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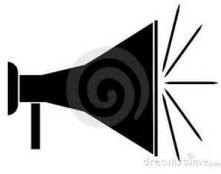


We are already through the first half of 2014! May was Military Appreciation Month and the Pensacola Navy League had two great events honoring our military. The first was the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, held May 21st, at New World Landing. It has always been a great event and this year was no exception. We want to thank Lori Hoskins, wife of CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola, for serving as our speaker. Thanks also, to WEAR TV-3 personality Sue Straughn, for serving as our emcee. Congratulations to all the spouses who were honored. You are truly appreciated for all you do. The second event was the Military Appreciation Breakfast, held May 27th, to a packed house, at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. Congratulations to all who were honored. Thanks to RADM Mike White, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), NAS Pensacola, for serving as the guest speaker. We also want to thank all of our great sponsors for both of these events.

There are two events scheduled for July. The first one leaves us with a heavy heart. Harry White, who has been the Public Affairs Officer for NAS Pensacola, for as many years as I can remember, is retiring on July 11th. Harry has been a long time supporter and member of the Pensacola Navy League. We wish him well in his future endeavors and want him to know he will be missed. The second event is Pensacola Navy League's Blue Wahoos baseball outing, held July 25th. We have arranged for the Sea Cadets to present the colors during the game. If you get an opportunity, come out and join us.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the Heroes Among Us guest speaker series. These events are held at Veterans Memorial Park, 6:00 p.m., on the last Friday of each month.

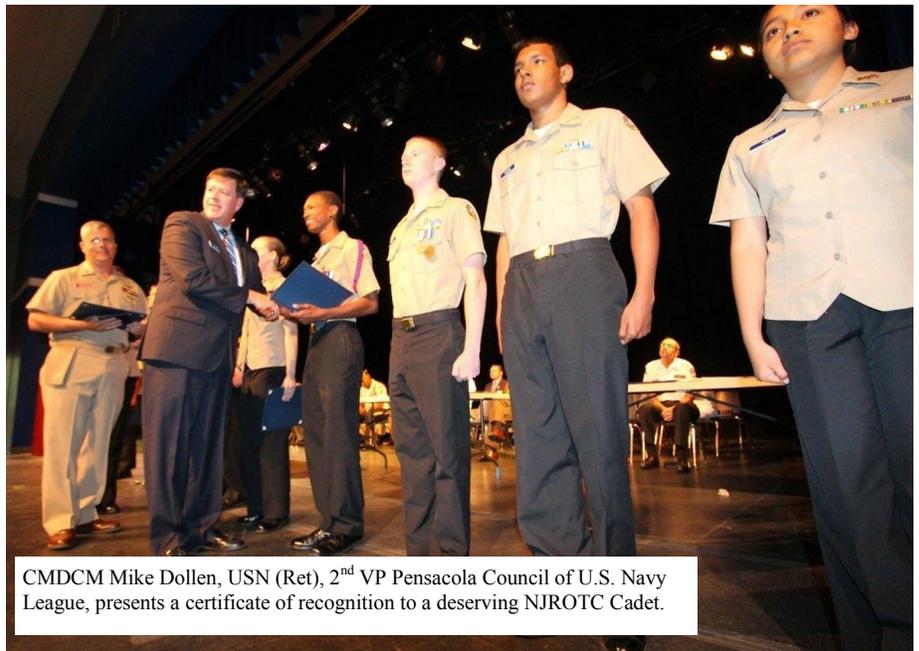
Supporting and recognizing the Sea Services for their service to our country is our job and we are well on our way to doing that this year! If you know others who should be involved with our mission, please invite them to join. Call or email the office at (850) 436-8552, navyleagueus@bellsouth.net, ask for an application and share the experience with your friends. You can also visit our website at www.pensacolanavyleague.us. Thank you to everyone who makes this a First Class organization! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



NOW HEAR THIS

NJROTC Navy League Awards

Every year the Pensacola Council of the U.S. Navy League presents awards to twelve outstanding students of the Navy Junior Reserve Training Corps (NJROTC), who attended selected high schools in Escambia County. On April 16th, at Washington High School Auditorium, the Navy League Council presented first, second, and third place awards to these outstanding cadets. Each awardee received a Theodore Roosevelt Medal, a certificate of recognition, and a Pen Air Federal Credit Union Visa gift card.



CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), 2nd VP Pensacola Council of U.S. Navy League, presents a certificate of recognition to a deserving NJROTC Cadet.

This year's winners were as follows:

Escambia High School

(Cadet) Petty Officer Third Class Briena Wilson, (Cadet) Petty Officer Second Class Michael Cox and (Cadet) Ensign Joshua Aguilar

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Northview High School

(Cadet) Petty Officer First Class Angelique Brown, (Cadet) Petty Officer First Class Andrew Clemmons and (Cadet) Seaman Sara McCreary

Pine Forest High School

(Cadet) Lieutenant Brett Cochran, (Cadet) Petty Officer Third Class Ashley Ayala and (Cadet) Petty Officer Second Class Stephon Adams

Washington High School

(Cadet) Chief Petty Officer Joseph Stewart, (Cadet) Petty Officer First Class Christian Morris and (Cadet) Seaman Natali Vella



Pensacola Council Awards Scholastic Scholarship

A local Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) student has been awarded a scholastic scholarship by the Pensacola Council Navy League.

Each year, a Russell D. Stewart Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in a NJROTC program at an Escambia County, Florida high school. Stewart was a veteran of WWII. He was also active in the Pensacola Council, as a board member and chairperson. This annual \$1000.00 scholarship is a tribute to his memory, and his service to mankind.

The 2014 scholarship recipient is Kasie L. Braun, of Northview High School.

Braun graduated second in her class with a weighted grade point average of 5.01. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Top 5 Award, Mira Award, Northview's Senior Hall of Fame, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Gloria Cooper Award, Pensacola State College President's List, Atmore Rotary Academic All Star (4 years) and third place finisher in the Veteran of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy Essay Contest.

"Kassie is a superb student and highly accomplished cadet, who possesses tremendous leadership and intellectual qualities. She is clearly a leader of the future who will surely succeed in any endeavor she chooses to pursue".
-CAPT Charlie Code, USN (Ret)

She is extremely active in her school and unit, serving as the Cadet Commanding Officer for Northview's NJROTC Unit, and as previous commander of basic drill and color guard units. Braun also served as FBLA Vice President, Beta Club Secretary, Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer and a member of Rho Kappa.



Northview High School NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor, CAPT Charlie Code, USN (Ret) said, "Kassie is a superb student and highly accomplished cadet, who possesses tremendous leadership and intellectual qualities. She is clearly a leader of the future, who will surely succeed in any endeavor she chooses to pursue".

Kassie Braun has been awarded a four year NJROTC scholarship and will be attending Illinois Institute of Technology, pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

U.S. Navy League Foundation Awards Scholarship to Local Student



ARLINGTON, VA - May 21st, 2014

The Navy League Foundation Scholarship Program awarded four promising students academic scholarships. The Foundation received over 380 scholarship applications from students all over the country, and was tasked with making the difficult decision of selecting four winners.

The Pensacola Council of the U.S. Navy League is proud to announce Ms. Savannah "Sage" Dunne of Gulf Breeze, FL, was awarded the *Rockwell Collins Scholarship*. Sage will be attending Auburn University. She plans to study Industrial Engineering in order to "pursue her passion for mathematics, and her strong desire to improve her surroundings and the quality of lives of others." She would like to establish a firm base as an engineer, and then take her skills internationally to work in third world countries. Sage is the daughter of two Naval Officers, LT Mary Dunne, USN, and CAPT Michael R. Dunne, USN (Ret), who served on the *USS Enterprise*.

Wells Fargo Awards Grant

Each year, Wells Fargo Bank and Financial Services allows each branch location to select a non-profit, charitable organization, that will receive a \$1000.00 Community Connection grant. Becky Bromley, Branch Manager, and her team from the Wells Fargo Nine Mile

Road location in Pensacola, FL, selected the Pensacola Council of the U.S. Navy League as this year's Community Connection recipient! Pensacola Council President Tom Furr graciously accepted the generous gift, which will be used for local Navy League projects and events with a mission to instill "the betterment and morale of the sea services."

Thank you Wells Fargo Team!



Navy League U.S. Pensacola Council President Tom Furr, with Wells Fargo Branch Manager Becky Bromley and the Wells Fargo team.

Admirals' Club Hosts "Meet the Bosses"

One of the many benefits of Admirals' Club membership are the great events. Last year, the Admirals' Club hosted "Meet the Boss," a luncheon with guest speaker, CDR Tom Frosch, USN, Flight Leader and "Boss" of the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron, Blue Angels.

This year, the series continued with "Meet the Bosses," featuring guest speakers CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola and Ashton Hayward, Mayor, City of Pensacola. CAPT Hoskins and Mayor Hayward shared their job responsibilities and vision. Both reported on the tremendous progress under their leadership. Mayor Hayward's success in growing Pensacola to the thriving city it has become, is due, in part, to his relationship with Florida Governor Rick Scott and his enthusiasm for building relationships with influential businesses. The Mayor focused on the importance of economic development and bringing progressive companies to Pensacola. He spoke of numerous projects he and his team are working on, including offering a teaser of "an exciting announcement coming down the pike, that (he) can't talk about."

CAPT Hoskins reported impressive statistics as the leader of 94 Department of Defense tenants, including NAS Pensacola (Mainside), Saufley Field, Corry Station and Bronson Field. He supports the land and its usage, to include 100,000 flight operations, 3 ports and 1501 buildings.

CAPT Hoskins stated his focus is on the big "C," which is the "compatibility" piece, between the base, county and the city.

VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret) emceed the event, held June 26th, at the Pensacola Yacht Club.



NAVAL HOSPITAL PENSACOLA'S URGENT CARE CENTER

By Jason Bortz, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Hospital, Pensacola

The Emergency Room at Naval Hospital Pensacola has been converted into an Urgent Care Center that is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



The UCC is available to all TRICARE beneficiaries. Veterans enrolled in the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System have not been authorized by the VA to use NHP's UCC and should contact their VA healthcare team for their urgent care needs. Veterans with dual eligibility insurance that includes any type of TRICARE are eligible to utilize the UCC.

Eligible beneficiaries can visit the UCC for acute care symptoms such as minor lacerations and injuries, fevers, sore throats and cough. Beneficiaries enrolled with a Medical Home Port Team at NHP or one of its local branch clinics are highly encouraged to contact their Medical Home Port Team before visiting the UCC.

"The Medical Home Port Teams know their patients best because they see them on a regular basis," said Capt. Maureen Padden, commanding officer, NHP. "Having continuity of care with the same team of healthcare professionals is a huge benefit to our patients enrolled here because there is a relationship established between the team and patient, which leads to trust and better overall care. Our beneficiaries now have better than ever access to care, through their Medical Home Port Teams. We offer same day appointments and a team of healthcare professionals dedicated to the care of our patients."

With the conversion to a UCC, emergency services at NHP are no longer available. Tricare beneficiaries in need of emergency services should visit one of the local ERs or call 911. Examples of types of emergencies that should be seen at an ER include chest pains, stroke-like symptoms, difficulty breathing or head traumas. Beneficiaries also have the option of calling the Nurse Advice Line 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-TRICARE, option 1. The Nurse Advice Line offers professional healthcare advice and can assist beneficiaries with deciding if they should visit an ER, the UCC or schedule an appointment with their provider.

"You should always err on the side of caution," said Padden. "If you believe you are having a true emergency, then call 911 or visit an Emergency Room."

The decision to convert the ER into a UCC was based on Navy Medicine's efforts to align resources to best meet the operational needs of the Navy, reduce healthcare costs and streamline its resources to provide the best care possible to beneficiaries. The hospital saw approximately 50 patients a day in the ER, which is relatively low when compared to the local civilian ERs that can see over 200 patients a day.

"A significant portion of the patients that were seen in our ER will be able to be seen in our Urgent Care Center," said Padden. "The small number of true emergencies that were seen at our ER will now be referred to the civilian ERs, with whom we have excellent relationships. We are very fortunate as a naval hospital to be able to provide healthcare to those that have served our country and their families. We will continue to provide the exceptional care that our beneficiaries deserve and expect from us."

For more information on Naval Hospital Pensacola, please call (850) 505-6601.

NAS PAO HARRY WHITE RETIRES

Fair Winds and Following Seas to Harry White, the familiar and smiling “face of the base.”

June 30th, 2014 marked the end of an era aboard Naval Air Station, Pensacola, as Public Affairs Officer Harry White officially retired after 25 years.

Harry White was born in Robertsedale, Alabama. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963 and retired 21 years later. He spent the next five years working as an industrial developer in Alabama, before he began his career in Public Affairs aboard NAS Pensacola.

During his tenure, NAS Pensacola faced many challenges, including 9/11, hurricane Ivan, the threat of closure from the Base and Realignment Commission, sequestrations, and most recently, the grounding of the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team. His duties as the base PAO have included coordinating the first telecast on a military installation of national television show, “Good Morning America,” escorting foreign heads of state on tours, and reporting on challenging media inquiries relating to sensitive issues such as fatal aircraft accidents.

Facing the day’s challenges fueled Harry’s tremendous affection for his job. “I loved this job. Every day I was excited about getting up and going to work.” Describing how he handled more challenging work days, Harry offered this typical gem: “During those days when you encounter a big ol’ pile of horse manure, just remember, there’s a pony in there somewhere.”



Harry’s southern charm and enthusiasm for life is infectious to anyone who has ever had the pleasure of meeting him. Mike Wiggins, former Mayor of the City of Pensacola, said, “Harry is a great man. He always has a smile on his face.”

“I loved this job. Everyday I was excited about getting up and going to work.”
-Harry White

Harry’s decision to retire in 2014 is fittingly bittersweet. This year marks the 100th anniversary of NAS Pensacola, and his career as base PAO spanned a quarter of that century. Ask Harry White about the history of any of the buildings aboard NAS Pensacola, and he will gladly tell you its story.

Harry says he’s now looking forward to a little golf and spending more time with his family. He’s also considering writing a book about the history of NAS Pensacola.

A Retirement luncheon will be held in Harry White’s honor on Friday, July 11th, 11:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Point Chief Petty Officer’s Club. For more information, call (850) 452-4404.



Heroes Among Us

The 2014 Heroes Among Us speaker series includes Pensacola's own heroes in defense of our nation. The guests of honor are veterans of our nation's wars, and have distinguished themselves with actions in combat operations. All of these heroes reside in the greater Pensacola area. Held in Veterans' Park, the series begins at 6:00 p.m. and is held the last Friday of every month, through October. Water and light food provided. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

- * **July 25: MAC-V Special Operations Group Month** featuring guests of honor **Sergeant Major Herman Spencer, US Army Special Forces**, noted for the Vietnam/Son Tay Raid, and **Captain William Clark, US Army Special Forces** noted for 3 tours in Vietnam, 3 Silver Stars, Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts.
- * **August 29: WWII Family Month** featuring the **Dungan Family** of Pensacola/Tate High School, with guests of honor **Petty Officer William Dungan, US Navy** and **Private First Class Eugene Dungan, US Marine Corps**. The family is noted for six family members who served in WWII combat.
- * **September 26: Pearl Harbor Month** featuring members of the **Pearl Harbor Servicemen Club of Pensacola** with guest of honor **Sergeant Major Braddock, US Marine Corp (Ret)** noted for surviving the December 7, 1943 attack on Pearl Harbor and for serving in WWII, the Battle of Iwo Jima.
- * **October 31: National Guard Service Month** featuring **First Sergeant Peavy, Army National Guard Unit**, noted for being part of the first Gulf War, first American Unit over the berm during the 1991 ground offensive against Iraqi Forces in Kuwait.

Heroes Among Us is supported and sponsored by the Marine Corps League (MCL) of Pensacola detachment #066. 100% of the donations and proceeds collected from the series benefit the *MCL Marines in Distress Fund for Supporting Veterans in Need*.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Join us Friday, July 25th, 6:00 p.m., on the Party Deck at Pensacola Bayfront Stadium, as we watch the Blue Wahoos play the Mobile BayBears. There will be food, beverages and FANTastic fun!

This event is part of the Navy League Pensacola Council's membership drive. Attendance is free for Pensacola Council Navy League members, or members may opt to purchase a ticket for \$9.30, for a prospective member or guest. The Sea Cadets will proudly post the colors. Don't miss it! For details, contact the Navy League office at (850) 436-8552.



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Military Spouse Appreciation and Outstanding Enlisted Recognition

The 9th annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** was held May 21st, at New World Landing. The guest speaker was Lori Hoskins, wife of CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola.



Emcee Sue Straughn, of WEAR TV 3

Guest Speaker Lori Hoskins

The Pensacola Council Navy League also celebrated our enlisted military, during the annual **Enlisted Recognition Breakfast**, held May 28th, at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. Guest speaker was RADM Mike White, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Command (CNET).



L-R: CMDM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), Pensacola City Councilman and Pensacola Council Navy League Board Member, Dr. P.C. Wu, CMDM Kirk Klawitter, USN, Command Master Chief of Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) and Pensacola Council Navy League President Tom Furr.

RADM Mike White, USN, Commanding Officer of CNET



AHOY NEW MEMBERS

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Mr. Bruce Melvin (Admirals' Club)

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April 2014

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Mr. William Fade
Ms. Margaret Flowers
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CAPT Flack Logan, USN (Ret)
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Mann
CAPT Daniel McCort, USN (Ret)

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Mr. Gary Skaar
Ms. Patricia Veal
CAPT Michael Vuksta, USN (Ret)
CAPT & Mrs. Herbert Williams, USNR (Ret)

May 2014

Ms. Ginny Goodman
CAPT & Mrs. Frederick Levin, USN (Ret)
Dr. Ronald McCuiston

June 2014

CDR Roy Bertram, USN (Ret)
Mr. & Mrs. David Brooks
Mr. Bill Dagnall
Dr. Algimantas Galinis
Mr. Charles Gonzalez, IV

Welcome new 2014 Pensacola Council board members, Mr. Scott Arkills, CAPT Ron Zimmerman, USN (Ret) and CMDDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret) and CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret).



Congratulations to National Navy League Board Members, CAPT Tom Pruter, USN (Ret), on his selection by the National Navy League Board of Directors as President of the Southern Region National Navy League, and to CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret), who replaces CAPT Pruter, as President of the Gulf Coast East Area National Navy League. CAPT Hans Krucke, USNR (Ret) and CAPT Walt Reese, USN (Ret) remain as National Directors.



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Upcoming Events

July 11

**Harry White, NAS PAO
Retirement Ceremony**
Lighthouse Point Chief Petty Officer's Club

July 25

Heroes Among Us Speaker Series
MAC-V Special Operations Group Month
Veterans Park

July 25

Navy League Blue Wahoos Baseball Game
Pensacola Bayfront Stadium

August 21-23

NAS Pensacola 100th Anniversary Celebration

September 16

POW Luncheon
New World Landing

September 18

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