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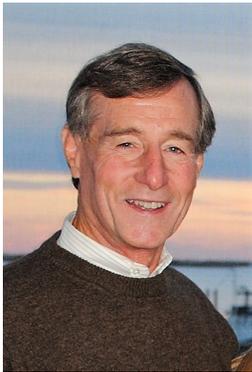
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) President, Pensacola Navy League

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Greetings to all. I hope that this message finds you enjoying the rebirth and renewal of life that comes with both Easter and spring.

I also hope that you were fortunate enough to witness our Military Recognition Day Awards Ceremony at New World Landing as Petty Officer First Class Brian Clark representing Naval Air Station Whiting Field, was presented with the Margaret Flowers Civic Award in February. We had a record number of candidates for the Award this year and all of them were very deserving of selection. However Petty Officer Clark, who embodies the very characteristics and volunteer spirit of the legacy namesake for the Award, Margaret Flowers, was selected overall winner. Congratulations Petty Officer Clark! Let me also add a special note of thanks here to all who served on the MRD Committee for their tireless efforts in preparation for this event and in particular to Mr. Dan Shugart, our consummate Master of Ceremonies. Thank you all.

On the heels of a superb MRD Ceremony the Pensacola Navy League helped welcome the magnificent Spanish Navy "Tall Ship" Juan Sebastián de Elcano back to the emerald coast and Pensacola for an unprecedented ninth time. And what a visit it was. In a phenomenal demonstration of Navy cooperation and tradition, Naval Air Station Pensacola, commanded by newly installed CAPT Tim Kinsella, USN, welcomed CAPT Ignacio Paz Garcia of the Spanish Navy and his crew of the Elcano, pier-side at NAS Pensacola on Sunday, March 31st, 2019. The arrival was preceded by cannon salute and ceremonial Navy Band music as sailors and marines "manned the seawall" to honor our Spanish visitors. A whirlwind week of activities followed with events dedicated to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Magellan's historic voyage to attempt the world's first circumnavigation of the globe. In true Pensacola fashion, the Elcano Officers, Midshipmen and crew were welcomed with events that included; "Black Tie" formal aboard ship, "Wreath Laying" at sea, Regatta Competition at the Pensacola Yacht Club, "Line Dancing" at the Pensacola Navy League Reception, formal Mass and "Wreath Laying" at the Galvez Statue downtown, educational workshops in partnership with UWF and Navy Flight School Students, tours of NAS Pensacola, the Naval Aviation Museum and the National Flight Academy, all capped off with a farewell reception at Quarters "A", the home of NETC, RADM Kyle Cozad, USN (Ret). Like I said, it was a whirlwind week. The Elcano crew left here exhausted but forever in love with Pensacola.

Due to the historic nature of the Elcano visit which was to celebrate the 5th Centennial of Magellan's voyage, there was an official component to the visit as well. Pensacola's own Dame Maria Davis, Honorary Vice Consul to Spain, hosted the Spanish Consul General from Miami, Candido Creis and the Spanish Naval Attache from Washington, D.C., CAPT Juan Garcia. Our guests were made Honorary Citizens of Pensacola by our esteemed Mayor Grover Robinson.

As mentioned in our last communication the pace of activity for the Pensacola Navy League will now continue to accelerate. In the near term, our Enlisted Recognition Breakfast will be held April 25th at Heritage Hall in Seville Quarter. The ERB will be followed quickly by the Spouse Appreciation Luncheon on May 22nd at New World Landing. We will then honor our MRD Awardees further by including them in the Fiesta of Five Flags Grande Fiesta Parade held downtown on May 31st. To get us midway through the year, mark your calendars for the Pensacola Navy League Summer Social and U.S. Coast Guard Recognition event on August 22nd. Stay tuned for updates on our Website and Facebook Page.

I will conclude with special recognition for our corporate sponsors, Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union as well as local sponsors First Command and Bayside Hypnosis. Without these fine companies behind us, support for our local Sea Services and military would suffer. Please thank them at your next opportunity.

Until next time, may God Bless.

MARGARET FLOWERS CIVIC AWARD

The Pensacola Council Navy League is proud of the efforts of military personnel who contribute their time to enrich the community. For 39 years, the council has recognized the efforts of these men and women during the annual Margaret Flowers Civic Award, Military Recognition Day ceremony. This year's ceremony, held February 21st, at New World Landing, boasted an attendance of more than 300 military personnel, veterans and guests. The lunch event, emceed by popular local TV sports broadcaster Dan Shugart, recognized the community service efforts of individual military personnel who were nominated by their local command. Twenty-two nominees were recognized and presented with certificates and gifts from Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. One of the nominees was selected to receive the Margaret Flowers Civic Award traveling trophy. The award's namesake, Margaret Flowers, is in honor of Ms. Flowers' long and devoted record of service to the Navy and the community. This year's winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award is ABH1 (AW/SW) Brian J. Clark, USN, from Naval Air Station Whiting Field. As the Command Volunteer Program Coordinator, Petty Officer First Class Clark ensured the Sailors of Naval Air Station Whiting Field have engrained themselves into the local communities by improving all facets of the NAS Whiting Field Command Volunteer Program. He has displayed unwavering community leadership and citizenry through organizing and active participation in Santa Rosa and Escambia county volunteer events. He volunteered in 96 community service events, accumulating more than 533 volunteer hours with such organizations as Meals on Wheels, the Shepard House and numerous other divergent organizations. Additionally, his efforts resulted in more than 3000 hours from over 600 personnel, actively volunteering in 69 individual events and creating eight new community service partnerships. His managerial skills were vital in Naval Air Station Whiting Field's submission of five Flagship Awards in July 2018. His hard work resulted in NAS Whiting Field being selected by Commander, Navy Southeast Region, as the regional nominee for the Personal Excellence Flagship Award for small commands. His efforts exemplify the meaning of Community leadership and outreach. The selection criteria is based on civic work in the community, leadership, rate proficiency and representation of appearance.

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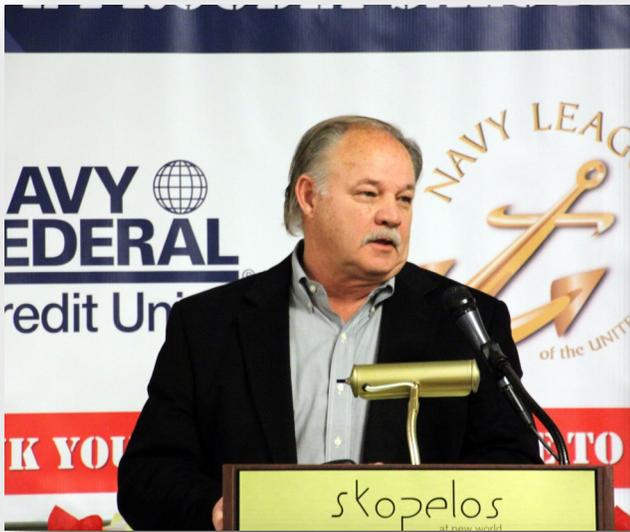
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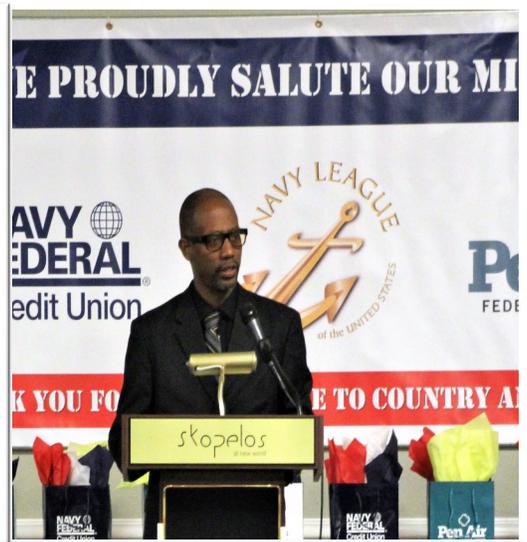
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The guest speaker was Coach David Wilson, Studer 55 Community Athletics Coordinator. Many thanks to the table and individual sponsors, and to our primary sponsors, Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. Special thanks to the Corry Station Joint Color Guard and Performing Arts Company, to Karen Kline for volunteering as photographer and to Dr. Janet Pilcher and the Studer Group team for the PowerPoint presentation.









ADMIRALS' CLUB

The first Admirals' Club speaker series event of 2019 featured guest speaker and Pensacola Chapter board member CAPT Kevin Miller, USN (Ret). Kevin Miller has done extensive research on the South China Sea for his latest techno-thriller, *Fight Fight*. His talk focused on escalating threats taking place in this region.



In defiance of international law, The People's Republic of China lays political claim to the entire South China Sea, through which \$4 trillion in annual trade flows. This sea is believed to hold a wealth of untapped oil and gas reserves. It is also one of the world's richest fisheries. China claims dominance of the region by building islands made of dredge

sand dumped on reefs into military bases, all in international waters that they believe belong to the People's Republic.



On the larger islands, China has built airfields for the deployment of military aircraft, including fighters and bombers, along with potential missile, radar and helicopter infrastructure at many of the smaller islands. Several of the islands serve as bases for Surface to Air Missile systems. Chinese warships intermingled with armed Chinese fishing vessels add to the threat. China continues construction, expanding its military presence.

Kevin is a third generation naval officer and flew the A-7E *Corsair II* and FA-18C *Hornet*, serving aboard the aircraft carriers USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68), USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69), USS *George Washington* (CVN-73), USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71) and USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65). He commanded a carrier-based strike-fighter squadron, and, during his career, logged over

1,000 carrier-arrested landings. Today he is a self-employed defense consultant and an Amazon Best-Selling author of three highly rated action-adventure novels. His latest work, *Fight Fight*, captures his insight of modern naval and aerial warfare and his extensive research on Pacific region geopolitics.



The lunch event, held on March 19th at the Pensacola Yacht Club was emceed by VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret). VADM Unruh auctioned off a copy of *Fight Fight* to support the Pensacola Chapter of the Navy League, with the winning bid of \$200 going to Ms. Pat Smith.

The next Admirals' Club guest speaker series, "Meet the Boss" will be held June 19th, 11:30 am at Pensacola Yacht Club. Guest Speaker will be CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola.



RECOMMENDED

The April 2019 edition of *Seapower* magazine features an article titled "Neighborhood Problems in the Taiwan Strait– The ROC Stands in the Way of Chinese Expansionism" by Edward Lundquist, Special Correspondent. [https://www.seapower-](https://www.seapower-digital.com/seapower/april_2019?folio=17)

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Pensacola Welcomes Elcano!

The highly anticipated port visit of the Juan Sebastián de Elcano, a Naval Academy Training ship for the Spanish Navy, took place March 31st, at Charlie Pier aboard NAS Pensacola. Members of the Pensacola Council welcomed Spain's "floating embassy" as she moored among fanfare and music from the Navy Band of NETC. The ship docked at Pensacola for five days, as part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Magellan's historic voyage. Special thanks to Dame Maria Davis, Pensacola's honorary Vice Consul of Spain, who is responsible for the Elcano's return to Pensacola.

The Pensacola Council hosted a welcome reception for the Captain and Crew of the Elcano, on April 2nd, at Seville Quarter's Phineas Phoggs in downtown Pensacola. Council President CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) presented a plaque to the Elcano's Captain Ignacio Paz Garcia. Paz Garcia, in turn, presented a plaque and a book on the history of the Elcano to the Pensacola council.





UPCOMING EVENTS

**ENLISTED RECOGNITION
BREAKFAST**

The Pensacola Council Navy League, invites you to celebrate our enlisted military, during the annual **Enlisted Recognition Breakfast**, to be held Thursday, April 25th, 7:30 am at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. The cost is \$20 for Navy League members, \$18 for Admirals' Club Members and free for nominees and their guest. For reservations or table and/or military member sponsorship, call (850) 436-8552 or email pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org

Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon

The 14th annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** will be held Wednesday, May 22nd, 11:30 am, at New World Landing. This event is emceed by Sue Straughn of WEAR TV 3. Guest speaker is Ms. Jennifer Kinsella, spouse of CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. The cost is \$18 for Navy League members, \$16 for Admirals' Club Members and free for spouse nominees and their guest. For reservations or table and/or military member sponsorship, call (850) 436-8552 or email pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org



SEA CADETS

INDEPENDENCE SQUADRON



By Jim Crumlish, Community Liaison for the Sea Cadets

During the March drill period, current cadets and 6 new recruits participated in Field Operations at the Blue Angel Recreation Park. Operations included emergency medical response, using manikins and instructed by Navy Corpsmen from the Naval hospital. Hiking field competitions and physical condition testing were also part of the field activities. Cooking for 30+ participants was done by Barbara Hastings and a small team of adults.

Overnight in tents in the primitive area was interrupted at 6:00 am by an ancient bugler playing reveille. Several surprised cadets volunteered to take over. A league cadet, Tucker Marlow, was chosen to learn a few bugle calls... reveille, mess and taps... for future overnight drill periods.

Our Navy League Pensacola Council President, CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 for the STEM project, cadets flying in Cessna -172 aircraft. Navy League Regional President, Mike Dollen, presented the Pensacola Council's Cadets of the Year, 2018; Sea Cadet Mitchell and League Cadet Mahon. Mahon was unable to attend to receive his award.

On March 31st, the Executive Officer Carey Bennet and Sea Cadet Joseph Bennett greeted the Spanish Sailing Ship, the Juan Sebastián de Elcano on a very cold and windy Sunday morning. Elcano sailors were in dress blues, while our NAS Pensacola sailors were in summer white... brrr.

During the April drill period, Cadets and adults received a private tour of the Elcano. Mid April was the Marine Corps-related drill period, with marksmanship training at Santa Rosa Firing Range and obstacle course testing at the Marine Course aboard NAS Pensacola.



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Admirals’ Club - \$60.00 individual 1 year membership per person	\$60.00
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★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

April 25
Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast
Seville Quarter Heritage Hall

May
Military Appreciation Month

May 17-19
Navy League Jacksonville Council Visit
TBD

May 22
Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon
Skopelos New World Landing

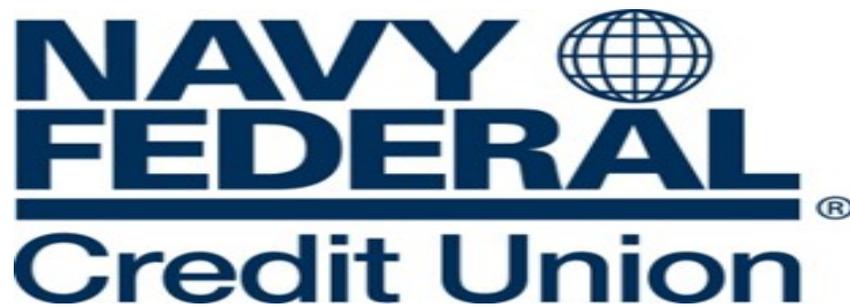
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Pensacola Yacht Club

June 19-23
Navy League National Convention
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
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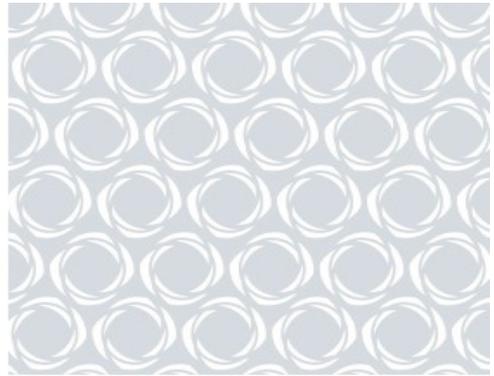
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