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**MERITORIOUS COUNCIL
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret)



Greetings Fellow Navy Leaguers!

This past June, I had the great fortune to attend the Navy League National Convention held in historic Charleston, South Carolina. This was my first time attending and it turned out to be a wonderful experience and an excellent opportunity to learn more about what other councils and the National Navy League are doing, to support our sea services around the country. I was also honored to accept the 2015 Meritorious Council Award and the Mackie Award (First Place, Medium Council) on behalf of the Pensacola Council. I want to thank Bill Cuilik, for his leadership last year and Carol Monroe for her tremendous effort on the Bullhorn – both were key to our success last year.

May, was again, Pensacola Military Appreciation Month, and the Pensacola Council had the pleasure of hosting the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast at Heritage Hall in Seville Quarter. Lieutenant General Mike Wooley, USAF (Ret) was our guest speaker. Lt. Gen. Wooley's last command was Air Force Special Operations Command, headquartered at Hurlburt Field. The Pensacola Council was honored to recognize 25 outstanding enlisted service members, attached to commands throughout the Pensacola Area. I would like to give a special thanks to Mark Curley, for coordinating and serving as Master of Ceremonies, for this great event.

This September, we have a number of special events. The Pensacola Council will again partner with the Pensacola Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, to remember the heroes who cannot be with us, at the POW/MIA recognition luncheon. We will also be hosting our annual Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, and of course, our Annual Chicken BBQ. I would like to invite all of you to attend these wonderful events.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to join me in June 2017, for our next National Navy League Convention, being held in the celebrated city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event.



HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

On March 5, 2016 the Honorary Vice Consul to Spain, Maria Davis, led a diplomatic and cultural delegation from Pensacola, Florida to Madrid, Spain.

The delegation traveling from Pensacola to Spain, included members of the United States Navy League, Pensacola Council. This presented an opportunity for international Navy League Council interaction. As part of the delegation itinerary while in Madrid meetings with the President of the United States Navy League, Madrid Council were scheduled. These meetings allowed for an in person exchange of information, experiences and contacts between the President of the Madrid Council, Molly Long and the 3rd Vice President of the Pensacola Council CAPT Dan McCort USN (ret).

Discussions centered around the respective Council's activities and Sea Service recognition opportunities. While the goals were of course similar the challenges and opportunities for the Councils were very different. As President Long observed. "While we have a significant United States Sea Service presence here in Spain what we do not have is a population of American citizens to support and participate in our Council functions and activities. As a result we have to depend more heavily on American industry representatives and contractor presence to fill the ranks of our council and support its events."

That challenge aside the two Councils were in lock step with regard to support of their respective Sea Service personnel through social and professional functions as well as personal and unit recognition.

To commemorate their "hands across the sea" meeting and information exchange a plaque was presented by Pensacola Council 3rd Vice President, CAPT Dan McCort USN (ret) to Madrid Council President, Molly Long. Worthy of note here is the fact that Madrid Council Present, Molly Long happens to be a Pensacola native!

The presentation that evening was made even more special by the attendance of several unique guests. Three of the more unique guests were; 1) Cristobal Colon, a direct descendant of the famous explorer Christopher Columbus, who holds the title "Admiral of all the Oceans and Seas," 2) the Honorable Erik Martel former Spanish Ambassador to the United States and 3) RADM Enrique Torres who had recently made a port call to Pensacola as Captain of the Juan Sebastian de Elcano in June of 2015. The Elcano is the Spanish Navy's "Tall Ship" used in the at sea training of Spanish Naval Academy midshipmen.

The reception also presented the Pensacola delegation with an opportunity to join in on the "wetting down" of RADM Torres on the occasion of his promotion from CAPT to RADM.

The Pensacola Council looks forward to maintaining close ties with our sister council in Madrid.



L-R CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) Molly Long, Maria Davis, RADM Torres, Jaime Moreno, Mercedes Moreno and Cristobal Colon

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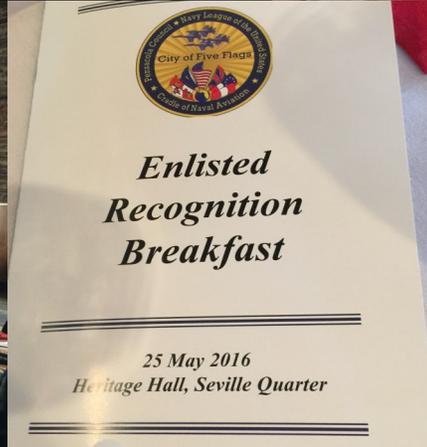
The Pensacola Council Navy League celebrated our enlisted military, during the annual **Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast**, held Wednesday, May 25th at Seville Quarter. The guest speaker was Lt. Gen. Michael W. Wooley, USAF (Ret), former Commander of the United States Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL.

Congratulations to the following honorees: YN1 (SW/AW) Jennifer Zeravsky, NETC; AC3 Zachary Haverman, NASP; MA1 Daniel Devine, NASWF; HM3 Kaleesha Ramos, NHP; AMC Roger Nelson and SSgt Joseph Crews, CNATT; ABE2 (AW/SW) Jeremy Baker, NASC; AEC Kristian Whyte, AE1 Cody Ramirez, ABF2 Jeremy Beltran, ET1 Daniel Kelly and AT2 Johnathan Ellington, NATTC; CPL Tyler Berry, MATSG-21; SSgt Michael Harris, AMS-1; SGT Stephen M. Egan, AMS-2; CPL Tania Zych, MATSG-23; AZ1 (AW) Zoltan Prestidge, Blue Angels; AE1 Paul Gonthier, NETSAFA; HM1 (FMF) Michael Pena, NMOTC; CTR1 Patrick Howell, CID Unit; CPL Kayla Gandin-Gonzalez, USMC; EM2 Anthony Medlar, USCG Cypress and AWS2 George Parsons, HT-8.

Special thanks to our sponsors, Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union.



CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret) presents a gift to guest speaker Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, USAF (Ret)



PENSACOLA COUNCIL RECOGNIZED

The Pensacola Council enjoyed a banner year in 2015, and the council's accomplishments were recognized at the 2016 Navy League National Convention, held June 15th-18th in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Congratulations to the 2015 Pensacola Council President, CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) and to



Navy League National President Skip Witunski, presenting the Meritorious Council award to Pensacola Council President Mike Dollen, USN (Ret).

the council and committee members responsible for winning the Meritorious Council Award! "The Meritorious Council Award is presented to councils that have performed extremely well within the judged criteria. In many ways, Meritorious Councils exemplify what a council should be doing, to fulfill the Navy League's mission."

Also, congratulations to Carol Monroe, for serving as editor of the Bullhorn newsletter, which won a first place Mackie Award in the Medium Council Division. "The Donald M. Mackie Awards are presented annu-

ally at the National Convention, for newsletters and websites. Judges are selected on the basis of their expertise in the field of journalism, newsletter and web publishing or a related field."

Military Spouse Appreciation

The 11th annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** will be held Thursday, September 15th, 11:30 am, at New World Landing. This event is emceed by Sue Straughn of WEAR TV- 3.

The sacrifices endured by the military spouse, are often taken for granted. Please join us in honoring them. The cost is \$18.00 for Navy League members, \$16.00 for Admirals' Club Members and free for spouse nominees and their guest.

For reservations or table and/or military member sponsorship, please call (850) 436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net



18th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge™

Please join us, as both the Pensacola Council Navy League and the Pensacola Chapter Freedoms Foundation, will host the 18th Annual POW/MIA luncheon. This event will be held, Tuesday, September 13th, 11:30 am, at the Pensacola Yacht Club and is co-sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey L. Moore, Executive Director, Mitchell Center. He will speak about the history, mission and research for the POW studies, at the Mitchell Center.

Kindly RSVP, no later than September 6th. Also, please consider sponsoring an active duty military and/or being a table sponsor. Table sponsorships are \$160.00 for a table of eight. Please mail your check to: P. O. Box 17486, Pensacola, FL 32522-7486. For further information, call (850) 436-8552.



CHICKEN BARBECUE



Winner, winner, chicken dinner!

An event you do not want to miss is the Annual Barbecue Chicken Dinner, held Thursday, September 29th at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

A favorite among the many events hosted by the Pensacola Council, the Chicken Barbecue is a casual membership drive and yearly wrap up party, featuring music, delicious food, frosty beverages and fellowship.

Bring a new member to see the many benefits of joining the Pensacola Council Navy League. Current council members who recruit more than 20 new members in a year, are recognized at the Navy League National Convention. For more information, call 850-436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net



IN MEMORIAM

By CTICM Walter "Butch" Wallace, USN (Ret)



John Henry Ochs, a very active member of the Pensacola Council of the Navy League, passed away May 3rd, at the age of 69. After serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War time frame, he entered the financial industry, where he worked in all aspects of banking. His financial background ultimately brought him to the Pensacola area in 1998, as the Chief Operating Officer for Pen Air Federal Credit Union, where he served until 2014. It was also shortly after his arrival in the area, that he joined the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of West Florida and was a member of the Board of Directors, from 2002 until 2014. He also became active in the Navy League as a Board Member in 2001 and rose to become the

President in 2007, and subsequently became the Gulf Coast Area President for three years and a National Director. Because of John's interest in the Navy, he was on the Military Recognition Day Selection Committee numerous times and was selected to be the Treasurer of the Veterans Memorial Park Board.

When the Navy League had a difficult time obtaining suitable office space, John arranged for an area in the Pen Air Federal Credit Union building, onboard Naval Air Station, where the Office still exists.

John is survived by his wife, Wendi and two sons, Andrew and Jeffrey, of Pensacola.

"John will be missed, but a very positive image and memory of his impact on our lives, will always be with us."

-CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret)

The community was rocked June 2nd, when a U.S. Navy F/A-18, flown by Marine CAPT Jeff Kuss, the opposing solo pilot #6, of the Navy's Blue Angels Flight demonstration Squadron, crashed during an afternoon practice in Tennessee.

CAPT Kuss' final flight was June 7th, as his body was flown back to the Blue Angels home base at NAS Pensacola, aboard the U.S. Marine Corps' AC-130, Fat Albert. He was escorted by Blue Angels F/A-18 #5.

"It's beautiful that a person can live and die engaged in their life's pursuits. This was his dream since he was a child, to be an aviator, a flier."
Dolph Kuss, grandfather



Kuss, a native of Durango, Colorado, graduated with a degree in economics in 2006 and was commissioned the same year, following Officer Candidate School, as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He completed flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola in 2007, and received his wings in 2009. He graduated from the Navy's TOPGUN fighter weapons school in 2012.

CAPT Kuss joined the Blue Angels in 2014. He had more than 1,400 flight hours and 175 carrier landings. His decorations included the Strike Flight Air Medal and the Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was a beloved husband, father, son and member of the Blue Angels Family.

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WHERE:

Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park
(Bayfront Parkway near 9th Avenue)

WHEN:

May – October, 6 pm
Last Thursday of each month

2016 Season Scheduled Events

MAY 26

COMMANDER'S NIGHT

GUEST OF HONOR:
BRIGADIER GENERAL LARRY GARRETT, USMC
COLONEL BILL MURRAY, USMC

AUG 25

**1st AIR CAV,
US ARMY RVN NIGHT**

GUEST OF HONOR:
1ST Lt. Gary McArthur, USA,
Silver Star, Bronze Star

JUNE 23

**NATIVE AMERICAN
WARRIORS NIGHT**

GUEST OF HONOR:
LIEUTENANT COLONEL KIRBY LOCKLEAR, USAF
1ST SERGEANT SHANNON PEAVY, USA

SEPT 29

**MEDAL OF HONOR-
HUEY GUNSHIP/RVN NIGHT**

GUEST OF HONOR:
CAPTAIN RUPERT "SKEETS" FAIRFIELD, USMC

JULY 28

US COAST GUARD NIGHT

GUEST OF HONOR:
A LIFE SAVER

OCT 27

ALLIES NIGHT

GUEST OF HONOR:
MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD SECORD, USAF
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Water and light refreshments provided • Bring chairs and blankets for seating • Rain Venue- Rosie's at Seville Quarter

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RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

April 2016

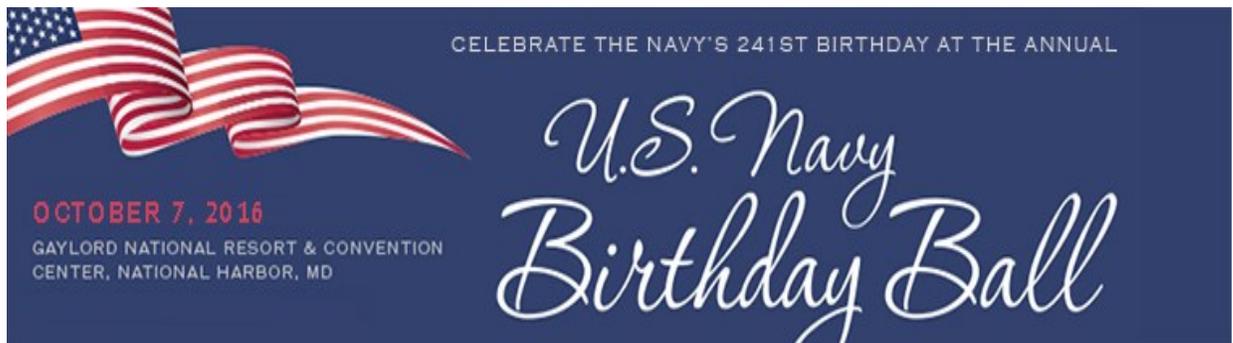
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28

Heroes Among Us-U.S. Coast Guard Night
Veterans' Park

August 25

Heroes Among Us-1st Air Cavalry
U.S. Army RVN Night
Brigadier General Larry Garrett, USMC (Ret)
Veterans' Park

September 13

POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon
Pensacola Yacht Club

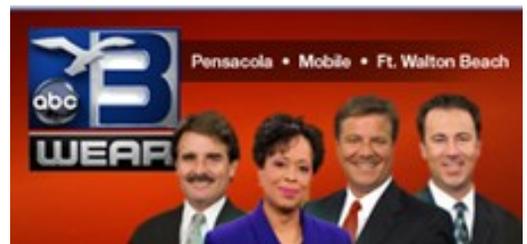
September 15

Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon
New World Landing

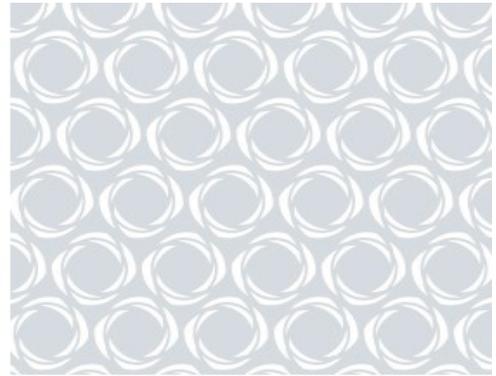
September 29

Annual Chicken Barbecue
Pensacola Yacht Club

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