

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 and painted with a broad brush; seldom do we get an insight into the day-to-day operations of our armed forces operating in 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 Admiral Mark Fitzgerald’s assessment of the Middle East situation at our May 12 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. Andrew Miller
C.O., VP-10*

Cdr. Miller was 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’s reflections on our local squadrons’ ongoing role in the Middle East promise to be 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.

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