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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nan Harper, President, Pensacola Council Navy League



The 2017 Military Recognition Day Luncheon was remarkably well attended! Dan Shugart, as always, was eloquent as Master of Ceremonies, and guest speaker, Donald Belcher made an impassioned presentation. His presence on stage, as he congratulated each nominee, was especially moving as he had been the 2000 recipient of the prestigious Navy League Margaret Flowers Civic Award. Again, thanks to our sponsors and team support under the direction of committee chair Jeri Blankenbeck.

The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps National Academic and Drill Competition occurred April 11th, culminating with the Awards Ceremony at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. The young cadets excelled in every category, and their enthusiasm is contagious. Our Future is bright in the hands of these dedicated individuals. We, as Navy League members, are proud to support the future leaders of our nation.

Don Quinn and Mark Curley are leading the charge in preparing for the May 3rd Enlisted Recognition Breakfast, to be held at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. Sheriff David Morgan will be the featured speaker. We encourage you to mark your calendar and plan to be present, as we share our appreciation for our enlisted personnel. The event begins at 7:30 am.

Rock Penfold and Harry White are directing the 2017 Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, to be held May 25th at Skopelos-New World Landing. The spouse, as the other half of the military team, occupies a space of varied skills in balancing the life of deployment, while managing day-to-day obligations. Each command will nominate one outstanding achiever, who will be honored at the luncheon. Catherine Martin, wife of CAPT Christopher Martin, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola, will be the featured speaker.

The Jacksonville Council Navy League will be visiting Pensacola on April 21st-23rd. President Jim Renninger affirms that this road trip has been long in planning, and 15-25 council members will be staying at PortoFino Resort. We encourage you to offer the hospitality for which the Pensacola Council Navy League is well known. Contact Jrenninger@aol.com or (904) 813-0610.

Do advise our national representatives of the necessity of passage of a meaningful Defense Appropriations Bill. Also, we observe with concern the approach to rectifying the '02 problem with our aviators; silence is not always golden.

We remind you to seek new Navy League members in our community, and to invite them to join our Admirals' Club for select membership opportunities.

“MEET THE BOSS” LUNCHEON

Each year, the Admirals’ Club hosts a “Meet the Boss” speaker series luncheon. This year’s guest speaker and “boss” was CAPT Christopher Martin, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. CAPT Martin presented a briefing on NAS Pensacola, with a focus on the base’s history and current economic impact on the community. He shared little known facts, such as the duck logo, established in 1931, predates Walt Disney’s famous Donald Duck. NAS Pensacola is one of only four installations in the continental U.S. with an airfield and a deep water port. The base, which encompasses four distinct sites, including Saufley Field, Corry Station and Blue Angel Park/Bronson Field, has more than 1500 operational buildings and structures on over 8600 acres. The NAS Pensacola training commands graduate 59,000 students annually; representing every branch of service and foreign allies. The base’s mission is “To efficiently deliver the best readiness from the shore.”



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VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret), served as emcee. Coincidentally, CAPT Martin recalled meeting VADM Unruh 32 years ago, when Martin was a young Navy Petty Officer.



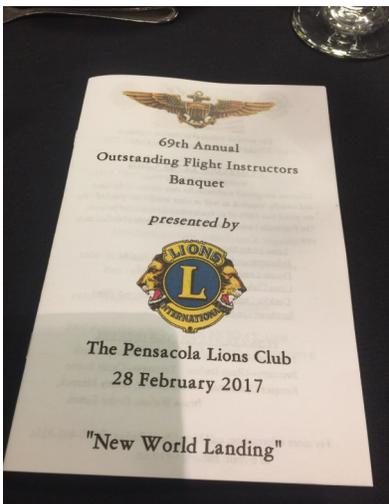


Outstanding Flight Instructors Recognized

The Pensacola Council of the Navy League was a proud sponsor of the 69th Annual Outstanding Flight Instructor's Banquet, hosted by the Pensacola Lion's Club. The event, held February 28th at Skopelos-New World Landing, recognized 12 Officers from Training Air Wing-Five (TRAWING-5), Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, FL and Training Air Wing-Six (TRAWING-6), Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Guest speaker was CAPT Mark Murray, USN, Commander, Training Air Wing-Five. Those recognized for excellence in flight instruction from TRAWING-5 are MAJ Eric W. Lloyd, USMC, LT Christopher Williams, USN, LT Brandon A. Wilder, USN, LTJG Blake C. Labat, USCG, LCDR Travis H. Reed, USNR, LT Margaret K. Robie, USN and LT Wayne W. Cheney, USN. Those recognized from TRAWING-6 are LT Nicholas D. Harden, USN, LT Michael Kumm, USN, LCDR Joel Gow, USNR, LT Joshua Raymond, USN and LT Matthew D. Warsaw, USN.

Congratulations on a job well done!

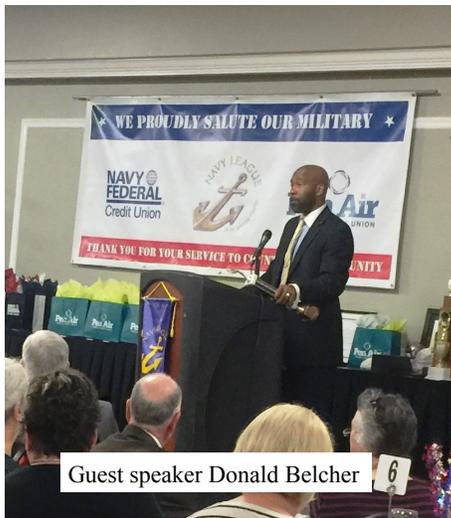


MILITARY RECOGNITION DAY

The Pensacola Council Navy League is proud of the efforts of military personnel who volunteer their time to enrich the community. For 34 years, the council has recognized the efforts of these men and women during the annual Margaret Flowers Civic Award, Military Recognition Day ceremony. This year's ceremony, a lunch event held February 23rd, at Skopelos-New World Landing was emceed by popular WEAR TV-3 sportscaster Dan Shugart. The guest speaker was Donald Belcher, who was the 2000 recipient of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award. Twenty enlisted service members from the Pensacola area were nominated by their commands. The nominees were AT1(AW) Kendera Allen, USN, HM1(DSW/FMF/SW/AW/PJ) Micah Avignone, USN, Staff



Sgt. Caolan Bailey, USMC, HM1(SS) Steve David, USN, CTN1(IW) Shawn Duncan, USN, CTR1(IW) Ashlee Havens, USN, Staff Sgt. Nathan Hess, USMC, ABE1(AW/SW) Derek Huwert, USN, ABH2(AW) Brian Johnson, AC1 Lillian Limon, USN, AT1(AW/SW) Jerad Mefferd, USN, HM2(SW) Brandon Moore, USN, AE1(AW/SW) Jennifer Piatek, USN, ABE2 (AW/SW) Erica Quezada, USN, SN Casey Raines, USCG, CTN1(IW) Daniel Shady, USN, ABE1(AW/SW) Michael Shannon, USN, IT1(IW/EXW) Justin Sullivan, USN, AS1(AW/SW) Kevin Vergara, USN and Corp. Cory Winkeljohn, USMC. One of the nominees was selected to receive the Margaret Flowers Civic Award. The award's namesake, Margaret Flowers, is in honor of Ms. Flowers' long and devoted record of service to the Navy and the community. The award is named in her honor, "because she embodies the true esprit de corps of community and social involvement." This year's winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award is Staff Sgt. Nathan Hess, USMC, Aviation Maintenance Squadron 2 (AMS-2) from Naval Air Station Pensacola. SSgt Hess worked countless hours as a volunteer with organizations, including the Lillian



Guest speaker Donald Belcher

an Volunteer Fire Department, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Lillian Recreation Park, Lillian Youth athletics and Lower Alabama Search and Rescue. His civic work included tutoring a special needs class in math at Elberta Elementary. In 2016, he provided a 13 Marine detail to march in the Lillian Christmas parade, while he drove a fire tanker dressed as Santa Claus. Also in 2016, he mentored more than 900 Marines through their entry-level training and helped victims of sexual assault find and receive needed resources as a Uniformed Victim Advocate. The selection criteria is based on civic work in the community, leadership, rate proficiency and representation of appearance. Many thanks to the table and individual sponsors, and to our primary sponsors, Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union.



The nominees with Margaret Flowers (first row center) and Navy League Pensacola Council President Nan Harper (first row right).

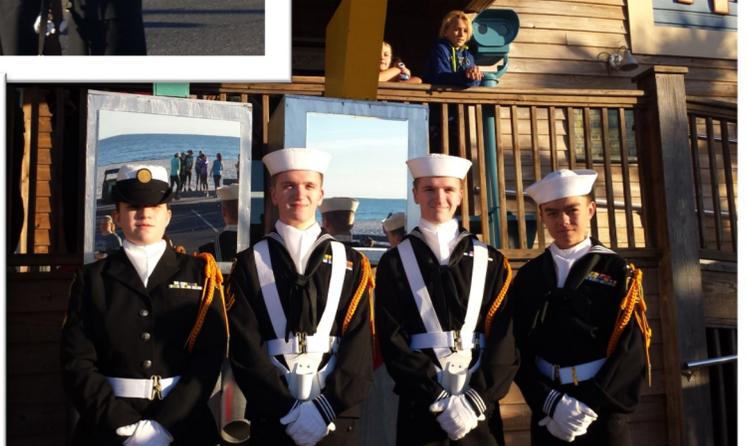


Navy League MRD
M-Flowers Civic Awards Ceremony
23 Feb 2017



SEA CADETS

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Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp

The NJROTC Nationals were held April 7th and 8th at the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard NAS Pensacola.

NJROTC Nationals are the most comprehensive test of overall JROTC training and performance. The nation's finest NJROTC units participated in this exciting academic, athletic and drill competition. "No competition in the world of JROTC provides a better test of all-around program quality and esprit-de-corps than the 'Navy Nationals'."

During the awards ceremony portion of the competition, RADM Mike White, USN, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, presented trophies to the top five units. Congratulations to all of these NJROTC winners!



Locally, the Escambia County NJROTC awards ceremony was held April 12th at Washington High School in Pensacola.

First place winners were c/SCPO Jeremy Mejia from Washington High School and c/CPO Victoria Grammer from Northview High School. CDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret) presented the winners with Navy League Theodore Roosevelt medals and \$100 gift cards from Pen Air Federal Credit Union.



ENLISTED RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Pensacola Council Navy League, invites you to celebrate our enlisted military, during the annual **Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast**, to be held Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30 am at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. Guest speaker is Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan.



Sheriff Morgan is a compelling speaker who has worked law enforcement for more than 40 years, beginning in the United States Air Force, where he progressed from patrol officer to Deputy Chief of Police. He has served in all aspects of law enforcement and currently leads a department of over 450 personnel. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Southeast Missouri State University and a Master of Arts degree in Business Administration from Webster University. Sheriff Morgan also successfully completed the Police Administration Course Advanced Graduate Program at the University of Southern California, as well as Squadron Officers School and Air Command and Staff College.

The cost is \$18 for Navy League members, \$16 for Admirals' Club Members. For reservations or table and/or military member sponsorship, call (850) 436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net

Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon

The 10th annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** will be held Thursday, May 21st, 11:30 am, at Skopelos-New World Landing. This event is emceed by Sue Straughn, popular newscaster of WEAR TV 3. Guest speaker is Catherine Martin, spouse of CAPT Christopher Martin, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola. Catherine Martin was born in Camden, Tennessee, but spent most of her childhood in Hong Kong, where she attended Hong Kong International School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Auburn University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. She is a nurse in the Peri-Operative Department at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola. In her nearly 25 year career as a Navy spouse, Catherine has supported numerous volunteer efforts, including Treasurer of VAW 121 Officer Spouse Group, various chair positions within the Junior League and Children's Event Coordinator for her church. As her husband serves as CO, she supports the officer and enlisted spouses who she "cherishes as one of her most gratifying leadership experiences."



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- ★ **MAY 25** **Medal of Honor Night**
Guest of Honor
Doc Donald Ballard, Hospital Corpsman Second Class, USN,
Medal of Honor, Republic of Vietnam
- ★ **JUN 29** **Defensive Perimeter Night**
Guest of Honor
Sergeant Major Ralph Hyatt, USMC,
Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam
- ★ **JUL 27** **Korean War Remembrance Night**
Guest of Honor
Sergeant (Rev.) John Phillips, US Army,
Bronze Star, Battle of Pork Chop Hill, Republic of Korea
- ★ **AUG 31** **Marine Aviation Night**
Guest of Honor
Colonel Chuck Lea, USMC,
Republic of Vietnam
- ★ **SEP 28** **USN Carrier Flight Operations Night**
Guests of Honor
Rear Admiral Don Quinn, USN
Operation Desert Storm, Kuwait & Iraq
- ★ **OCT 26** **First Responders Night**
Guests of Honor
Chip Simmons
Chief of Police, City of Pensacola (Ret.)

Water and light refreshments provided • Bring chairs and blankets for seating • Rain Venue- Rosie's at Seville Quarter

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NAVY LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION ~ MILWAUKEE, WI

June 20-24, 2017

The Milwaukee Council of the Navy League of the United States is excited to welcome Navy Leaguers from around the world to their great city on Lake Michigan. June is the perfect month for visiting Milwaukee, and the council has added an amazing lineup of tours and events to the National Convention program to help you mix Navy League business with pleasure.

Come a day early, because a trip to Marinette, Wis., is set for **Tuesday, June 20th**, to see the Freedom class of the Navy's littoral combat ship being built on the river, with a stop at famed Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, on the way back. A fun-filled evening follows at Miller Park, watching the Brewers take on the Pittsburgh Pirates, with our NLUS president, Skip Witunski throwing out the first pitch!

Tours of the Pabst Mansion, the Basilica of St. Josaphat and a historic boat ride down the Milwaukee River will be available, as will pre-planned "dine arounds" of various neighborhoods and a special tour of the Milwaukee beer barons of old.

We have a special evening planned on Lake Michigan for **Friday, June 23rd**, hosted by generous Milwaukee area sponsors, with 100 percent of the donations made by attendees going directly to the Fisher House of Wisconsin. This will be a special week you won't want to miss!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Tom Plantenberg, Council President
Dirk Debbink, Co-Chair Convention Planning Team
Candee Arndt, Co-Chair Convention Planning Team

To Register: <http://www.navyleagueconvention.org/index.html>



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Spouse of Active Duty 1 year membership	Local \$25.00 + National \$55.00	\$ 80.00
Local Only – National Life Members*	Local \$30.00 Each (includes National)	\$30.00 ea
E- membership – only electronic version of Sea Power monthly	Local \$30.00 + National \$25.00	\$ 55.00

Section 2 – Optional - Admirals Club (Please join the **Admirals’ Club** If you wish to enjoy the numerous benefits and give extra support and leadership to the Council’s local programs).

Admirals’ Club - \$60.00 individual 1 year membership per person	\$60.00
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Section 3 – Optional - Donation

I wish to make an additional tax deductible donation to the Pensacola Council	\$
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Section 1 –Dues	\$
Section 2 – Admirals Club	\$
Section 3 - Donations	\$
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21-23

**Navy League Jacksonville Council
 President’s Reception
 Portofino Island Resort**

May 3

**Enlisted Recognition Breakfast
 Seville Quarter Heritage Hall**

May 24

**Navy League Board Meeting
 Pensacola Yacht Club**

May 25

**Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon
 New World Landing**

June 21

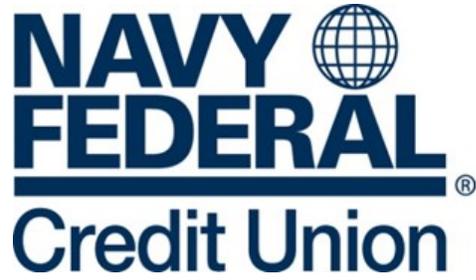
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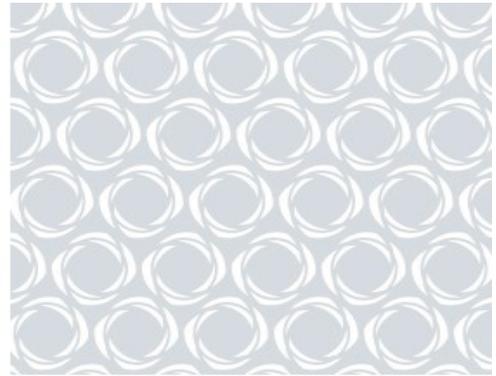
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