone from Cdr. Andrew Miller, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 10, just returned from a six-month

deployment operating out of Bahrain, Qatar, and Djibouti, Africa. VP-10 recently relocated its home base to NAS Jacksonville prior to the closing of NAS Brunswick, ME.

Cdr. Miller graduated in 1994 from the University of Texas, where he also received his commission through the Naval ROTC program. After receiving his wings in 1996, he joined the “VP (patrol squadron) Navy,” which led to career stops with VP-16 and

VP-30 here in Jacksonville and VP-40 at NAS Whidbey Island, WA. In between were tours as Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12/Enterprise Strike Group flag secretary and Aircraft Carrier and Carrier Strike placement officer with the Naval Personnel Command.



Cdr. Miller

Cdr. Miller’s reflections on our local squadrons’ ongoing role in the Middle East promise to get JaxCouncil’s new year off to a great start. Come and bring a guest! The Annual Meeting will also include election and installation of council officers and directors for 2012 (see reverse).

Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; dinner and program at 6:45. Please RSVP by Jan. 9 to 425-5691 or secretary@vosjax.com.

Annual Dinner Meeting

Installation of Officers & Directors

Thursday, January 12

6 p.m., Florida Yacht Club

RSVP by Monday, Jan. 9: 904-425-5691

or email secretary@vosjax.com

Dinner: \$40.00 per person

Navy League Jacksonville Council Proposed Board of Directors - 2012

The following slate of individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve on the JaxCouncil Board of Directors for 2012 will be presented to the general membership for approval at the council's Annual Meeting January 12. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor before the election. Members of the Nominating Committee include Dolly Sedwick, chair; Bob Buehn, Bob Kidd and Matt Tuohy.

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