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The Pensacola Council closes another great year of events with our grand finale, the Christmas Dinner and Dance!

This year's formal holiday celebration will be held Wednesday, December 11th, 6:00 pm at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Enjoy a cocktail hour and an elegant dinner with live music from Joe Occhipinti and the Jazzabouts.

The evening will conclude with a recap of the year by President Dan McCort, the swearing in of the new board of directors and more music and dancing. Choices of dinner entrée include filet mignon, grouper or a vegetarian option.

The cost is \$35.00 per person. Invitations will follow.



OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2019

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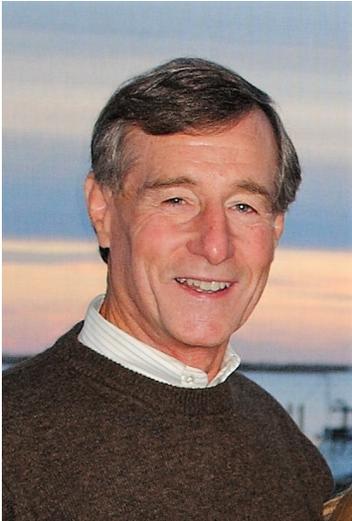
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



Greetings to all.

With the Dog Days of summer behind us and a hint of fall finally in the air, most of us are back to the routines of non-stop school activities and weekend football. For our Sea Service personnel, fall additionally means an end to and beginning of a new fiscal year. The new fiscal year brings with it fresh funding streams and consequently permanent change of station (PCS) orders and relocation for Sea Service families. As you see fresh military faces in town, in school and on our bases, please reach out and make these dislocated but dedicated patriots welcome to our fair city.

This past quarter has been especially active for our Council. In July, it was “Red, White and Blues” at the beach. Our ever busy Sea Cadets were active in supporting WWII Veterans as the Veterans were treated to flights in historic aircraft over Pensacola beach and the Blue Angel Airshow flight line. Jim Crumlish, our very own Sea Cadet liaison, was one of the WWII Vets chosen to fly that day. In August, we conducted our Annual Summer Social and membership drive at Seville Quarter. This year the incredibly well attended event was multipurpose. With an ever increasing USCG presence here in Pensacola, we took advantage of the opportunity and formally recognized and thanked our local Coast Guard units and their associated personnel for their service. Being able to bring the leadership of our local USCG Cutters and Station up on the stage was a real treat. CDR McConnell of USCGC *Dauntless* and LCDR Bonner of USCGC *Cypress* were both fresh from changes of command and brand new to their respective units. CDR Martis of USCGC *Decisive*, on deployment with his Cutter, was unable to attend but was ably represented by his lovely wife Ana. And finally, our local USCG Station OIC Senior Chief Cowley, who needed no introduction due to his local popularity, rounded out those represented on stage. Worthy of note here, two additional Cutters will be moving to Pensacola in 2020, bringing the USCG total to five Cutters. After recognizing the USCG, we had the opportunity to recognize the Captain and crew from the pre-commissioning unit (PCU) *Tripoli*. PCU *Tripoli* will be commissioned the *USS Tripoli, LHA-7* here next spring. The Summer Social rounded out its multiple functions by giving our Sea Cadets and the Marine Corps League’s Young Marines an opportunity to strut their stuff as “color guard” for the event. Our Summer Social Committee headed by RADM Don Quinn USN (Ret), included Buck Mitchell, Tom Pace, Carol Monroe, Patty Veal, Nan Harper, Jim Crumlish and Pam Hatt. If you were unable to attend the Summer Social this year, get it on your calendar early for next year.

September brought the always emotional POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon to the Pensacola Yacht Club. The POW/MIA Luncheon was co-sponsored with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pensacola Chapter. Butch Wallace, Betty Williams and Carla Cuilik deserve recognition for this event. The story of local Pensacola man and USAAF, 1st Lt. James Polkinghorne, who has been missing (MIA) since WWII, was powerfully told by Dr. Leo Murphy of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. If you are unfamiliar with 1st Lt. Polkinghorne’s compelling story, Dr. Murphy’s book “Lost in Heaven” is a must read. Also in September, we held another phenomenal Admiral’s Club event during which John Apleyard, Pensacola’s own “Historian and Story Teller,” presented an oral history covering the origins of Naval Air Station Pensacola. This was a real and rare treat for all in attendance. Many thanks to VADM Jerry Unruh USN (Ret) for his great emcee skills and Bobby Riggs and his Admi-

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als' Club crew for their excellent set up work.

October brought in rapid succession our Annual Bar-B-Que, Golf Tournament and Navy Birthday Ball. The BBQ and Golf Tournament will be covered in more detail in this newsletter, but were stand-out events in their own right. We are indeed fortunate to have the venues and volunteers to make these events the quality showcase activities that they have become. The Golf Tournament Committee spearheaded by CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret) partnered this



The 244th Navy Birthday Ball at the National Naval Aviation Museum

year with The Navy Birthday Ball Committee and allowed the Pensacola Navy League to be a major Sponsor and agent of support for the 244th NASP Navy Birthday Ball. The keynote speaker at the Ball VCNO, ADM Robert Burke USN, painted a vivid verbal picture of the Navy's history, heritage and heroism with ties to current events and cyber warfare. His talk which paralleled legacy challenges with today's uncertainty was both informative and uplifting. If you have not attended a Navy or Marine Corps Birthday Ball, they are "must do" events.

To round out the year, November and December will bring the Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels, "Homecoming Show" the weekend of November 8th and our own Pensacola Navy League formal Christmas party, at the Pensacola Yacht Club on December 11th. I certainly hope to see you in attendance at both.

Before closing, I want to take a moment to recognize the efforts of our Sea Cadet Commanding Officer, CWO-4 Kevin Schneider, USN. Kevin has been selected for promotion to CWO-5 and as such will be leaving us and the Pensacola area soon. "Skipper" Schneider has been invaluable to the training, mentoring, growth and achievements of Pensacola Sea Cadet, Independence Squadron cadets. To Kevin we owe much. The cadets have benefited immeasurably from his leadership and organizational skills. To CWO-5 Schneider, **congratulations and well done!** To Kevin and his family, we wish you all the best in your next duty station.

Finally, a reminder to vote in our upcoming Board of Director elections. Ballots should have arrived or will be arriving in your mailbox/inbox soon. If you know of someone who would make a good and actively involved Board member, contact our Election Committee Chairman, CMDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret) at mcurley@nationalflightacademy.com. Write-in's will also be allowed on the Ballots. Please vote!

In closing, my personal thanks to our hard working Committee Chairs and their committee members. There are too many to note here, but they are doing tremendous work on behalf of our valiant Sea Service personnel and you. And of course a very special THANKS to our invaluable Sponsors. Without them, we are "dead in the water."

Until next time. May God Bless.....



The third annual Summer Social, hosted by the Pensacola Council Navy League in conjunction with the Pensacola Marine Corps League, was held August 22nd in Phineas Phoggs at Seville Quarter. Summer Social, a free networking event for all current Navy League members and a new prospective member, has grown into the

Pensacola Navy League’s second largest event.

The Sea Cadets and the Young Marines presented the colors and RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret) served as the emcee. In true “Tailhook tradition” the Star Spangled Banner was sung acapella by everyone in attendance, with Jim Crumlish leading. A silent auction that included sunset cruises by Sail Wild Hearts and other generous gifts donated by supporters raised approximately \$1,580 for the Sea Cadets and the Young Marines. Very special thanks to our corporate sponsors Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union, our Gold Level sponsors Bayside Hypnosis and First Command, Inc. and our affiliate members and many supporters.



RADM Quinn served as emcee





PENSACOLA NAVY LEAGUE & MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Thank the following organizations, businesses, and individuals for their contribution to our Summer Social's success:

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Without their support, this event would not be possible.



NASP Commanding Officer CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN with wife Jen and sons Charlie and Timothy.





The 21st annual POW/MIA luncheon, hosted by the Pensacola Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and the Pensacola Navy League, was held September 17th at Pensacola Yacht Club. The moving ceremony opens each year

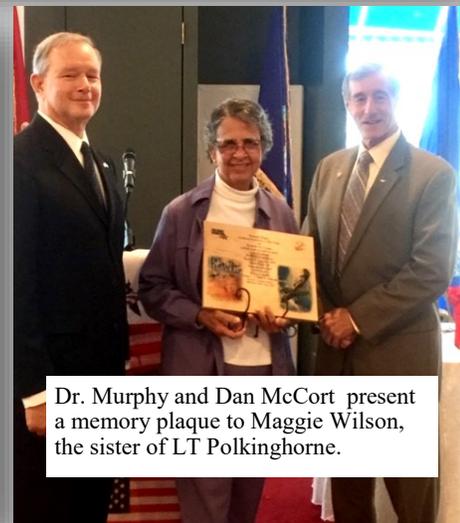
with the “Table of Remembrance” poem, poignantly read by Capt. Nat Mack, USAF (Ret). The Escambia High School NJROTC presented the colors followed by “Taps” performed by Joe and Katie Meyer. Capt Mack’s brother is listed as MIA/KIA during the Korean War. The brother’s dog tags are part of the “Remember” memorial. Guest speaker was Dr. Leo Murphy, Professor of Aeronautics and Flight at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. Dr. Murphy, a retired Naval Aviator, has authored several books on the history of aviation in Pensacola. He shared the story of his latest work, “Lost in Heaven” which chronicles the life of LT James Polkinghorne. Polkinghorne was a Tuskegee Airman from Pensacola, who at the age of 22, disappeared while flying a mission over Italy during WWII. His remains were never recovered. CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret) served as the emcee.



Capt. Nat Mack, USAF (RET) reads the “Table of Remembrance” poem.



President Dan McCort with Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Pensacola Chapter President Betty Williams and guest speaker Dr. Leo Murphy



Dr. Murphy and Dan McCort present a memory plaque to Maggie Wilson, the sister of LT Polkinghorne.



ADMIRALS' CLUB

The Pensacola Navy League Admirals' Club hosted a guest speaker series luncheon on September 25th featuring John H. Appleyard, historian, author, civic leader, former Pensacola advertising executive and WWII veteran. Appleyard, a gifted storyteller, has authored many prolific writings on the history of Pensacola. At the age of 96, he pens a weekly column in the Pensacola News Journal and broadcasts the Game of the Week at the Blue Wahoos baseball stadium. Appleyard presented on the history of Naval Air Station Pensacola, from its rich history beginning in 1559 when Don Tristan DeLuna founded a colony on what is now Fort Barrancas, to its establishment in 1914 as a Navy Yard. VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret) served as emcee.



VADM Unruh served as emcee.



Shery Lavelle with John Appleyard





CHICKEN BARBECUE

The annual Pensacola Navy League Chicken Barbecue was held October 3rd at Pensacola Yacht Club. This casual end-of-summer event, a favorite among members, is an opportunity to relax and celebrate the success of the council and committee members who work hard in support of our sea services. The guests enjoyed a beautiful view and sunset during cocktail hour and feasted on chicken grilled by our Pensacola Navy League chefs: Buck Mitchell, Bobby Riggs, Harry White, Bob Anderson and a few other “sous chefs.” President Dan McCort recapped the highlights of the year and shared his ideas for new projects. RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret) provided an update to the much anticipated commissioning of the *PCU Tripoli*, tentatively scheduled for Pensacola in 2020.



President Dan McCort speaks to the crowd



Harry White, former Public Affairs Officer of NAS Pensacola and barbecue chef extraordinaire



Catherine Martin and CAPT Chris Martin, USN (Ret), former Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola



Golf Tournament



Golf Tournament Committee Chairman
CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret)

The Annual Navy League Golf Tournament was held October 11th at the beautiful A.C. Read Golf Course aboard NAS Pensacola. This year's proceeds from the tournament benefited the Navy Birthday Ball and the Sea Services. With just under 100 players, this was the biggest tournament in Pensacola Navy League history.

Congratulations to the winning team members from the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron, Blue Angels: Hunter Wollaston, Allon Floyd, Sam Wiberg and Brandon Bates. Big thanks to major sponsors Pen Air Federal Credit Union, the Marine Corps League, Pensacola Country Club, DynCorp, AAMCO and Sky-warrior. Also thanks to Vertex Aerospace, Pete Moore Chevrolet, Mercedes Benz of Pensacola, Kia Pensacola and Battery Source for their support. Best score for active duty command received \$250 for Command MWR and a Command "Traveling Trophy" courtesy of Pen Air Federal Credit Union.

Kudos to tournament organizer CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret) for the greatest year on the fairways.

More photos can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pensacola-Council-of-the-Navy-League-of-the-United-States/>



The Tournament Winners from the Naval Flight demonstration Squadron Blue Angels: L-R, Hunter Wollaston, Allon Floyd, Sam Wiberg and Brandon Bates





SEA CADETS

INDEPENDENCE SQUADRON



Jim Crumlish, Community Liaison for the Sea Cadets



In August, as part of the Independence Squadron's Military History training, the cadets traveled to New Orleans to tour the WWII Museum. A highlight was Tom Hank's 4D documentary film, which virtually transported cadets right into an aerial battle... "Awesome", was the unanimous expression.

At the Navy League Summer Social, the Sea Cadet Color Guard was joined by members of the Young Marines of the Pensacola Marine Corps League. During the festivities, the Sea Cadets roamed around the many military and civilian guests to offer raffle tickets for several unique sets of special prizes. Coupled with a silent auction of sailboat excursions, the prizes included a set of soft skills course books and gift baskets donated by Carol Monroe of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Pensacola campus, Patty Veal of New Horizons Credit Union and Publix grocers. The cadets earned \$1,080 toward the costs of certain STEM projects.

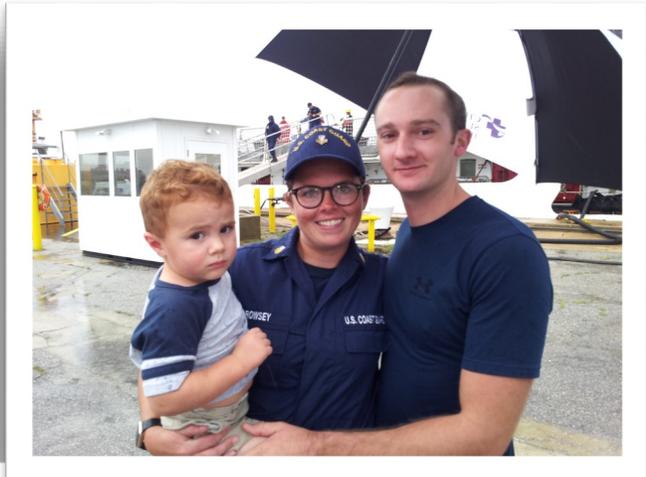
During August and September Drill Periods, the Commanding Officer, CWO5 (Sel) Schneider, provided RF Propagation training, and three Petty Officers from Information Warfare of Corry Station introduced Cadets to Cybersecurity basics and a simulated Cyber Attack exercise... in preparation for the Drone/Cyber Security STEM project.

Flying Drones, in competition at the NATTC Aviation Ordnance Hangar, is led by Chris Tomm, CEO of Pelican Drones, Inc. Integration of Cybersecurity to counter cyber attacks on drones will be led by Guy Garrett and Dr. Guillermo Francia of the UWF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence. Virtual Cyber Studios will produce videos of the Drone/Cybersecurity Initiative for future STEM training of cadets and other youth.



Cadets also participated in water activities during the October drill including sailboat exercises at the NAS MWR facility.

Welcome home to NAS Pensacola, the crew of the USCG Cutter *Dauntless*, returning after a two month deployment. *Dauntless*, the first cutter to seize more than one million pounds in marijuana, has confiscated more illegal drugs and traffickers than any other Cutter in history. The crew was greeted on a rainy day by happy families, friends and members of the Pensacola Navy League and the USO.





AHOY NEW MEMBERS

Joe Dillard
 William Dunn
 Sterling Gilliam
 James Hagy
 Marcus Huff
 Thomas "TK" Keeley
 Catherine Martin
 Christopher Martin
 Tony Meader
 Christopher Middleton
 Alex Miller

RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

July 2019

Linda J. Balink-White
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 Ronald S. McCuiston
 Gerald A. McGill
 John P. Wrynn

Cristov Dosev
 Dave L. Gibson
 Joe Gilchrist
 Nan Harper
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 C. Flack Logan
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 John Pinzino
 Jeffrey Tharp
 Mark Thompson

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 Kenneth J. Densmore
 Gordon J. Dey
 Robert O. Dillard

Marty W. Martin
 Sarah Martin
 Timothy M. McGuire
 Carol Z. Monroe
 David Morgan
 Eric J. Nickelsen

September 2019

Robert C. Balink
 Thomas Gonzalez
 Wesley Odom
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 Paul E. Tobin



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★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

November 8-9

**Naval Flight Demonstration Team
Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show**
Sherman Field, NAS Pensacola

December 11

Christmas Dinner and Dance
Pensacola Yacht Club

December 14

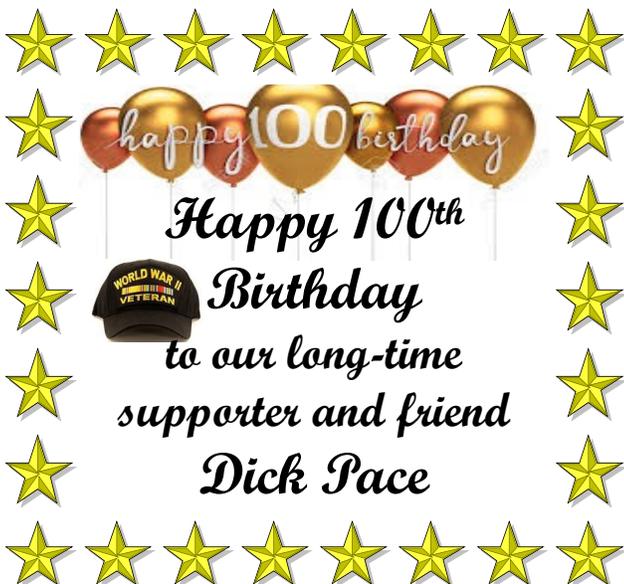
Wreaths Across America Ceremony
Deadline to order wreaths is December 1
Barrancas National Cemetery

December 19

Goldstar Families Memorial Fundraising Dinner
Seville Quarter Heritage Hall

January 28

Admiral's Club Meet the Boss Speaker Series
Pensacola Yacht Club





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