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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nan Harper, President, Pensacola Council Navy League



Welcome 2018! The Pensacola Council anticipates a successful year. The new members who joined us seem to be generating energy that is contagious, as we plan the events that will be celebrated throughout the year.

We look forward to the annual Military Recognition Day Luncheon held in **February**. The Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast will be celebrated in **April**, along with the NJROTC awards ceremony. In **May**, which is Military Appreciation Month, we have the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, and the Russell Stewart Scholarship Awards. **August** will be the month of The Summer Navy League Membership Social, and the Pensacola Council will partner with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in presenting the POW/MIA Luncheon. The Admirals' Club will host various programs that are always informative and entertaining.

October is the month of our annual membership events, the Chicken Barbecue and the Navy League Golf Tournament, involving entities throughout the business community. **December** is marked by Navy League participation in Wreaths Across America and ends with the annual Christmas Party and the installation of the Officers for the new year. Other activities include participation in supportive events for the Heroes Among Us speaker series and Sea Cadet programs.

No organization is stronger than its mission and its members' support. One of our goals in 2018 is to increase our membership numbers, and to engage more community business participation and affiliation. We urge you to invite your business associates and your friends in spreading information regarding Navy League's commitment to the support of our sea services—indeed—of our military, as all branches are being included in the panorama of forces deployed at NAS Pensacola.

Wishing you a healthy and successful 2018!

Military Recognition Day

Mmilitary Recognition Day honors military members who have demonstrated significant community service. The Pensacola Council will recognize those members during a luncheon and ceremony, held **February 22nd, 11:30 am** at Skopelos-New World Landing.

The honorees are nominated by their commands. Each nominee is recognized ceremoniously, with one outstanding military community service leader selected for the prestigious Margaret Flowers Civic Award. Margaret Flowers is a retired civil service employee who left a legacy of service to both the U.S. Navy and her community.

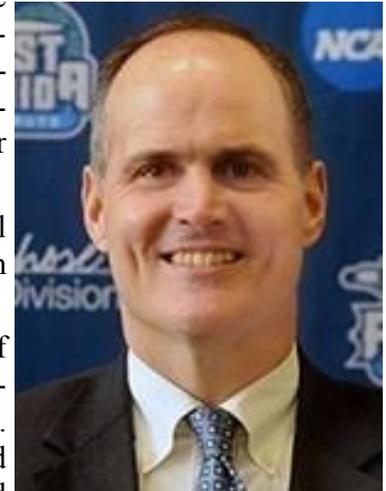
This year's guest speaker is Pete Shinnick, the head football coach at the University of West Florida and the 2017 American Football Coach Association Region 2, Coach of the Year.

In 2005, Shinnick was named the head coach at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the first football coach at the university since the school discontinued the program in the 1950s. On January 31, 2014, the University of West Florida announced it had hired Shinnick as the head coach of its newly established football team, the Argonauts. The team began play in 2016.

On November 12, 2017, the Argonauts made the NCCA Division II playoffs in only their second season, making them the fastest team in NCAA history to do so.

Don't miss the Pensacola Council's biggest and proudest event of the year!

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The 2017 Military Recognition Day Nominees with Margaret Flowers

NLUS Legislative Affairs

CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) and CAPT Kevin Miller, USN (Ret) serve as representatives in NLUS Legislative Affairs for the Pensacola Council. In November 2017, Dan and Kevin traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the NLUS Legislative Affairs (LA) Congressional Fly-In event. Also attending were CAPT Thomas Pruter, USN (Ret) NLUS National Vice President, Awards, STEM and Youth Programs, CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret) NLUS President, Southern Region and CAPT Bill Hewitt, USN (Ret) NLUS Director, Southern Region.



Here is Dan's report:

The objective of the Fly-In was for the Navy League to reach out to as many Members of Congress (MOC) as possible, prior to their vote on Military Appropriations funding concerning the Sea Services. We ended up with 73 NLUS members from around the country teaming up to visit an unprecedented 210 MOC representatives.

I was paired with Mark Harden. We were designated as Southern Team #1 Gulf Coast. Kevin Miller was paired with Tom Pruter and Bill Hewitt. They were designated as Southern Team #2 Gulf Coast. Teams were generally comprised of 3-5 people. All teams were given a schedule of appointments prearranged by the NLUS LA Office. Training in preparation for the visit was conducted by the NLUS LA team in DC the day prior to the actual MOC office calls. During the training, customized presentation handouts were provided to each Team for their use while visiting each MOC office and for MOC retention following the visit. Southern Team #1 was tasked with visiting Congressman Steve Palazzo from the Mississippi 4th District, Congressman Garret Graves from the Louisiana 6th District, Congressman Neal Dunn from the Florida 2nd District, Congressman Cedric Richmond from the Louisiana 2nd District and Congressman Matt Gaetz from the Florida 1st District. In most cases, meetings were conducted with MOC staff members in lieu of the actual MOC. This was due to the vote on tax reform being conducted during the period of the Fly-In.

The general consensus reached by the many Fly-In Teams following their office calls was that our outreach as NLUS unpaid volunteers was well received by all MOC representatives and their staff members. In addition, we happily discovered that most of the MOC representatives were well informed and very supportive of the Sea Services and their unique funding needs. Time will now tell how effective our visit was as the many funding votes are conducted and tallied.

I heartily endorse participation by any of our Pensacola Council members in the next Fly-In event, should circumstances allow. Having direct contact/involvement with MOC representatives provides an opportunity to influence the support that our Sea Services receive in a way not possible from the local council level.



Tom Pruter, Mark Harden, and Dan McCort meet with representatives from the office of Congressman Matt Gaetz



Mark Harden and Dan McCort with Congressman Tom Graves



Dan McCort and Mark Harden with Congressman Steven Palazzo



Dan McCort and Mark Harden meet with a representative from Congressman Cedric Richmond's office

GOLF TOURNAMENT

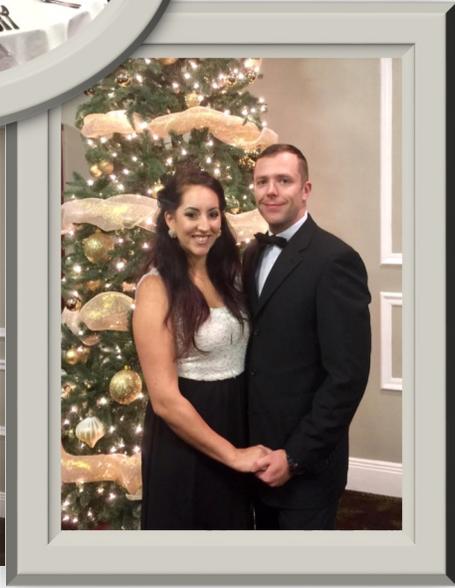
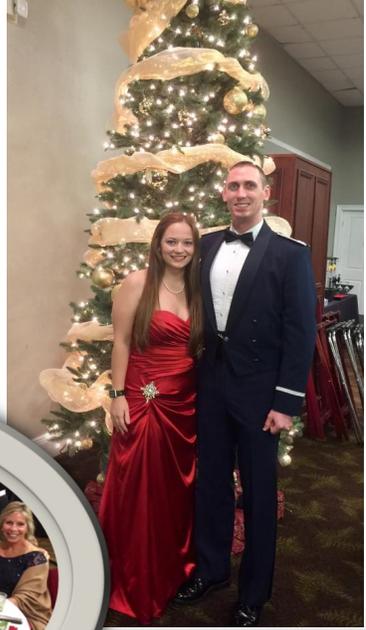


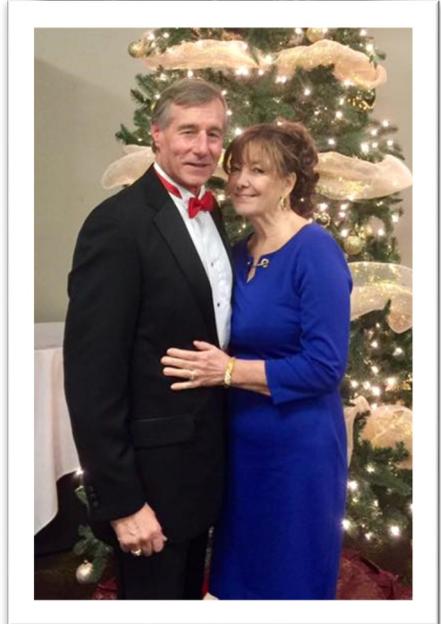
The Annual Navy League golf tournament was held October 13th at the beautiful A.C. Read Golf Course aboard NAS Pensacola. Congratulations to the winning team members: Gary Skaar, Mack Miller, Don Presley and Mike Whitehead. Big thanks to Pen Air Federal Credit Union and the Marine Corps Association for being the featured sponsor. Also thanks to L3 Vertex Aerospace, Pete Moore Chevrolet, Navy Federal Credit Union, Gulf Power, Nan Harper of Island Realty, RADM “D.Q.” Quinn, USN (Ret) of Daoine Enterprises, LLC, CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret) and Bonelli’s Italian Restaurant for their support. Goodie bags were provided to all of the players. Sponsorship teams received a tee marker. Kudos to tournament organizer CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret) for another great year on the fairways.



Christmas Dinner Dance

The Pensacola Council celebrated a great year at the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance held December 6th at Skopelos- New World Landing. The program included a recap on the council's accomplishments from President Nan Harper. Nan recognized outgoing Board members CAPT John McGill, USN (Ret), CAPT Rock Penfold, USN (Ret) and CTICM Butch Wallace, USN (Ret). Also recognized was Russell Lentz, Finance Officer, for his many years of dedicated service in that role. RADM Kyle Kozad, USN, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, presided over the installation and swearing in of the 2018 Officers and Board Members. Guests enjoyed music and dancing to "Cello Salad". Very special thanks to Jeri Blankenbeck and her committee for organizing this special event. Special thanks also to Pen Air Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship.







SEA CADETS

INDEPENDENCE SQUADRON



CAPT Curtis Duncan, USN

The United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps (USNCC) conducted Field Operations during their October Drill weekend at Blue Angel Recreational Park.

During the first day of drill, the Cadets received training on field medicine. Leading the Training was HMCM Kennovin, who works at the Naval Hospital. He trained the Cadets on proper field medical techniques using visual aids (mock injury kits). Then the cadets split into teams and participated in litter (stretcher) races where each team ran to a simulated injured cadet, treated the wound, then loaded the cadet on the stretcher and carried them back.

IT1 Sullivan and 1st LT Gotwalt provided training on land navigation and field communications. This was in preparation for the patrols the cadets were to hike the next day where they would utilize all of the skills. On the second day, cadets, in separate patrol groups, followed a route through the woods with simulated opposition forces. They practiced their field communication techniques when they reported situations back to base camp. They encountered opposition forces and some Cadets were simulated as being injured. These Cadets received field medical treatment from their ship-mates and were carried back to base camp on stretchers.



In November, the Cadets were finally able to operate their Sea Perch units that they built during the June Drill. They were able to build the Sea Perch units with the dedicated help from the Navy League's Tom Pruter, who promotes STEM projects with our youth. The Cadets broke up into three teams and conducted relay races through submerged hula hoops with their Remote Operated Sea Perch Units. Team "Big Dog" was the winner with Team "Turtle" as a close second.



Thanks to the Navy League for helping the Sea Cadets build these remotely operated vehicles at no cost to the Sea Cadets and thanks to the Commanding Officer at NAS Pensacola Schools Command for allowing the Sea Cadets to utilize the indoor pool to conduct tests of the units.

Sea Cadets is a program for young men and women in a drug and gang free environment that promotes teamwork, responsibility, respect, and leadership skills. Graduates of the

Sea Cadets frequently choose a career serving in our country's Armed Forces, but this is NOT a requirement to join. The skills learned in this program are useful in any life path the youth chooses. If a cadet does choose the Armed Services, they frequently will have earned early advancement in the US Navy and Coast Guard (E-3 after boot camp). As many as 12%



of the graduates of the US Naval Academy are former Sea Cadets.

Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/usnscindependencesquadron1/>

If you know someone interested in joining the Sea Cadets, call Instructor Bennett at 850-698-8798 or the Executive Officer, Curtis Duncan at 540-369-1690.

GOOD NEWS

FROM OUR AFFILIATE SPONSORS

Pen Air Federal Credit Union CEO Stuart Ramsey & Pam Hatt, Director of Marketing, accepted the 2017 award for Philanthropic Corporation, awarded by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), West Florida Chapter.

The award goes to the corporation in the area that makes the biggest impact in the community through financial, volunteer work, and other miscellaneous contributions made to multiple organizations in their community. "Enhancing the lives of others by extending generosity to our community is a top priority to us and is why we live and breathe the term."



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COMING UP

This is the first time in history Tall Ships America® will bring its **TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®** Series of Tall Ships® races and port festivals to the Gulf of Mexico.

Pensacola is one of only three host ports, and the only Florida port, included in the Tall Ships® Gulf Coast series. Tall Ship *Elissa* is returning to Pensacola after 132 years, having made

a previous voyage in 1886 from Galveston, Texas. The vessel is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tall Ships® Pensacola will take place in Plaza de Luna in Downtown Pensacola during April 12th-15th. The event will occupy three festival days, which will include onboard tours, sail away ventures, VIP viewing parties, private ship receptions, entertainment, food, and vending booths. For information and tickets, visit <https://www.visitpensacola.com/tall-ships/>



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Member No. (if known):

Please return this ENTIRE page with payment. The Pensacola Council Collects Local *and* National Dues. Current National Membership is required of all Local Members.*

Section 1 – Mandatory - Membership Dues: Please select one applicable category below:

Member Category	Dues Breakdown	Sub total
Individual - 1 year membership	Local \$30.00 + National \$55.00	\$ 85.00
Individual - 2 year membership	Local \$60.00 + National \$100.00	\$160.00
Individual - 3 year membership	Local \$90.00 + National \$130.00	\$220.00
Spouse of Active Duty 1 year membership	Local \$25.00 + National \$55.00	\$ 80.00
Local Only – National Life Members*	Local \$30.00 Each	\$30.00 ea
E- membership – only electronic version of Sea Power monthly	Local \$30.00 + National \$25.00	\$ 55.00

Section 2 – Optional - Admirals Club (Please join the **Admirals’ Club** If you wish to enjoy the numerous benefits and give extra support and leadership to the Council’s local programs).

Admirals’ Club - \$60.00 individual 1 year membership per person	\$60.00
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Section 3 – Optional - Donation

I wish to make an additional tax deductible donation to the Pensacola Council	\$
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Section 4 – Total – Add amounts from the sub total columns of Sections 1, 2 and 3 above.

Section 1 –Dues	\$
Section 2 – Admirals Club	\$
Section 3 - Donations	\$
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Make all checks payable to: **“Pensacola Council, US Navy League”**

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Please consider including the Council in your end of life charitable giving.



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 Doni Rankin
 Hugh Rankin
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October 2017

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 Linda Balink-White
 Ilene Barney
 Jeri Blankenbeck
 Stacy Brown
 Mark Harden
 Russell Lentz
 Diane Livingston
 Gerald McGill
 John McGill
 Don Quinn
 Kenneth Ruber

November 2017

Susan Cerovsky
 Mike Clapsadl
 Kathy Denkler
 Mike Denkler
 Joe Gilchrist
 Evan Hipsley
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 Jerry Unruh

December 2017

Bill Cuilik
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 W.C. Hart
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22

Military Recognition Day and Civic Award Luncheon
 Skopelos-New World Landing

February 27

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Awards Banquet
 Pensacola Yacht Club

Lion's Club Outstanding Flight Instructors Banquet
 Skopelos-New World Landing

March TBA

Admirals' Club "Meet the Boss" Luncheon
 Pensacola Yacht Club

April 26

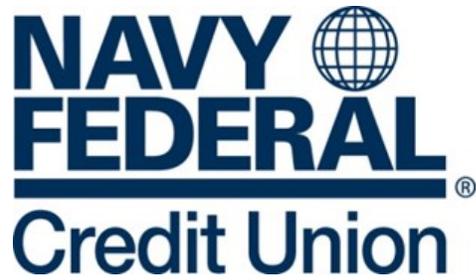
Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast
 Heritage Hall-Seville Quarter

May 24

Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon
 Skopelos-New World Landing



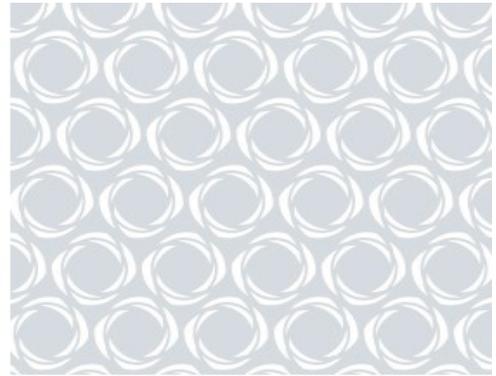
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