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BRAVO ZULU!



In lieu of current isolation and physical distancing mandates, our Sea Service Personnel needed our help. A new Department of Defense/Centers for Disease Control directive required that all personnel aboard military installations wear a "face mask" at times when distancing is not possible. Unfortunately there were no face masks available to issue those personnel. Service members were being told to make their own masks, specifically from T-shirts.

A plea to the Pensacola Navy League membership resulted in more than 1600 handmade masks created and donated by volunteers. The masks were delivered in two batches to the NAS Pensacola Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC).



Pensacola Navy League President, CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret), Petty Officer Norman and "Mask Project Coordinator" Carol Monroe deliver masks to NASC on April 14th.

Tremendous thanks to the many donors, sewers, and volunteers:

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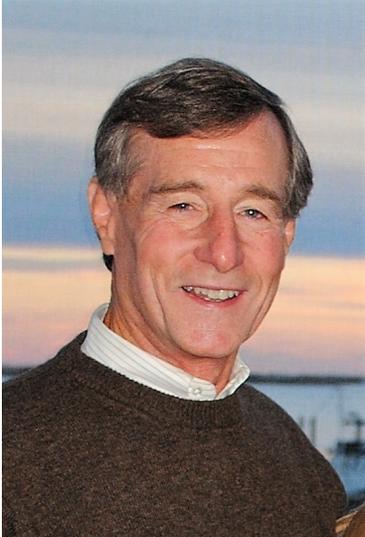
CAPT AJ Gallardo, USN (Ret), former Commanding Officer of NASC, along with Dan McCort, delivers the final batch.

Newsletter and additional pictures can be found on our webpage <http://pensacolanavyleague.org/>

(More photos on pages 10 & 11 of this edition).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



Greetings to all. I certainly hope that this message finds you safe, healthy and adjusting to the “new normal” of distanced living. However, remember as the old saying goes, “This too shall pass.” Before you know it, we will be back out trying to catch up on all the activities that we have missed. In this Bullhorn, we will address a plan for just that. So read on to find out about our revised DRAFT schedule of events for the next quarter and beyond.

However, before we get to those, and in this case happily before the proverbial door closed on public gatherings, we were able to conduct our annual Military Recognition Day Awards Ceremony at New World Landing. I hope that you were fortunate enough to be on hand in February, along with the near record crowd, as Petty Officer First Class Kwame Kusi-Appiah, representing the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels of Naval Air Station Pensacola was presented with the Margaret Flowers Civic Award. We had a terrific field of candidates for the Award this year and all of them were very deserving of selection. However Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah, who embodies the very characteristics and volunteer spirit of the legacy namesake for the Award, Margaret Flowers, was selected overall winner. Congratulations Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah! 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. A photo gallery for the Event is available on our Website.

Now for a look at the future. Our three major spring events, the Naval Air Station Pensacola Remembrance Ceremony, scheduled for March 14th, the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast scheduled for April 23rd and our Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for May 21st have all been postponed. We have rescheduled the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast for Thursday, July 16th at Heritage Hall in Seville Quarter. We have rescheduled the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon for Thursday, November 5th at New World Landing. We will conduct the Naval Air Station Pensacola Remembrance Ceremony at a date to be determined, once public gatherings are again authorized.

We also have upcoming two Navy ship Commissioning Ceremonies this summer. First, the Commissioning of the newest USS Tripoli, (LHA-7) pier side aboard NAS Pensacola. Until just recently scheduled for Saturday, June 27th, that ceremony is now on hold and awaiting a revised date. When a new date has been determined, we anticipate that there will be two USS Tripoli Crew Receptions at Seville Quarter the week prior to the Saturday Commissioning Ceremony. The first sponsored by the Pensacola Navy League on Tuesday, and the second sponsored by the Marine Corps League on Wednesday. Following on the heels of the USS Tripoli, the second Navy ship Commissioning will be for the USS St. Louis (LCS-19).

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While tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, pier side aboard NAS Pensacola, a change to Saturday, August 8th is being explored. The USS St. Louis Crew Reception will be held on the Wednesday prior to the Commissioning Ceremony at the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard NAS Pensacola. Date confirmation for both of these events will be published immediately after they are determined. Worthy of note here, ship Commissioning's in Pensacola are rare. Having two in one year is unprecedented, and we may even have a third this year. The U.S. Coast Guard is looking at NAS Pensacola to Commission the Coast Guard Cutter STONE in December.

To get us midway through the year, mark your calendars for the Blue Angels Beach Air Show the weekend of July 10th and the Pensacola Navy League Summer Social on Thursday, August 20th. **Stay tuned for updates** on all of these events on both our Website and Facebook Page. As noted at the beginning, many of these dates are dependent on release of public gathering restrictions.

I will conclude with thanks and special recognition for our corporate sponsors, Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union as well as our local sponsors Hellcat Productions, First Command and WEAR TV-3. 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.



Students of Naval Aviation Schools Command line up in formation while wearing masks.

More than 1600 masks were handmade and donated to the students of NAS Pensacola's Naval Aviation Schools Command.

Military Recognition Day

The Pensacola Navy League is proud of the efforts of military personnel who contribute their time to enrich the community. For 40 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 20th, 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. Nineteen 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 Marg-



(L-R) Pensacola Navy League President Dan McCort, Petty Officer First Class Kwame Kusi-Appiah, USN and Command Master Chief Chris Zeigler, USN with the Traveling Trophy.

ret Flowers Civic Award is **Petty Officer First Class Kwame Kusi-Appiah**, representing the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels of NAS Pensacola. Born in Guana, South Africa, Petty Officer First Class Kusi-Appiah is a 1st Class Logistics Specialist with the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team. Even though he was on the road for much of the year, Petty Officer First Class Kusi-Appiah coordinated and completed more than 3000 hours of community volunteer work, including 525 hours devoted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida, the USO and local elementary schools. He has also mentored a local second grade student.

The guest speaker was David Harmer, the President and CEO of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

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 Cory Station Joint Color Guard and Performing Arts Company, to Billie Nicholson for serving as photographer and to Dr. Janet Pilcher and the Studer Group team for the Power-Point presentation.



Guest speaker David Harmer (back row, center), Dan McCort (back row, far right) and Kwame Kusi-Appiah (front row, center) with the nominees.



Dan McCort, David Harmer, Dame Maria Davis and Mayor Grover Robinson



David Harmer and Emcee Dan Shugart



Dan Shugart and Mayor Grover Robinson holding the Proclamation from the City.



Dan Shugart and nominee Corporal Patrick L. Rhoden, USMC



FFVF Pensacola Chapter President Betty Williams with FFVF National President David Harmer



Corry Station Joint Color Guard and Performing Arts Company



Dame Davis and CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret)



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MAYOR SPEAKS AT ADMIRALS' CLUB EVENT

The Admirals' Club first event of the new year, a "Meet the Boss" luncheon, was held January 28th at the Pensacola Yacht Club.



The guest speaker was Grover C. Robinson IV, a real estate developer and the current Mayor of Pensacola.

Serving in that role since 2018, Mayor Robinson previously served twelve years as County Commissioner for Escambia County District 4.

The mayor spoke of where Pensacola has been and the progressive direction the city is headed to. Reflecting on the city's unique history, Mayor Robinson stressed the importance of Pensacola having a good "quality of place" that provides residents a desirable location to grow, work, and play and how we can be a city other Florida communities look to as a role model.

Robinson encouraged community leaders and citizens to maintain the momentum and to maintain Pensacola as a "strong town".

He reported additional progress to include; the expansion of ST Engineering, increased progress in maritime business at the Port of Pensacola and improvement in proper-

ty value for both residential and commercial properties. "We deserve the highest quality of life for our Citizens."

Mayor Robinson has won awards for his prior community involvement including the Joe Oldmixon Service Award from the Center of Independent Living and the Presidential Advocate Award from Leadership Pensacola.

"We deserve the highest quality of life for our Citizens."

-Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson

Most recently, the Mayor announced he would not take a salary while his city is struggling with the coronavirus pandemic and will donate his paycheck to help residents pay their bills.

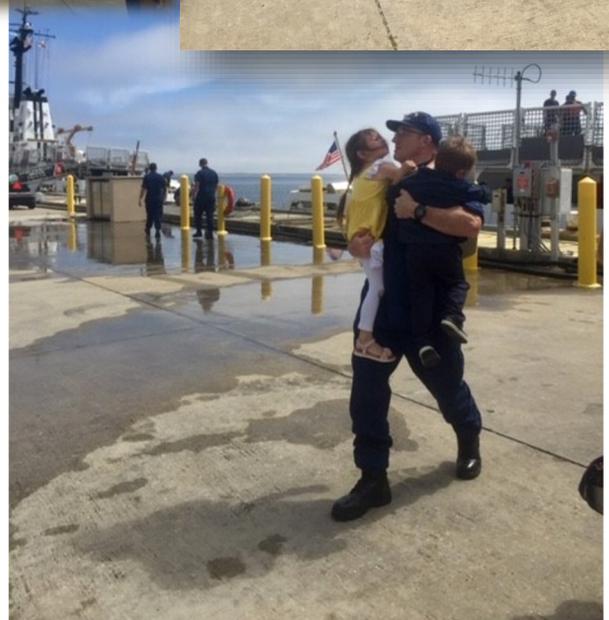
His salary has been donated to Pensacola Energy and the city's sanitation services to help residents pay their utility bills while they are out of work.



WELCOME HOME USCG CUTTER DECISIVE

The Pensacola Navy League joined the USO on March 12th to welcome the USCG Cutter DECISIVE, back to its home port and to happy families.







Angie Nixon and the NAS Pensacola Oak Grove Campground sewing team.





Pictured from left:
The Oak Grove Campground sewing team,
Nicki Austin Vanderhovel, Rick Monroe and
Carol Monroe.



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Pensacola





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 Robert Nelson
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January 2020

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February 2020

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 Patricia L. Smith
 James L. Vandiver
 Walter G. Wallace
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March 2020

Charlie C. Code
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EVENT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE →



☆ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ☆

July 10
Blue Angels Air Show
 Pensacola Beach

TBD
USS Tripoli (LHA-7) Commissioning
 NAS Pensacola

July 16
Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast
 Heritage Hall - Seville Quarter

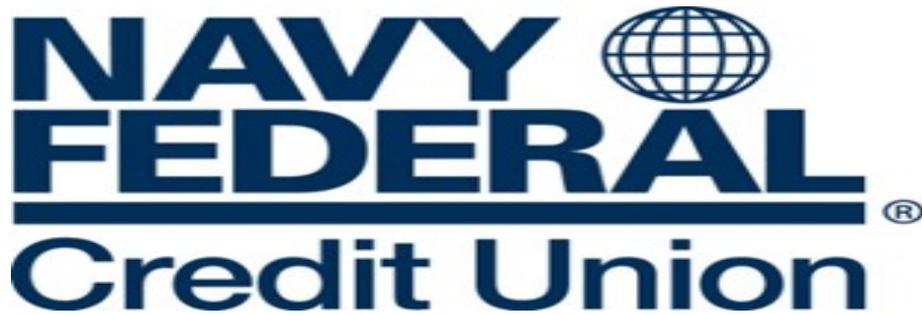
TBD
USS St. Louis (LCS-19) Commissioning
 NAS Pensacola

August 20
Summer Social Membership Drive
 Seville Quarter

September 15
POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon
 Pensacola Yacht Club



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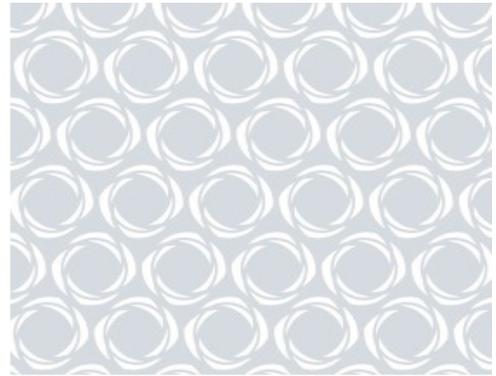
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