

Bullhorn

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret)



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I hope all of our Navy League members and affiliates enjoyed the holidays and had a productive and prosperous 2015. I am very honored to serve as your President of the Pensacola Council of the U.S. Navy League. I look forward to a great and eventful 2016. If you were not aware, 2016 will mark the 70th Anniversary of our Council. The Pensacola Council is also the oldest chartered council in the state of Florida.

We have a number of great events coming up this year. The first is the Military Recognition Day Awards Luncheon, to be held Thursday, February 25th at New World Landing. This event recognizes our servicemen and women, who go above and beyond in volunteering in our community. We also have the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon and the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast, scheduled around the middle of the year.

Please join us for these wonderful events supporting our local service members and their families.

We accomplished much last year, including winning the Navy League "Mackie" Award (2nd place, medium council) for our outstanding Bullhorn Newsletter produced by Carol Monroe, and another "Mackie" award (3rd place, medium council) for our extremely informative and user friendly website (www.pensacolanavyleague.us), overseen by our webmaster Michelle Wilson.

This year we will continue our support of our local Sea Cadets and High School Naval Junior ROTC units. The Navy League provides financial support and scholarships for both groups, in order to help mold our future generation. I am also very proud of the support the Navy League provides every year to our sea services, from lobbying in the halls of congress to sponsoring local events held right here in Pensacola. All of these worthwhile endeavors could not happen without your support.

My goals this year are simple: First, make our Pensacola Council the best council in the nation and second, increase our local Navy League membership. I ask for your support in telling the Navy League story and invite your friends, family and colleagues to join our great organization. My third and final goal is to increase our number of business affiliates. Our business affiliates provide tremendous support for all of our events throughout the year, and directly contribute to their great success. If your business would like to support our sea services and our local military members and community youth, I cannot think of a better organization to be a part of, than the U.S. Navy League.



NOW HEAR THIS



Mayor Ashton Hayward and CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret)

The Pensacola Council is proud to recognize CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret), who is a National Navy League Representative, as the Chief Advisor and Trustee to a new veterans service organization. Boots Up, is a non-profit dedicated to guiding veterans in transition to civilian life, with the same level and quality of support they received while in service. Mark works as the Director of the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, here in Pensacola. He reached out to city officials to propose a potential partnership with Boots Up and the City of Pensacola. The office of Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward announced the collaboration on November 10th, 2015.

Boots Up acts as coach and advocate for recently discharged veterans. Along with its partners and sponsors, the organization walks veterans through the steps necessary for gainful employment. The services include professional business attire, interview techniques, networking, resume preparation and community involvement. The partnership with the city will connect Boots Up veterans with city mentorships and internships. For more information, visit www.bootsup.us

“Pensacola, as we all know, is a military community. We are proud of our military heritage and our veterans. We want to take it a step further to ensure that our veterans are successful in their transition back into the workforce.” -Mayor Ashton Hayward

CELEBRATING A HERO

The Marine Corps League and the Navy League of Pensacola announce a very special “Heroes Among Us” event. FROST CALL, featuring guest speaker COL Justin “Mac” Miller, USMC (Ret). Colonel Miller, a WWII veteran, and decorated Naval aviator, has more than a century of stories to share, including learning to fly the F4U Corsair from Charles Lindbergh. Join us **Friday, January 22nd, 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm** at Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Drive, Pensacola. Beer and food provide by Goat Lips Chew and Brew. Live Irish Music! For details or to RSVP, please call 850-478-5200.



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Military Recognition Day

Military Recognition Day honors military members who have demonstrated significant community service. The Pensacola Council will recognize those members during a luncheon and ceremony, held **February 25th, 11:30 am** at New World Landing.

The honorees are nominated by their commands. Each nominee is recognized ceremoniously, with one outstanding military community service leader selected for the prestigious Margaret Flowers Civic Award. Margaret Flowers is a retired civil service employee who left a legacy of service to both the U.S. Navy and her community. Her long and devoted record of service to the Navy and her community culminated with her final tour as Naval Air Station Pensacola's Public Affairs Officer. She embodies the "true esprit de corps" of community and social involvement.



Petty Officer First Class Alexanna C. Williams, USN, the 2015 Margaret Flowers Civic Award winner.

For reservations and to sponsor a military member or a table, please contact Shery Lavelle at 850-436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net

Annual Awards Banquet *Freedoms Foundation* *at Valley Forge™*

Each year, the Pensacola Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge honors citizens and groups who have received national awards for activities that influence our community in a positive way. This year's Freedoms Foundation Awards Banquet will be held **January 26th, 6:00 pm** at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. One of the honorees is Petty Officer First Class Alexanna C. Williams, USN. Petty Officer First Class Williams was the 2015 recipient of the Military Recognition Day Margaret Flowers Civic Award. The Freedoms Foundation will recognize her for Community Volunteerism and Leadership. Also recognized: Stefan Pressley for Youth Community-George Washington Honor Medal, The Pensacola News Journal for Public Communications- George Washington Honor Medal, the Juan Sebastian de Elcano Society and the Marine Corps League: Corporal J.R. Spears Detachment 066- Heroes Among Us program for Special Events-George Washington Honor Medal, Lauren Samoszenko for Educator- George Washington Honor Medal, Cassandra Harrison for Youth Essay-George Washington Honor Medal on Ribbon, Alexander Alpin, Christopher Gibson and Saraiah Morgan for Youth Essay -Certificate, Charles Gould and Anne Clapsadl for the Liberty Bell Award- Adult Community, and Seaplane, An All American Musical, for Liberty Bell- Public Communications. The final award will be presented to John Appleyard, for Lifetime Achievement.

The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person. Table sponsorship with eight reservations is \$200. RSVP by January 19th. Contact Jackie Young at (850) 438-4401.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

The Pensacola Council celebrated a great year at the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, held December 10th at New World Landing. The program included a recap on the council's accomplishments from outgoing President, CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret). Bill introduced and pinned new President CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), who then presented Bill with a thank you gift on behalf of the council. RADM Mike White, USN, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, presided over the installation and swearing in of the 2016 Officers and Board Members. Guests enjoyed music and dancing to the All Star Band. Recognized for her outstanding service to the Pensacola Council, was Ms. Betty Williams, who "retired" after serving as the Council Secretary for 17 years. Also recognized for her many years of outstanding and devoted service was former President, Ms. Jeri Blankenbeck. Ms. Carol Monroe was recognized for the Bullhorn newsletter. Special thanks to Jeri Blankenbeck and her committee for organizing this special event. Special thanks also to Pen Air Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship.



RADM Mike White, USN, swears in the 2015 Officers and Board of Directors



CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) pins the 2016 President, CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret)





Golf Tournament



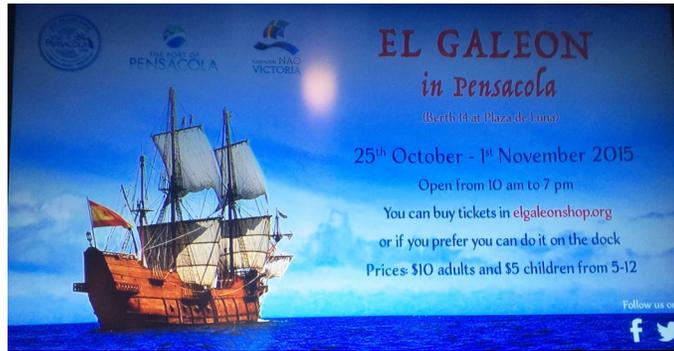
The Annual Navy League golf tournament was held October 22nd at A.C. Read Golf Course aboard NAS Pensacola. Congratulations to the winning team members: Tracy McKenzie, Larry Carter, David Erickson and Noel Ferrell. Big thanks to Pen Air Federal Credit Union for being the featured sponsor. Also thanks to Pete Moore Chevrolet and L-3 Vertex Logistics Solutions for their support. Canvas goodie bags were provided to all of the players. Sponsorship teams received a tee marker. Kudos to tournament organizer CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret) for another great year on the fairways.



El Galeon Visits Pensacola

Pensacola was graced with another visiting tall ship from her sister city.

Spain's El Galeon Andalucia, a 170 foot, 495 ton, authentic wooden replica of a galleon that was part of Spain's West Indies fleet, moored at Pensacola's DeLuna Pier from October 28th through November 8th, 2015. Authenticated from sailing vessels used in Colonial times, the El Galeon's 22 member crew incorporate 16th century European sailing techniques and technology.



Heavy seas delayed the ship's arrival in to Pensacola for several days. Fortunately, the crew was able to extend their stay through the Blue Angels weekend. On October 28th, members of the Pensacola Council Board of Directors were treated to a tour of the El Galeon. That evening, the Admirals' Club hosted a reception for the crew at Seville Quarter. Special thanks to Dame Maria Davis, Pensacola's Honorary Vice Consul of Spain, for her efforts in bringing the El Galeon to Pensacola.





AHOY NEW MEMBERS



CAPT Susan Cerovsky, USN (Ret)

CDR Evan Hipsley, USN (Ret)

Ms. Breanna Holzem

CAPT James P. Nichols, USN (Ret)

RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

October 2015

Mr. William Bertram

Ms. Jeri Blankenbeck

Dr. Algimantas Galinis

ADM Robert & Mrs. Caroline Kelly, USN (Ret)

Mr. Russell Lentz

Mr. Ashley D. Pace, Jr.

Ms. Wanda Riley

November 2015

CAPT Linda Balink-White, USN (Ret)

Ms. Susan Cramer

CAPT & Mrs. Michael Denkler, USN (Ret)

CAPT Bill Dickson, USN (Ret)

Mr. Joseph R. Gilchrist

Mr. John O'Hara

Ms. Peggy Pilcher

Mr. David Shallhorn

RADM Paul Tobin, USN (Ret)

VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret)

CAPT Ron & Mrs. AnnaMary Zimmerman, USN (Ret)

December 2015

FORCM Robert Anderson, USN (Ret)

Ms. Stacy Brown

Ms. Tracey Gardner

CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret)

Mr. Scott Loughner

Ms. Waverly Wilcox

Ms. Michele Wilson



If you wish to give and experience extra support and leadership to the Pensacola Council's local programs, consider joining the **Admirals' Club**. The Admirals' Club hosts several additional events for its members throughout the year. The first event of 2016 will be the annual "Meet the Boss" luncheon, tentatively scheduled for March 2016. Details will follow.

For more information on joining the Admiral's Club, contact Shery Lavelle at navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net or visit navyleagueofus.com



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National Director Ms. Nanci Pruter

National Director Emeritus CAPT Hans Krucke, USNR (Ret)

Calendar of Events

January 22

Heroes Among Us –Frost Call
COL Justin "Mac" Miller, USMC (Ret)
 Azalea Trace

January 26

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Annual Awards Banquet
 Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter

February 25

Annual Military Recognition Day Luncheon
 New World Landing

March 24

NAS Pensacola Change of Command Ceremony
 Naval Aviation Museum

March TBD

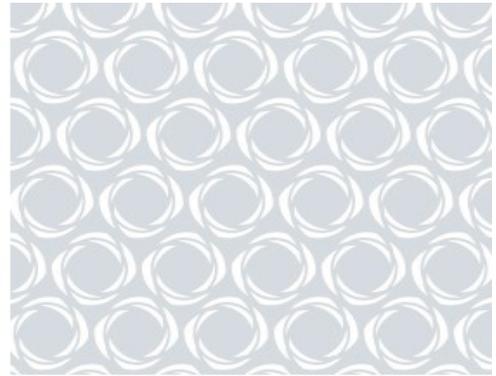
Admirals' Club-Meet the Boss Luncheon



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