

# Bullhorn

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret)*



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**P**ensacola Council Navy League is off to a great start in 2015, hosting the first of many recognition events for our local sea service members and their families. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Navy League hosted the Military Recognition Day Awards Luncheon at New World Landing, recognizing 19 outstanding civic minded enlisted military members, for their volunteer support within the community. This year's Margaret Flowers Civic Award winner, Aviation Ordnanceman First Class Alexanna C. Williams, a Pensacola native, was recognized for her remarkable achievement of nearly 500 hours of community support. The awards luncheon was emceed by WEAR TV-3 Sports Director, Dan Shugart, and attended by over 520 community leaders, corporate sponsors, military members and guests. This year's event was the largest in many years and was made possible through major sponsorship provided by Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union, as well as many corporate and

individual Navy League member sponsors. Thanks to all those that attended and especially to our Navy League members that sponsored tables and individual military members and their families – it was a truly memorable event.

February 19<sup>th</sup> marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the battle for Iwo Jima and the setting for one of the most iconic combat photographs in the history of the U.S. sea services – the raising of the American flag on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1945, by U.S. Marines of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division. The battle, among the most costly and significant in Marine Corps history, was crucial to achieving victory in the Pacific, in WWII. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Marine Corps League hosted a luncheon recognizing three local veterans of Iwo Jima. The Pensacola Council was proud to support the event recognizing these American heroes.



Looking to the future, the Pensacola Council will once again recognize the support and sacrifices made by local military spouses at the annual Spouse Appreciation Luncheon. Also, the outstanding professional performance of military enlisted members, from many local commands, will be honored at the annual Enlisted Recognition Breakfast. Both events will be held in May during Military Appreciation Month. To sponsor a table or individual military and family members, please contact the Navy League office at (850) 436-8552 or email [navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net](mailto:navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net).

## Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon** will be held Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 am, at New World Landing. This event is emceed by Sue Straughn of WEAR TV 3. Guest speaker is Ms. Leigh Frosch, wife of CAPT Tom Frosch, USN, Commanding Officer of the Blue Angels' Flight Demonstration Team. 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 [navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net](mailto:navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net)

## ENLISTED RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Pensacola Council Navy League, invites you to celebrate our enlisted military, during the annual **Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast**, to be held Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am at Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter. 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 [navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net](mailto:navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net)

## Navy Reserves Celebrates 100 Years

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Pensacola Navy Reserve Centennial Committee (PNRCC), will be partnering with the Blue Wahoos baseball team to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Navy Reserves. In honor of this special occasion, the Committee will host a tailgate party at 3:00 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Community Maritime Park and Amphitheater, located next to Blue Wahoos stadium. Among the several flag officers in attendance will be the Chief of the Navy Reserve, VADM Robin Braun, USN. VADM Braun, as the guest of honor, will recognize the achievements of several selected reservists and will throw out the first pitch of the baseball game. A free concert will be performed by the Navy Contemporary Rock Band. Earlier in the day, at 1:00 pm, the National Naval Aviation Museum will be dedicating an exhibit to commemorate the centennial. This exhibit will be on display for the entire year. Contact Wayne Lane, President, PNRCC at 814-642-1075 or email [dclswanewayne@gmail.com](mailto:dclswanewayne@gmail.com)



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# Elcano Stops in Pensacola



The highly anticipated port visit of the Juan Sebastián de Elcano, a Naval Academy Training ship for the Spanish Navy, will take place May 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Port of Pensacola. Revered as Spain's "floating embassy," the Elcano was built in 1927, and is the third tallest ship in the world. She is named after Spanish explorer Juan Sebastián de Elcano, captain of Ferdinand Magellan's last exploratory fleet, and the man to lead the first circumnavigation of the world. The Elcano's last visit to Pensacola was in 2009, as part of the city's 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1559 arrival of Spanish explorer Don Tristan de Luna, and to kick off the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city's Fiesta of Five Flags celebration. The ship returns for five days as part of the celebration of honoring General Bernardo de Galvez, the hero of the battle of Pensacola. Special thanks to Dame Maria Davis, Pensacola's honorary Vice Consul of Spain, who is responsible for the Elcano's return. The Pensacola Council Navy League will host an all-hands fish fry, scheduled for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at New World Landing. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For reservations, call (850) 436-8552 or email [navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net](mailto:navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net)

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## "Meet the Boss" Speaker Series

Each year, the Admirals' Club hosts a "Meet the Boss" speaker series luncheon. The guest speaker and "boss" of Pensacola Naval Hospital was CAPT Maureen "Mo" Padden, USN. CAPT Padden shared the many challenges she faced as a female during a time



when women leaders were the exception. Early in her career, following an internship in Family Medicine at Camp Pendleton, CA, she attended flight surgeon training in Pensacola. She was subsequently assigned as the flight surgeon to



Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 at Camp Pendleton, with whom she deployed to Southeast Asia. She also served as Executive Officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola, from 2009 to 2011. She was the central lead in primary care for a new Navy Medicine-wide initiative known as the Patient Centered Medical Home, also known as Medical 'Homeport'. In June 2012, CAPT Padden became the 74<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola. Her command comprises 10 clinics in 5 states, including Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and even Indiana.



# Military Recognition Day

The Pensacola Council Navy League is proud of the efforts of military personnel who contribute their time to enrich the community. For 33 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 26<sup>h</sup>, at New World Landing, boasted an attendance of more than 520 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. This year's nominees were ABH1 (AW/SW) David L. Castro, USN, ET1 Brittney L. Dirnbauer,



USN, SSgt Douglas L. Downing, USMC, MA1 (SW/AW) KC M. Duenas, USN, PFC Kayla M. Gaudin, USMC, CTN1 Ryan M. Greenbauer, USN, HM2 Natahsa C. Ibarra, USN, AC3 Brandon D. Keiser, USN, CTT1 Jacob P. Kelley, USN, Y1 Noel Lindsay, USCG, ABH1 (AW) Jeremy T. Luther, USN, AT1 (AW/SW) Angel E. Rodriguez Martinez, USN, MT2 Jonathan A. Merrell, USCG, IT1 Grace M. Silva-Ortiz, USN, Y1 Evahleigh A. Simmons, USN, CTR1 Jeffrey P. Wallis, USN, HM1 Cody A. Werven, USN, AO1 (AW/SW) Alexanna C. Williams, USN, and Y1 (AW/SW) Jennifer L. Zeravsky, USN. One of the nominees was selected to receive the Margaret Flowers Civic Award 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. The award is named in her honor, "because she embodies the true esprit de corps of community and social involvement." This year's winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award is Aviation Ordnanceman First Class (AW/SW) Alexanna C. Williams, USN, Training Support Department,



Naval Air Technical Training Center, NAS Pensacola. Petty Officer First Class Williams selfless contribution of more than 490 volunteer hours to the local community has established her as an Ambassador of Goodwill. She was selected as the command's Junior Instructor of the First Quarter and Training Support Department's Sailor of the First Quarter. Her community service work earned her the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. The selection criteria is based on civic work in the community, leadership, rate proficiency and representation of appearance. The guest speaker was Quint Studer, local business leader and founder of the Studer Group. 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 Power-Point presentation.



# SEA CADETS



## Independence Squadron



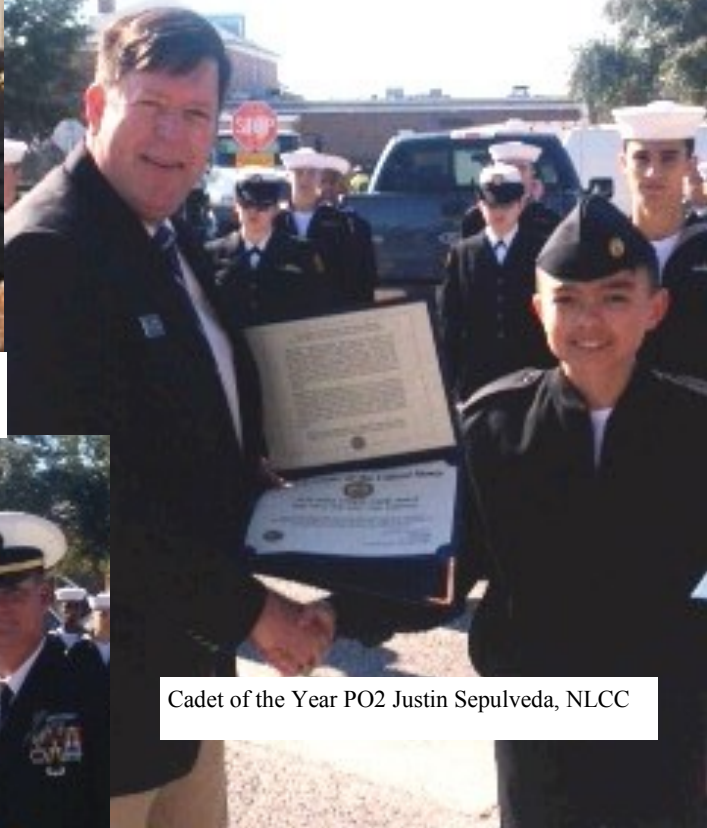
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The Pensacola Council Navy League proudly supports the Independence Squadron, United States Sea Cadet Squadron, Pensacola.

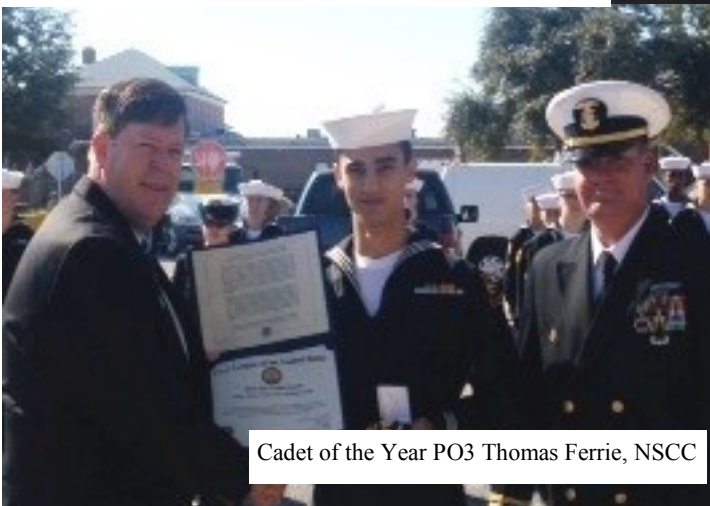


L-R: CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret), LT Tony Chandler, USNSCC CO (Ret) and LT Darryl Harp USNSCC CO

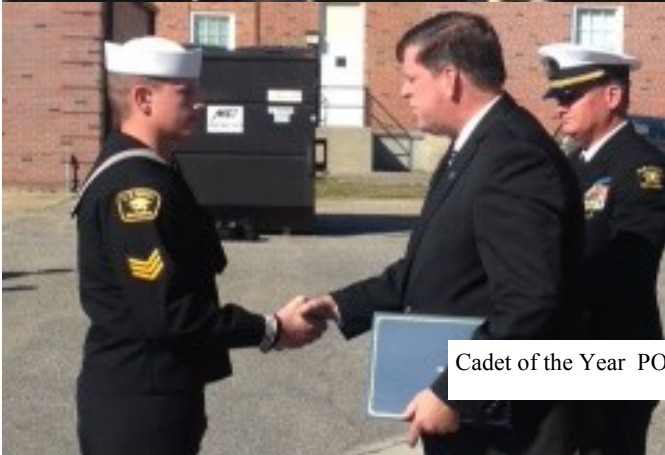
Pensacola Council 1st Vice President, CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret) presents awards to the Cadets of the Year, along with LT Darrel Harp, Commanding Officer of the Independence Squadron.



Cadet of the Year PO2 Justin Sepulveda, NLCC



Cadet of the Year PO3 Thomas Ferrie, NSCC



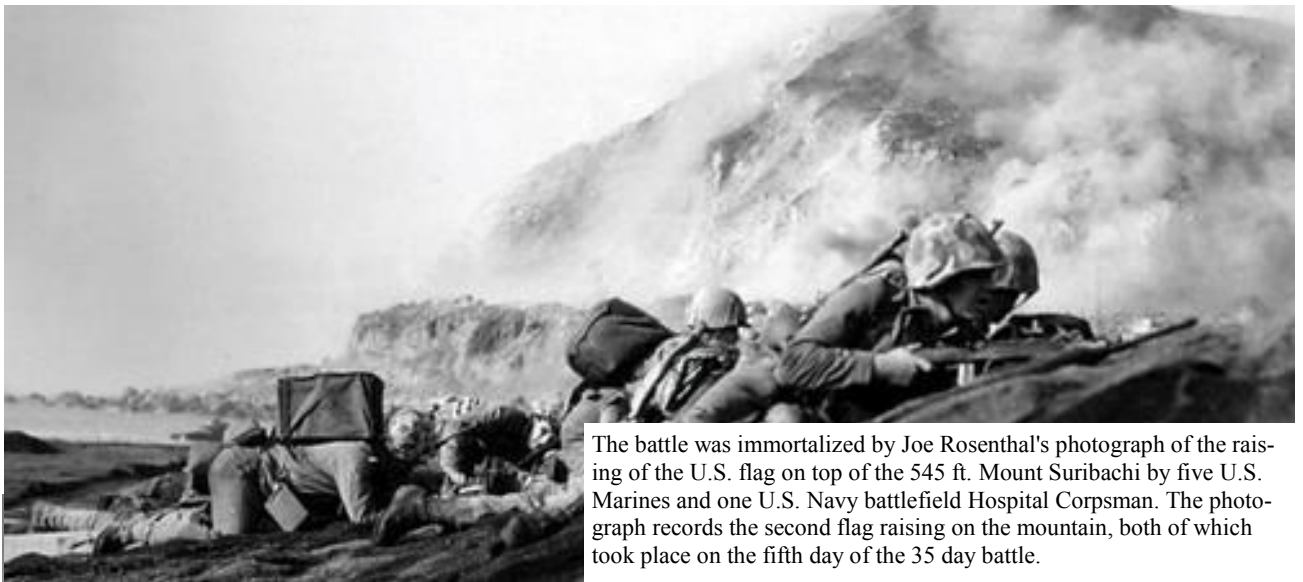
Cadet of the Year PO3 Austin Condon, NSCC



# BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

The American amphibious invasion of Iwo Jima, a key island in the Bonin chain roughly 575 miles from the Japanese coast, was sparked by the desire for a place where B-29 bombers damaged over Japan could land without returning all the way to the Marianas, and for a base for escort fighters that would assist in the bombing campaign. Iwo Jima was defended by roughly 23,000 Japanese army and navy troops, and it was attacked by three marine divisions after elaborate preparatory air and naval bombardment (sixty-eight hundred tons of bombs, twenty-two thousand shells). The battle was marked by changes in Japanese defense tactics—troops no longer defended at the beach line but rather concentrated inland. The Japanese fought from an elaborate network of caves, dugouts, tunnels, and underground installations that were difficult to find and destroy. Except for 1,083 prisoners (two of whom did not surrender until 1951) the entire garrison was wiped out. American losses included 5,900 dead and 17,400 wounded. This five-week battle comprised some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the War in the Pacific of World War II.

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/battle-of-iwo-jima/print>



The battle was immortalized by Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the raising of the U.S. flag on top of the 545 ft. Mount Suribachi by five U.S. Marines and one U.S. Navy battlefield Hospital Corpsman. The photograph records the second flag raising on the mountain, both of which took place on the fifth day of the 35 day battle.





FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 26, 2015 MARKED THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IWO JIMA



# USS ALABAMA MOORED IN MOBILE

On the morning of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1944, at the height of the World War II in the Pacific, the radar operators of the USS Alabama (BB-60) were at their posts in the Combat Information Center (CIC) monitoring the screens just like any other day. During the War, USS Alabama was equipped with the latest state-of-the-art SK-2 air search radar. Because of time constraints, it was installed by the crew while moored to a buoy at Efate, New Hebrides in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations rather than by trained technicians at Pearl Harbor. The officers and men were very proud of what they had accomplished together as a team.

Operating as a part of Task Force 58 (TF58), USS Alabama was supporting amphibious operations to capture the Japanese held Marianas Islands. VADM Jisaburo Ozawa, USN, in command of one portion of the opposing Imperial Japanese Navy fleet, launched a series of air raids against TF58 that would prove to be a decisive action of the Pacific war. Just after 10:00 am, USS Alabama made the initial contact of the enemy air fleet, bearing 268 degrees at a distance of 190 miles and reported the contact to the flag officer aboard USS Lexington (CV-16). That distance was unheard of at that time and VADM Mitschner, USN, was skeptical, requesting verification. The conversation went back and forth, all while the enemy was closing the range. Finally, at 90 miles, USS Iowa (BB-61) confirmed the contact. The fighter director of USS Lexington

vectored every Combat Air patrol F6F Hellcat to intercept the incoming force. TF58 launched every Hellcat that would fly, and in the next 6 hours, during a series of enemy raids, the U.S. Navy's combat air patrol fighters known as the "Big Blue Blanket" had a field day. This engagement by U.S. Naval Aviation forces would become better known as the "Great Marianas Turkey Shoot", one of the most lopsided victories in history and one that resulted in the near total destruction of Imperial Japanese Naval Aviation as an effective combat force.

Post action reports included the following by VADM Willis Lee, USN, commander of the task force battleships: "In the matter of reporting initial bogies, to USS Iowa, 'Well Done' to USS Alabama, 'Very Well Done'." Historians place Japanese aircraft losses during this action at between 390-400. Losses for TF58 were 16 Hellcats.

When the USS Alabama came to Mobile, AL in September 1964, the original SK-2 search radar dish still rotated. The radar was no longer functional as in WWII, but the dish itself was operational and could be seen rotating daily. When viewed from a distance it was as if the great ship's heart still beat, as if she were alive and still full of fight.

Unfortunately a lightning strike disabled the radar motor long ago and for decades the antenna just sat there, its position moved only by gale force winds.

In May 2014, USS Alabama's search radar dish and upper mast were removed, placed on ground level so it could be safely worked on, and a restoration process began. Sandblasted and primed, a new motor and transmission were installed along with fresh paint. Field tested for several days while still at ground level, no problems were encountered. In early October 2014, the radar assembly was hoisted back into position atop USS Alabama. Power was reconnected and today the radar once again rotates as it did during WWII, when it changed the course of history. The great ship's heart beats once again.

Sailors and Marines from NAS Pensacola regularly devote their off-duty time as volunteers at the USS Alabama, assisting staff with preservation of the ship so it can remain available for touring by the public. USS Alabama is permanently moored in Mobile Bay at Battleship Memorial Park just off of Interstate 10 in Mobile, Alabama.



RM/1c Frank Radulski, the last man still alive who was in CIC that day shows how USS Alabama crewmen plotted the pivotal enemy raid in 1944. Beside him is AM1 John Kopelakis of NAS Pensacola, part of a visiting active duty Navy group visiting the ship to learn about Navy history and heritage first hand. Manning his post in 1944 at the surface search radar console, Radulski was among the first to detect and track the enemy raid. Both Air and Surface search radar consoles remain on display in USS Alabama's CIC.



Alabama's SK-2 radar and mast lifted back into place and secured.



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Welcome aboard to Sabra White, the new Executive Assistant to the Pensacola Council Navy League.

Sabra previously served 25 years as Executive Assistant to several Commanding Officers of NAS Pensacola.

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### Upcoming Events

**May 6-8**

**Naval Aviation Museum Symposium '15**

**May 8**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Navy Reserve**  
Community Maritime Park

**May 21**

**Spouse Appreciation Luncheon**  
New World Landing

**May 26**

**Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast**  
Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter

**May 31**

**Juan Sebastián de Elcano Fish Fry**  
New World Landing

**May 31**

**Heroes Among US Speaker Series -USAF Night**  
Veteran's Park

**June 4**

**Battle of Midway Memorial Commemoration**  
National Naval Aviation Museum

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