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The luncheon and reception both take place Thursday.

The Remembrance Day luncheon, which begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m. at The Breakers, is sponsored by the Naval Order of the United States and the Palm Beach Council of the Navy League.

The Naval Order of the United States was founded in 1890 by Theodore Roosevelt and Adm. Dewey. It, along with the Navy League, functions as a civilians' support group for the maritime services, according to committee member Phil Whitacre.

Boorda will be the speaker at the luncheon. "He's the head man of the Navy," Whitacre said. "He's chief of naval operations, called the CNO. They don't come much higher than that."

Allen will be the presenter at the reception, when Abe Gosman will be honored as the first commodore of the Naval Order of the United States.

The Indiana-born Boorda has been CNO since April 1994. He began his naval career as an enlisted man, rising to the rank of petty officer first class. He was selected for commissioning in 1962 and sent to the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport,

Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda and Vice Adm. Richard C. Allen will be the special guests at the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day luncheon and at a private reception at the home of Abe Gosman. The event marks the 54th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

R.I., from where he was commissioned in August 1962.

He has served the Navy in many capacities, including Combat Information Center officer, weapons officer, ship's commanding officer, weapons instructor, ship's executive officer, flag officer and head of the Surface Lieutenant Commander Assignments in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington.

Boorda has also served as executive assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, destroyer squadron commander, executive assistant to the chief of naval personnel, executive assistant to the chief of naval operations, cruiser-destroyer group commander, carrier battle group commander, and battle force commander.

In February 1991, while serving as commander in Chief of

Allied Forces, Southern Europe, and Commander in Chief of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, Boorda assumed duty as commander of the joint task force "Provide Promise," responsible for the supply of humanitarian relief to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Boorda has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and a number of other personal and campaign awards.

Vice Adm. Richard C. Allen will present the Commodore honor to Abe Gosman at a reception Thursday evening at Gosman's home.

Whitacre described Allen as "the navy's head fly boy. He's the top aviator in the Atlantic Fleet."

Allen has been commander of

the Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet since March 1994. He enlisted in the naval aviation cadet program at age 19, and was designated a naval aviator in 1960. He became a naval flight officer in 1971. His early operational assignments included duty as a Skyhawk pilot, instructor pilot, a combat tour, aviation department head, and executive officer.

He has held eight command tours, including attack squadron commanding officer, commander of carrier air wing, command of the USS Detroit and the USS America, and commander of carrier group six.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Distinguished Flying Cross (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), two individual and seven strike flight air medals, joint service commendation medal, Navy Commendation medal and Navy Achievement medals — both with combat "V" — and several unit, service and campaign awards.

The reception at Gosman's home is by invitation only.

For information on the Remembrance Luncheon, call Phil Whitacre at 655-1919.

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