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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nan Harper, President, Pensacola Council Navy League



The annual Christmas Dinner was the opportunity to welcome new Board Members Troy Bauk, Dr. Robert Dillard, CAPT Hugh Rankin, USN (Ret) and our new Chaplain, LCDR Charles Melvin, USN (Ret). The 2018 Board of Directors was sworn in by RADM Kyle Cozad, USN, Commander of the Naval Education Training Command. All members are charged with recruitment for the Pensacola Chapter Navy League. The winning recruiter will receive dinner for two at any of Pensacola's premier restaurants: Jackson's, Skopelos, Global Grill, or Grand Marlin, compliments of the board president.

The annual Military Recognition Day, held February 22nd, was another success under the leadership of Jeri Blankenbeck and committee members Bobby Riggs, Betty Williams, Carol Monroe, Peggy Pilcher, Harry White, RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret), CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), CAPT Hugh Rankin, USN (Ret) and other loyal supporters. Major sponsors Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union provided gift bags and gift cards to all nominees. Margaret Flowers, the figure who inspired this event, was recognized as an honored guest, and UWF Football coach Pete Shinnick served as

guest speaker. Dan Shugart was Master of Ceremonies.

The Enlisted Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for April 26th at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. For information, contact Executive Secretary Carla Cuilik at Navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net. CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) is chairman of this event.

The Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon is set for May 24th at Skopelos-New World Landing. Spouses will be recognized for their efforts to encourage and enhance morale and emotional support within their commands programs. Their role as the other half of our military team is invaluable. Harry White is chairman and FORCM Bob Anderson, USN (Ret) is co-chairman of this event.

The Sea Cadets Independence Squadron were granted a \$1,000 grant from the national Navy League of the US for their proposal to enrich development of strategies relating to STEM initiative. CAPT Curtis Duncan and Jim Crumlish worked on the proposal, with the encouragement of National Vice President Tom Pruter. This is the first time the award has been presented to the Pensacola Squadron.

The new and improved Website for the Pensacola Chapter is being developed with CAPT Dan McCort's leadership.

The Jacksonville Navy League Chapter plans its annual visit to Pensacola May 4th-6th. Pensacola Council Board member and National Flight Academy Director, Mark Curley is hosting their tour of the National Flight Academy. NROTC Awards will take place on April 24th, 6:00 PM at Washington High School.

The Pensacola Council Navy League continues its support of America's sea power. Be aware of the Summer Membership Social! Details will follow. Remember to invite friends to join our organization: Enthusiasm is Contagious!

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 35 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 22nd, at Skopelos-New World Landing was emceed by popular WEAR TV-3 sportscaster Dan Shugart. The guest speaker was Pete Shinnick, Head Football Coach of the University of West Florida. Eighteen enlisted service members from the Pensacola area were nominated by their commands. The nominees were AWS1 (NAC/AW) Jacob F. Aldach, USN, CTR2 (IW/SW/AW) Andrea C. Bermisderfer, USN, CPL Rebecca S. Berry, USMC, AZ2 (AW) Kevin J. Daggett, USN, PR3 Kenya Daniels, USN, SSgt Mark A. Dickens, USMC, ET1 (SW/AW) Daniel K. Diedrich, USN, HM2 (FMF/SW) Chase E. Harmon, USN, SSGT Michael R. Harris, USMC, AT1 (AW/SW) Duong D. Huynh, USN, IT1(IW/SW) James P. McGuigan, USN, ABH1(AW/SW) Bryan E. Nutter, USN, EN2 (EXW/SW) Christian P. Rice-man, USN, LS1 (AW) Ryan R. Schick, USN, ABE1 (AW/SW) Michael P. Shannon, USN, 1T2 Erin M. Smith, USN, SSgt Colin A. Tench, USAF and AO1(AW/SW) Eric M. Winters, USN. One of the nominees was selected to receive the Margaret Flowers Civic Award. The award's namesake, Margaret Flowers, honors Ms. Flowers' long and devoted record of service to the Navy and the community; she embodies the true esprit de corps of community and social involvement. This year's winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award is ABE1 (AW/SW) Michael P. Shannon, USN, Air Training Department, Naval Air Technical Training Center. Petty Officer Shannon is the Command Volunteer Coordinator and a Master Training Specialist Mentor. He has personally dedicated 130 hours to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and initiated and orchestrated volunteer events that amassed over 5,200 hours in the



ABE1 (AW/SW) Michael P. Shannon, USN

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command, leading the command to be named the 2017 Project Good Neighbor Flagship. He also led the command's Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) Program, producing exceptional results, including the reduction of alcohol related incidents by 15% and disciplinary punishments by 35%. He has assisted 12 instructors in becoming Master Training Specialists and, as a Command Financial Specialist, mentored 166 entry level Sailors in the basics of budgeting and financial management. 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.



...T1 (AW/SW) Duong D. Huynh, USN



ENLISTED RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Pensacola Council Navy League, invites you to celebrate our enlisted military, during the annual **Enlisted Recognition Breakfast**, to be held Thursday, April 26th, 7:30 am at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. Guest speaker is CAPT Maxine Goodridge, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Technical Training Center.

A native of Barbados, West Indies, CAPT Goodridge enlisted in the Navy in December 1982 in New York City, NY. Her first assignment was with Attack Squadron One Two Eight (VA-128), NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. As an undesignated Airman, she qualified as an A-6 Plane Captain and soon thereafter was assigned to Maintenance Control as an Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ) striker.

Subsequent assignments include Patrol Squadron (VP-30); Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ-2); Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS-15); Commander, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Wing Atlantic Fleet (COMHSLWINGLANT); Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW-125); and as the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Officer aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD-3).

In 2010, CAPT Goodridge reported to Commander, Fleet Air Forward (CFAF), Atsugi, Japan, where she served as the AIMD and Forward Repairable Inspection Activity Officer in Charge. In 2012, she reported to Commanding Officer, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Norfolk as the Executive Officer, and assumed command in 2013. She reported to Naval Personnel Command, Aviation Officer Assignments, NSA Mid-South, Millington, Tennessee, as Head Aviation Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer Assignments in 2015.

In April 2017, CAPT Goodridge relieved CAPT Hugh Rankin, USN (Ret) as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) in Pensacola, Florida.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

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



Admirals' Club Speaker Series



Each year the Admirals' Club hosts a speaker series luncheon. This year's event will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 1st, at the Pensacola



Yacht Club. The guest speaker is CAPT Sterling "Sterls" Gilliam, USN (Ret), Director of the National Museum of Naval Aviation. Gilliam is a dynamic speaker with a passion for naval history and aviation. His talk will focus on readiness, current events, and ongoing activities and will be informative and beneficial to us all.

All Admirals' Club members and guests are invited to attend. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net or call 850-436-8552.



Military Spouse Appreciation

The 11th annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** will be held Thursday, May 24th, 11:30 am, at Skopelos-New World Landing. This event is emceed by Sue Straughn, popular newscaster of WEAR TV 3. Guest speaker is Amy Cozad, spouse of RADM Kyle Cozad, USN, Commander of Naval Education and Training Command.



Amy Cozad was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a child, her family moved from Minnesota to Belgium, before settling in Maryland, which gave Amy an understanding and appreciation for the challenges of moving as a school-age child. In college, she studied to become an oral surgeon assistant, and during her final year of studies, Amy met and married the love of her life, Kyle. In her early days as a Navy spouse, she worked in various dental offices, balancing work with travels and moves while supporting a spouse in flight school. After having their three children, she

went back to school, earned her teaching certificate, and spent the next 10 years working in special education. Staying fully involved in raising her young children was a priority in her life. Amy's oldest daughter Ashley is a reading resource teacher in South Haven, Mississippi; Leanne is assistant director for housekeeping at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee; and Amy's youngest, Dan, is a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy, following in his dad's footsteps as a pilot. Dan is currently stationed in Jacksonville, Florida.

Amy has been active in a variety of spouses clubs, volunteered with Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, volunteered as an assistant manager of Tidewater Collection, and served as a senior mentor for Navy spouses in a variety of formal and informal venues. She has a passion for serving Navy families, fostering education for Navy children, and supporting local communities. She is the proud grandmother of her first grandchild Jaxon, the apple of his "Pop Pop's" world.

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



Texas Roadhouse holds an annual fundraiser that supports Veterans and Active Duty personnel. During the month of October in 2017, the restaurant, located at 7177 North Davis Highway in Pensacola, raised money for the



L-R, Karen Bradley, Store Marketer, Jeremy Behrens, Managing Partner, Nan Harper, Navy League Pensacola Council President and Mark Harden, National Navy League President, Southern Region.

Pensacola Council Navy League in the form of gift cards, to be presented to active duty military members. The gift cards include the Navy League logo and were presented by Jeremy Behrens, Managing Partner of Texas Roadhouse and Karen Bradley, Legendary Store Marketer. Distribution of the gift cards will be determined by the Pensacola Council Board of Directors. The Pensacola Council is very appreciative of Texas Roadhouse's fundraising efforts in support of our military. Special thanks to Mark and Karen and the Texas Roadhouse team.



Dr. P. C. Wu. Photo by Guy Stevens of Ballinger Publishing

The Pensacola Council is proud of our members and the highly qualified members of our Board of Directors. Long time public servant and Navy League Board member, Dr. P.C. Wu was recently featured in a publication from Ballinger Publishing, *Coming of Age, Lifestyle Magazine for Seniors*, Spring 2018 edition. The fascinating article is aptly titled, "A Lifetime of Service" by Kelly Odon. Here is the introduction: "Born the son of Chinese immigrants, Wu grew up in Savannah, GA working in his father's Chinese restaurant for much of his young life. The first of his family to go to college, Wu really made it count, earning a bachelors, masters and doctorate from Florida State University. Wu and his wife Judi moved to Pensacola in 1977 and since then he has contributed untold hours of community and volunteer work to the community he calls home. A member of the Pensacola City Council since 2004 and a man of many accolades, Wu counts his marriage of more than fifty years, his children and grandchildren, and the impact he had on his students while teaching at the University of West Florida among his greatest achievements. He and his wife have two children, Christopher and Ashley and two grandchildren, Kai and Claire. They are active members of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church where Wu has been a chalice bearer for many years. *Coming of Age* had the opportunity to talk with P.C. Wu about his life, his family, and his thoughts on a life well-lived."

Read the full article here: <http://www.ballingerpublishing.com/p-c-wu-a-lifetime-of-service/>

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NAVY LEAGUE U.S. AWARDS STEM GRANT TO SEA CADETS

The Navy League US awarded a STEM grant in the amount of \$1000 for the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron. Volunteers have been raising funds for the Independence Squadron to attend the National Flight Academy. The total cost to send the cadets for an overnight stay at the Flight Academy is more than \$7000. The volunteers raised approximately \$5000, primarily working the concession stands at the Pensacola Bay Center. The Pensacola Council Board of Directors proudly presented the STEM grant to CAPT Curtis Duncan, USN, Executive Officer of the Independence Squadron. Additionally, the Board approved an additional \$1000 as an annual support payment to the Sea Cadets.

The Sea Cadets enjoyed their weekend at the National Flight Academy on April 14th and 15th.



“The Navy League believes that engaging youth in programs that link knowledge, skills and competencies of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, with the excitement of real world applications, will inspire and motivate them to pursue STEM-related degrees and careers, for high-skilled employment in the U.S. Navy or civilian workforce.”

-CAPT Tom Pruter, USN (Ret), National Vice President of Youth Programs.





SEA CADETS

INDEPENDENCE SQUADRON



By Jim Crumlish, Community Liaison for the Sea Cadets

April 2018 saw the culmination of the year's intensive training activities, study and mentorship for local area Sea Cadets. Twenty-three cadets of the Sea Cadet's Independence Squadron and thirteen cadets from Santa Rosa Council's Dunlap Division joined forces to plan and meet two-day customized missions set up by the National Flight Academy (NFA), aboard the simulated aircraft carrier "Ambition" (CVT-11) aboard NAS Pensacola. NFA Director, Mark Curley arranged a highly experienced crew of program analysts, training chiefs and security to guide the cadets from mission identification, navigation and problem resolution to complete a humanitarian mission. Involved were many aspects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Virtually flying the aircraft simulators became the highlight of the program for all cadets.

Guests observed a unique set of award recognitions for our Sea Cadets in the Atrium of the National Museum of Naval Aviation. The 2017 Cadets of the Year from the Independence Squadron awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Medal for Achievement were: Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Petty Officer Third Class, **Joshua Conrad** and Navy League Cadet Corps, Petty Officer Third Class, **Casey Duncan**. The Pinning Ceremony, for Navy Sea Cadet Corps Petty Officer First Class **Marybeth Geary** to Chief Petty Officer, saw CPO Geary piped aboard through a line of actual US Navy CPO's. This marked the first time in 11 years that a female Sea Cadet of Independence Squadron has been pinned for earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer.



PO3C Casey Duncan (center left) and PO3C Joshua Conrad (center right)



CPO Marybeth Geary



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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).

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| Admirals’ Club - \$60.00 individual 1 year membership per person | \$60.00 |
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 24

NJROTC Awards Ceremony
 Washington High School

April 26

Enlisted Recognition Breakfast
 Heritage Hall-Seville Quarter

May 1

Admirals' Club Speaker Series
 Pensacola Yacht Club

May 4-6

Jacksonville Council Pensacola Tour

May 18

NETSAFA Change of Command/Retirement Ceremony
 National Naval Aviation Museum

May 24

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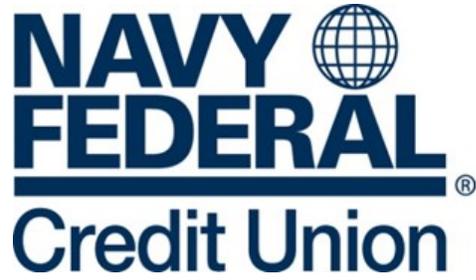


Warm pan-handle welcome to our friends from the Navy League

Jacksonville Council, who will be touring Pensacola May 4th -6th.

The Navy League Jax visit includes a tour of the National Flight Academy, The National Museum of Naval Aviation, The USS Alabama and Battleship Park in Mobile, Alabama.

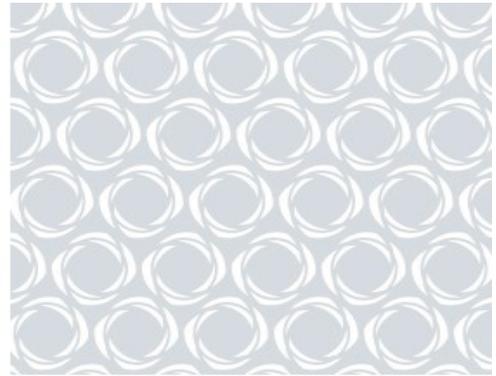
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