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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret)



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We have reached the mid-point of the year, and with it comes some great news. In June, the Pensacola Council gained national level recognition from the Navy League of the United States, earning a Meritorious Council Award. Pensacola was one of only ten Navy League councils selected for this prestigious honor. The Pensacola Council also earned a membership retention award, with an annual retention exceeding 80 percent, and took top honors in NLUS' annual Mackie Award competition, placing second in the medium size council category for our newsletter and third for our council website. Congratulations go out to all of our members, who made this possible by supporting and contributing to the numerous events Pensacola Council hosted for local military members and their families. Special thanks to Carol Monroe, Bullhorn editor, and Michele Wilson, website manager, for their award winning work. Pensacola Council is clearly among the best in the country and it is due to the dedication and support of all our members – Bravo Zulu and well done!

May was Military Recognition Month, and as we do each year, Pensacola Council hosted the annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon and the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast. This year, Pensacola Council recognized nine military spouses representing Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force commands. The event, coordinated by Rock Penfold and his team, was brilliantly emceed by Ms. Sue Straughn, news anchor for WEAR TV-3. Ms. Leigh Frosch, wife of Blue Angels' Commanding Officer, CAPT Tom Frosch, USN, delivered memorable remarks as the event's keynote speaker. The following week, the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast, led by Mike Dollen and his team, provided an opportunity to honor 27 truly exceptional enlisted military men and women, in a standing room only audience with Force Master Chief Petty Officer, Jon Port, of Naval Education and Training Command, serving as the event's guest speaker.

A busy Military Appreciation Month wrapped up with a visit to Pensacola by the Spanish Navy training ship Juan Sebastián de Elcano, from May 27th to June 1st. The four-masted "tall ship" hosted daily tours for the public while the Spanish Navy's 80 midshipmen enjoyed the unique sights, sounds and flavors of downtown Pensacola, during one of only two port visits in the United States. The day before the ships departure for her final port visit and return voyage home to Spain, the Pensacola Council hosted a traditional southern fish fry for the Elcano crew.

Finally, on June 4th, NAS Pensacola held a remembrance ceremony, at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, marking the 73rd anniversary of the pivotal 1942 Battle of Midway, that turned the tide for the U.S. in the Pacific during WWII. The sacrifices and bravery of all members of our military in this remarkable victory, helped to secure our freedoms, and shall always be remembered. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing all of our members at our annual membership meeting and Chicken BBQ, held October 1st, at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Pensacola Council Recognized by NLUS

The Pensacola Council is proud to announce its selection as a 2015 Meritorious Council, as awarded by the National Navy League of the United States! Pensacola was one of only ten councils chosen for this coveted recognition.

The Pensacola Council also earned an award for membership retention, and was selected in both categories for the Donald M. Mackie Award. The Donald M. Mackie Awards were established in 1964 to encourage more effective communication among Navy League councils. The award honors excellence in both print and web-based communication. The award's namesake, Donald M. Mackie, is credited as an instrumental figure in establishing the Navy League's "SEAPOWERS" magazine.

In the medium council division for the Mackie Award, the Pensacola Council website was awarded third place, and the Bullhorn newsletter placed second. Mark Harden accepted these awards on behalf of the Pensacola Council, during the Navy League National Convention, held June 16th-21st in Tampa, Florida.



Navy League Gulf Coast Area President and National Director Mark Harden, accepts the Meritorious Service Award and the Mackie Award, on behalf of the Pensacola Council, from Navy League National President James Offutt.

Congratulations to website administrator Michele Wilson and newsletter editor Carol Monroe.

Bravo Zulu to the Pensacola Council leadership and members!



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Navy League of US Elects New President

Skip Witunski, is the new President of the National Navy League of the United States. Elected by the 2015 Board of Directors, Witunski was sworn in by outgoing President, James H. Offutt, pictured below left, at the National Convention, held June 16th-21st, in Tampa, Florida. Skip Witunski has served many years as a Navy League member, board member, Council President, Area President, Regional President, and the last two years as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Region.

James H. Offutt served as National President since June 2013. He has served the Navy League at all levels of governance, including Region and Area President, and President of the Northern Virginia Council. Mr. Offutt served several years as Chairman of the Maritime Policy and Resolutions Committee, spearheading the creation of the Navy League's annual Maritime Policy. He also served on the Steering, Executive, National Meetings, Budget Ad-hoc, Property Development, Special Bylaws, Nominations, Information Technology and Governance Committees. For his years of leadership and management, he was awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.



Military Spouse Appreciation

The 10th annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, emceed by Ms. Sue Straughn of WEAR TV 3, was held May 21st, at New World Landing. The guest speaker was Leigh Frosch, wife of CAPT Tom Frosch, USN, Commanding Officer and flight leader of the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron, Blue Angels. The nominees were selected by local military commands for their selfless contributions, commitment to service and sacrifice. This year's nominees were Kristen R. Akers and Jennifer A. Keaton, nominated from Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1; Amanda M. Alvarado, 479th Operations Support Squadron; Kala M. Dunleavy, Detachment 1, 359th Training Squadron; Tara L. Ehrenfeld, 451st Flying Training Squadron; Mary Gross, Coast Guard Cutter Cypress; Rebecca E. Kennemore and Tammy Fay, Naval Air Technical Training Center and Nicole A. M. Walberg, 455th Flying Training Squadron.

Guest speaker, Leigh Frosch, volunteered as the President of the Atsugi Officer Spouse's Association, where she coordinated base events with the Japanese and American Spouses. A native of



L-R, Jennifer A. Keaton, Kristen R. Akers, Tammy Fay, Nicole A.M. Walberg, Kala M. Dunleavy and Guest Speaker Leigh Frosch

Worcester, Pennsylvania, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs with a minor in French. She also studied in France and played field hockey and lacrosse. Ms. Frosch has coached several soccer teams at NAS Lemoore and for the Per-

dido Bay Soccer Association. She has supported spouses as the Commanding Officer's wife of VFA-146 and currently, the Blue Angels. She shared her top ten list for military spouses: (10) Every tour is a new adventure (9) Make friends (8) Have a positive attitude (7) Find a mentor (6) Be a mentor (5) Flexibility (4) Communication (3) Accept/respect differences of others (2) Be proud of yourself and (1) Set goals for yourself.

All of the nominees received beautiful gifts from the Pensacola Council and from our sponsors, Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union.

Special thanks to CAPT Rock Penfold, USN (Ret), and his team for organizing this event.

ENLISTED RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Pensacola Council Navy League celebrated our outstanding enlisted military, during the annual Enlisted Recognition Breakfast, held May 26th, at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. Guest speaker was FORCM Jon Port, USN, Force Master Chief, Naval Education and Training Command.



The event recognizes enlisted personnel who have distinguished themselves in their service and within their commands. The 2015 Outstanding Enlisted Honorees were: AWS2 Jacob Aldach, USN, and AWS1 Christopher Anderson, USN, from Helicopter Training Squadron 8; SN Diana Brown, USCG from the US Coast Guard Cutter CYPRESS (WLB-210); IT3 Kaitlin Carter, USN, Naval Air Station Pensacola; AEC Aladin Castrence, USN, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training; NCC Marie Chavez, USN, Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit; ABHAN Steven Cochran, USN, Naval Air Station Whiting Field; Sgt Paul Eatmon, USMC, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21; TSgt Tenille Fraser,

USAF, 479th Flying Training Group; AE1 Andrew Gerber, USN, AT2 James Jones, USN AE2 Christopher Miller, USN and AWO1 Brandon White, USN, all from the Naval Air Technical Training Center; GSCS Raymond James, USN, Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center; SSgt Lee Martin, USAF, 359th Training Squadron, Detachment 1; HM1 Jasonlee Ordonez, USN, Naval Medicine Operational Training Center; Sgt Frederick Owen, USMC, Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1; YN2 Edgar Ruffin, USN, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels; SK1 Luke Sekula, USN, Center for Information Dominance, Headquarters; CTR2 Ryan Simpson, USN, Navy Information Operations Command; LCpl Quinton Sage, USMC, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 23; SSgt James Taylor, USMC, Aviation Maintenance Squadron 2; AO2 Amy Westerhausen, USN, Center for Information Dominance, Unit Corry Station; and Jennifer Zeravsky, USN, Naval Education and Training Command. Congratulations to the nominees!

Guest speaker, Jon Port, served as the SEA to the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Chief Operation Officer, and Command Master Chief to NETC's Learning and Development Division (N7), in Norfolk, Virginia. He later reported as Force Master Chief, Navy Personnel Command/Bureau of Naval Personnel, in Millington, Tennessee. Master Chief Port holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He is a designated Master Linguist and a KEYSTONE graduate.

Special thanks to CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), for organizing this event, and to Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union, for their sponsorship.

Pensacola Welcomes the Elcano

The highly anticipated visit of the Juan Sebastián de Elcano, a Naval Academy Training ship for the Spanish Navy, took place May 27th, at the Port of Pensacola. Pensacola is one of only two ports in America the ship visits this year. Members of the Pensacola Council



welcomed Spain's "floating embassy" as she moored among fan fare and music from the Navy Band of Corry Station. The ship, revered as the third largest "tall ship" in the world, docked at Pensacola, for five days as part of the celebration honoring General Bernardo de Galvez, the Revolutionary War hero, who won the battle of Pensacola, on May 9th, 1781. The Elcano has visited Pensacola six previous times. The first in 1959, during Pensacola's 400th anniversary. Special thanks to Dame Maria Davis, Pensacola's Honorary Vice Consul of Spain, who is responsible for the Elcano's return to Pensacola.

The day of the Elcano's arrival, board



members of the Pensacola Council and the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron

were treated to a Captain's tour of the majestic ship. On the evening before the ship's departure, the Pensacola Council hosted a Fish Fry for Captain Enrique Torres and the crew of the Elcano. The event, held in the courtyard of New World Landing in downtown Pensacola, was attended by more than 100 guests who enjoyed

music and fellowship among the Royal Spanish Navy crew members. Gerry McGill, representing the United States Coast Guard of Pensacola, presented a beautiful photo of the Elcano, taken from a previous tour of the United States, when she sailed past the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. President Bill Cuilik, presented a plaque from the Pensacola Council, to Captain Torres and the crew, in recognition and appreciation of their mission and journey to Pensacola. Captain Torres, in turn, presented a plaque to the Pensacola Council Navy League, memorializing the Elcano's visit to



Pictured above and left, Pensacola Council board members and guests are treated to a Captain's tour of the Elcano. Pictured below, members of the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron, aboard the Juan Sebastián de Elcano.



The Pensacola Council hosted a Welcome Reception and Fish Fry for the Captain and Crew of the Juan Sebastián de Elcano, on May 31st, at New World Landing, downtown Pensacola.





HEROES AMONG US

The Marine Corps League, Corporal J.R. Spears Detachment 066, once again brings us “Heroes Among Us” speaker series. The series, held in Veterans Park on the last Thursday or Friday of each month, features guest speakers, who “represent those who have distinguished themselves in combat from every generation and branch of the armed forces.”



The 2015 schedule is as follows:

Friday, July 31st– United States Coast Guard Night

Thursday, August 27th-70th Anniversary, World War II Victory Night

Thursday, September 24th– Special Operations and Sniper Night

Thursday, October 29th– Khe Sanh Night

Donations accepted toward the “Marines in Distress” Fund. In the event of rain, the series will move to Rosie O’Grady’s at Seville.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Pensacola Yacht Club is the setting for the next two premium events, on the Pensacola Council Navy League calendar. The first event is the **POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon**, held Tuesday, September 15th at 11:30 am. This moving and powerful event, hosted in conjunction with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, features one or more guest speakers who share their POW experience. The cost to attend is \$15.00. Table sponsorship with eight reservations is \$120.

Next is the **Annual Chicken Barbecue** held Thursday, October 1st at the Yacht Club. A favorite of many of the events hosted by the Pensacola Council, the Chicken Barbecue is a membership drive featuring live music and a delicious dinner, including barbecued chicken, cooked up by grill masters Buck Mitchell and Bobby Riggs.

Don’t miss either of these great events!





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Dr. Ronald S. McCuiston

CAPT Thomas & Ms. Nancy Pruter, USN (Ret)

CAPT Gary E. Skaar, USNR (Ret)

May 2015

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June 2015

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- Annual Military Recognition Day Luncheon
- Annual Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast
- Annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon
- Annual Joint Rotary Luncheon
- Annual Navy League Golf Tournament
- Annual POW Luncheon
- Annual Chicken Barbecue
- Annual Christmas Dinner Dance



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Calendar of Events**July 31**

**Heroes Among Us
United States Coast Guard Night**
Veterans Park

August 27

**Heroes Among Us
70th Anniversary– World War II Victory Night**
Veterans Park

September 15

Annual POW Luncheon
Pensacola Yacht Club

September 24

**Heroes Among Us
Special Ops and Sniper Night**
Veteran’s Park

October 1

Annual Chicken Barbecue
Pensacola Yacht Club

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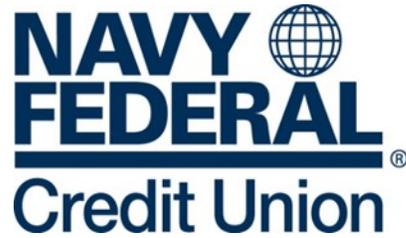
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