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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nan Harper, President, Pensacola Council Navy League



As the Pensacola Council Navy League enters its 71st year as the longest standing chartered chapter in Florida, we welcome Mr. Harry White, Ms. Pamela Hatt, and CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) to the 2017 Navy League Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have enthusiastic and dedicated individuals on our Board whose purpose is to further the mission of the Navy League of the U.S., in the community and in our country. Support for our sea services has never been more important as we seek to improve the quality and efficiency of the weaponry and equipment, which will enhance and strengthen their endeavors on behalf of our country.

We embrace the support of our sponsors who join with us in developing areas in which Navy League's presence will be more effective. Our corporate and affiliate sponsors play pivotal roles in the success of events that showcase our appreciation for military spouses, enlisted recognition, and financial support for ROTC and the Sea Cadets, which are the future of the sea services.

As the goal of increasing membership is a yearlong effort, we invite you to encourage others to join the Navy League, and to consider expanding your membership by participating in the Admirals' Club. You do not have to be an Admiral to be involved in Admirals' Club's special events. The membership fee is merely a fraction above that of the Navy League annual dues.

The December Christmas event was quite well attended, with music provided by "Not Quite Fab." The Sea Cadets will be awarded \$110.00 from sales of CAPT Kevin Miller's, USN (Ret) novel, **Declared Hostile**. CAPT Fred Levin, USN (Ret) contributed \$37.00 from his 50/50 winnings to the Sea Cadets, and Kim Kaminski, from the Navy Yacht Club, donated \$30.00 from the sale of 100th Anniversary commemorative ornaments. Sea Cadet Director, Larry Martin, and eight of the cadets attended. The youngsters appreciated being cordially welcomed by many who will be their role models and mentors.

We are pleased to announce that Carla Cuilik has joined us as Executive Secretary of the Pensacola Council Navy League. If you wish to volunteer for service on one of our committees, please contact Carla at 850-436-8552 or NavyLeagueofUS@bellsouth.net.

Personally, I wish to express my appreciation to those of you who have worn the uniform as you protect America's interests around the world, serving as warriors and ambassadors; for the precious occasions at home that you missed; for the families who support you, and for those who rest in eternal sleep, may their sacrifice inspire courage and patriotism in forthcoming generations. You are America's heroes. God bless you.

We encourage you to join us actively in support of Pensacola's Navy League. As business owners and personal friends, you may sponsor individuals or groups, tell the story of Navy League, and you may accrue new members. There are numerous opportunities to enhance our role in support of our sea services. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached at 850-293-9321 or NanHarper@NanHarper.com.

Wishing all a Prosperous and Happy 2017.

“MEET THE BOSS” LUNCHEON

The first Admirals’ Club event of the year welcomes CAPT Christopher Martin, USN, the Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. Raised in Tennessee, CAPT Martin enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1984. His first duty station was in Norfolk, VA with the



“Tigertails” of VAW-125. He was selected for a fleet NROTC scholarship and attended Auburn University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management. He was commissioned as an ensign in 1992. His flight training included assignments with VT-4 at NAS Pensacola and VT-27 and VT-31 in Corpus Christi, TX, earning his “Wings of Gold” in 1995. Following his designation as a naval aviator, Martin completed carrier training with the “Greyhawks” of VAW-120. In 1996, he deployed onboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), for that carrier’s maiden voyage around the world. He also served on the USS George Washington (CVN 73) and USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), while participating in combat operations in support of Operation Southern Watch. In 2005, he

served on the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Martin earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., in 2007. He later served as a squadron commander while making additional deployments on the USS George Washington, and he worked as an inter-agency representative for U.S. Southern Command. Most recently, he served as faculty in Leadership and Warfighting at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

“Meet the Boss” will be held **Thursday, February 9th, 11:30 am** at the Mustin Beach Club aboard NAS Pensacola. The cost is \$15.00 per person. All Admirals’ Club members and their guests are invited to attend. RSVP no later than Wednesday, February 1st to navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net or call 850-436-8552.

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If you wish to give and experience extra support and leadership to the Pensacola Council Navy League’s local programs, please consider joining the Admirals’ Club. The Admirals’ Club hosts several additional events throughout the year, that are exclusive to members.

For more information, email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net



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 23rd, 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.



Guest speaker for this event is Donald Belcher, who is a 2000 recipient of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award.

Born in Marion, Alabama, Donald grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. After several years of college, Donald followed in his father's footsteps and joined the United States Marine Corps. During his time in the Marine Corps, Donald traveled the world and served in many occupations, including two tours serving as a Marine Corps Drill Instructor at Recruit Depot, Parris Island. As a staff sergeant serving aboard NAS Pensacola, Donald not only helped train and shape young Marines and Sailors, but he became active in the community. Donald supported a wide variety of organ-

izations including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Manna Food Bank, Adopt-A-School, Toys for Tots and the Combined Federal Campaign. Donald's heart for service has been recognized throughout his career. He has been awarded Staff Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, NAS Pensacola. He is also a recipient of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. After completing his career with the Marines, Donald began the next chapter of his professional life, serving the members of his current employer, Navy Federal Credit Union. His passion for giving remains strong as Donald continues to support the Pensacola community through organizations like Toys for Tots, Relay for Life and Navy Federal's School Partnership Program. Donald's dedication and devotion have earned him recognition from community leaders. Those who have served with Donald consider him "the best of the best."

The Master of Ceremonies for this event is WEAR TV 3 newscaster Dan Shugart.

The cost is \$15.00 per person and \$150 for a table sponsorship.

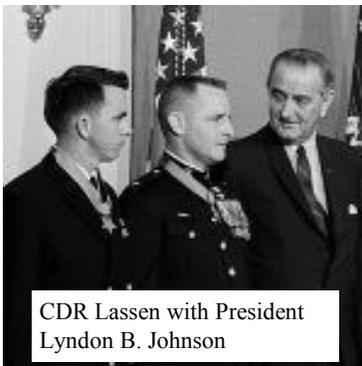
For reservations and to sponsor a military member or a table, please contact Carla Cuilik at 850-436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net

NAS Whiting Field Names Auditorium for War Hero

A ceremony held January 17th aboard NAS Whiting Field, rededicated a building as the CDR Clyde E. Lassen Auditorium. The building is dedicated to Lassen to honor his courage and service to the nation.



A naval aviator who trained, taught, and commanded a squadron in Northwest Florida, CDR Lassen was the only U.S. Navy helicopter pilot to earn the Medal of Honor, during the Vietnam War. The ceremony served as a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.



CDR Lassen with President Lyndon B. Johnson

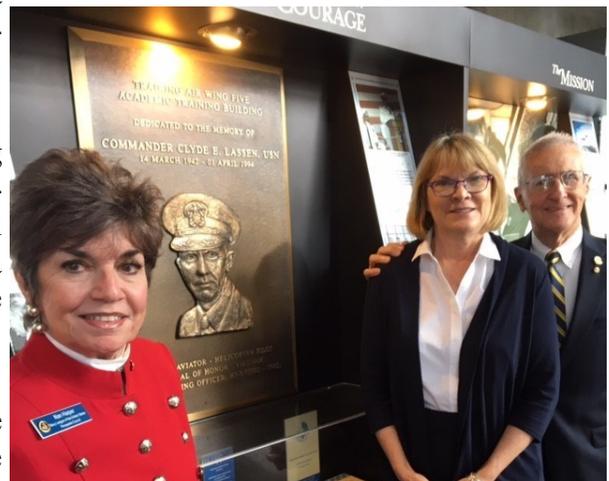
Around midnight on June 19th, 1968, Lassen and his crew were sent in their UH-2 Seasprite, to rescue two aviators who were shot down over North Vietnam. Despite taking heavy fire in a damaged aircraft, and running extremely low on fuel, the team successfully picked up the pilots on the fifth attempt. It was the first night time helicopter rescue attempt over Vietnam, earning Lassen the Medal of Honor.

Lassen trained at NAS Pensacola before being commissioned as an officer. After his service in Vietnam, he served as an instructor pilot in the local area and concluded his career as Commanding Officer of Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT at NAS Whiting Field.

National Naval Aviation Museum Historian, Hill Goodspeed was the keynote speaker for the event and retired Navy CAPT Dick Catone, a former Training Air Wing FIVE Commo, spoke during the ceremony. Catone, also a Vietnam era pilot, was a long-time friend of Lassen.

A flight training building aboard NAS Whiting Field, previously named for Lassen, was demolished due to heavy damage from Hurricane Ivan in 2004. A display case of Lassen memorabilia from that building is prominently placed in the auditorium lobby.

The Clyde E. Lassen auditorium serves as the location where Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps aviators receive their Wings of Gold, designating them as Naval Aviators.



Pensacola Navy League President Nan Harper with CAPT Tom Pruter, USN (Ret) and Nanci Pruter



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RAFFLES OFF VINTAGE MUSCLE CAR

The Marine Corps League is raising money to benefit the “Veterans in Distress” fund, by selling a limited number of raffle tickets. The grand prize is a 1972 Dodge Challenger, valued at \$20,000. The second place prize is \$1000, and third place is an autographed guitar signed by a celebrity Country Western musician. In February, the group will offer 300 raffle tickets, priced at \$100 each. Once all of the tickets are sold, the winners will be announced at the following “Heroes Among Us” Speaker Series event, held at Veteran’s Park.

For details, contact Ed Rouse at erousecpa@bellsouth.net



Happy Birthday to the USS Forest Sherman (DDG-98) Commissioned January 28th, 2006 at NAS Pensacola



CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

The Pensacola Council celebrated a great year at the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance held December 7th at New World Landing. The program included a recap on the council's accomplishments from the outgoing President, CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret). Mike introduced and pinned new President Nan Harper, who then presented Mike 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 2017 Officers and Board Members. Guests enjoyed music and dancing to Beatles tribute band "Not Quite Fab".

Very 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.





Sea Cadets



The U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Independence Squadron, participated in Wreaths Across America, laying wreaths and serving in the Veteran's Day Remembrance ceremony, held December 12th, at Barrancas National Cemetery.







AHOY NEW MEMBERS



CAPT Tom Frosch, USN (Ret)

Ms. Leigh Frosch

Ms. Anne M. Hargis

Ms. Jo McArthur

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October 2016

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Ms. Jeri Blankenbeck

CDR Diane Livingston, USN (Ret)

CDR Dennis Mills, USN (Ret)

Ms. Carol Monroe

Mr. Rick Monroe

Mr. Ashley Pace Jr.

RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret)

Ms. Wanda Riley

Ms. Waverly Wilcox

November 2016

CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret)

Maj Kathy Denkler, USAF (Ret)

CAPT Bill Dickson, USN (Ret)

Mr. Joe Gilchrist

Mr. Russell Lentz

Dr. Jesse Penico

Ms. Peggy Pilcher

Mr. Ercie Stalnaker

RADM Paul Tobin, USN (Ret)

December 2016

CAPT Susan Cerovsky, USN (Ret)

CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret)

Ms. Carla Cuilik

CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret)

Mr. William Hart

CDR Evan Hipsley, Jr., USN (Ret)

CAPT A.J. Gallardo, USN (Ret)

CAPT Kevin Miller USN (Ret)

CAPT John O'Hara, USN (Ret)

Mr. Malcolm Parker

VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret)

LCDR David Wilhite, USN (Ret)

Ms. Joan Wilhite



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 9

Admirals' Club-Meet the Boss Luncheon
 Mustin Beach Club

February 23

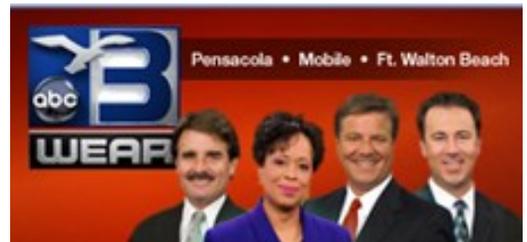
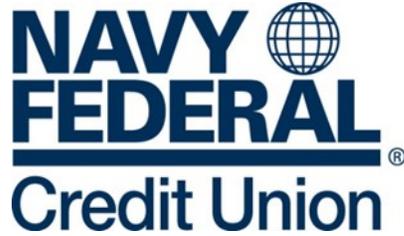
Annual Military Recognition Day Luncheon
 New World Landing

February 28

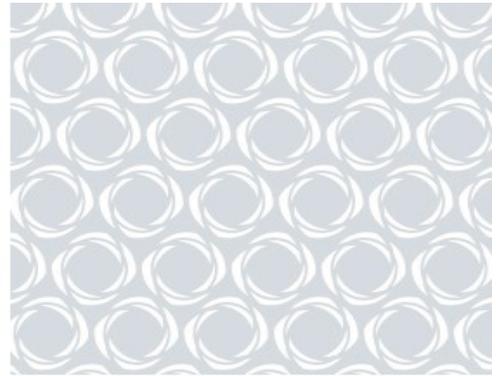
69th Annual Outstanding Flight Instructors Banquet
 New World Landing



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