

# Bullhorn

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Tom Furr*



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The year of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Air Station Pensacola, is setting up for quite a finish. August events for the anniversary consisted of a golf tournament, an evening at Seville Quarter, and a ballgame at Blue Wahoo Stadium. Each were a huge success. If you did not get to attend the Seville mixer, you missed a great trip down memory lane. Each room was set up to relive the past 100 years of NAS Pensacola. All three events were well received by the members of the Navy League and we want to thank everyone involved. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Naval Aviation Museum, was held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The final event will be the Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you attend. I hear this year will be extra special.

A few recently held Navy League events: The POW/MIA lunch was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is an event held in conjunction with the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge. What an Event! Guest speakers were Command Sergeant Major Frederick H. Crowson, U. S. Army (Ret.) and John Ard, brother to MIA CW3 Randolph J. Ard, U. S. Army. Their stories were an inspiration for the crowd. Great job to all involved. Thank you both for your service and for sharing your stories.

The annual Chicken BBQ membership event and membership drive was held September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is our "let your hair down and come as you are" event. The fellowship lasted into the wee hours and everyone had a great time.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Navy League Golf Tournament, which will be held Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We need support from the membership for this tournament. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and for the Navy League to continue to support the sea services, as we have done in the past, it is imperative to have your participation.

News flash: Spanish., Honorary Vice Consul, Maria Davis reports the Spanish Navy Training Ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano is returning to Pensacola in 2015, under the command of Captain Enrique Torres Piñeyro. Keep on the look out for more news on this.

Please remember to visit our website which is updated regularly and keeps you up to date on the events of the year. Supporting and recognizing the sea services for their service to our country is our job and we are well on our way to doing that this year! If you know others who should be involved with our mission, please invite them to join. Call or email the office at (850) 436-8552, [navyleagueus@bellsouth.net](mailto:navyleagueus@bellsouth.net), ask for an application and share the experience with your friends. You can also visit our website at [www.pensacolanavyleague.us](http://www.pensacolanavyleague.us). Thank you to everyone who makes this a first class organization! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

# Annual Chicken Barbecue



The annual Chicken Barbecue Membership Drive was held September 18<sup>th</sup>, at Pensacola Yacht Club. A favorite among all of the events hosted by the Pensacola Council Navy League, the casual dinner features fun, fellowship and good food cooked up by barbecue chicken masters Buck Mitchell and Bobby Riggs. We welcomed the new members and gave a big thanks to Pen Air Federal Credit Union, for their sponsorship of this event.



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# POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Pensacola Council Navy League, along with the Pensacola Chapter of Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, hosted their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual POW/MIA luncheon at New World Landing.

This year, we honored POW CSM Frederick H. Crowson, U.S. Army (Ret), and the family of MIA CWO3 Randolph J. Ard, U.S. Army. Both CSM Crowson and the brother of CWO3 Ard, John Ard, spoke to us, sharing their compelling stories.

As a Private First Class, Frederick Crowson served as a Door Gunner and Crew Chief on a UH-1 Helicopter in South Vietnam. His aircraft was shot down and he was taken as a POW in May 1970. He spent 1,018 days in captivity, until he was released in February 1973, during Operation Homecoming. CWO Randolph Ard enlisted in the Army under a guarantee that he could follow his passion to fly. Following flight training in 1970 at Fort Rucker, Alabama, he flew helicopters in Vietnam. In March 1971, he was the pilot of a Bell Kiowa Observation Helicopter, transporting the squadron commander and two others to a site in Northwest Vietnam. He was shot down when he accidentally flew in to Laos. He was listed as Missing in Action in 1973. Because of the many years that passed, his status was changed in 1978 to Missing, Presumed Dead. His remains were recovered on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

This powerful event was well attended by many, including service members and community leaders. It was the first year to honor two hometown heroes. Both of these gentlemen were born in Pensacola, and both also attended Woodham High School, here in Pensacola.



POW CSM Frederick H. Crowson, U.S. Army (Ret), and John Ard, brother of MIA CWO3 Randolph J. Ard, U.S. Army



# Naval Aviation Museum Anniversary Gala

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NAS Pensacola, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Naval Aviation Museum, the museum hosted a formal dinner Gala on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Guests were welcomed by LT GEN Duane Thiessen, USMC (Ret), CEO and



President of the Museum Foundation and the National Flight Academy, and CAPT Bob Rasmussen USN (Ret), Museum Director, who announced his retirement. Guest Speaker was Mr. Jeb Bush, Jr., who shared some witty remarks from his grandfather, former President George H. W. Bush. The evening concluded with dancing on the WWII Cabot Flight Deck.

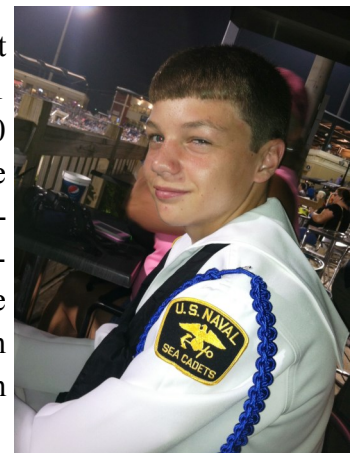
## Celebrating the Sea Cadets



The National Flight Academy awarded summer scholarships to the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron. Six senior cadets were afforded the opportunity to spend four days and five nights, free of charge, at the academy. The National Flight Academy (NFA) has been very supportive of the unit over the past three years. To date, the NFA has granted scholarships to over 20 Sea Cadets.



U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a non-profit youth program for American youth, ages 11 through 17. They are composed of more than 380 units in 48 states, Guam and Puerto Rico. The Sea Cadet program provides compelling, life-changing programs that instill the values of teamwork, discipline, camaraderie and service through our passionate all-volunteer force, and our partnerships with our nation's armed forces. <http://www.seacadets.org/>. For information on joining, email LT Darryl Harp, NSCC at [harp\\_d@att.net](mailto:harp_d@att.net)



## Pensacola Council NLUS Member Featured in Pageantry Publication

### Shelley Jean Ovsak

#### Major Titles/Accomplishments/Honors



#### Miss Pensacola Beach 1972 [Miss Photogenic]

Military Flight Attendant on Air Force II: serving Vice President, First Lady, Congress and Foreign Heads of State; Gosport Girl 1971; Falstaff Amateur Golf Classic Tournament Golden Girl 1975; Coach and Athlete Co-ed of the Month 1975; Miss Navy Pensacola/AIMD; Salutatorian of Airline School; Represented class to Swedish Delegate of the United Nations, NYC; Military Flight Attendant: Flew with boxing great Mohammed Ali, The U.S. Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Team.; Miss New York/America Certified Pageant Judge; O.L.G.C. Oldies Dance Queen 1991; Presidential Sports Awards in Tennis, Badminton, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Jogging

#### Community Service

Active Lifetime Membership in the Pensacola Lighthouse Association, Navy League of the U.S., and Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. Actively supports the Bella Blue-Blue Wahoos, the AA Minor League Baseball Team for the Cincinnati Reds, Lenox Hill Hospital Volunteer Service Award. Personal advocate for fraud, waste and abuse by local companies.

#### Education

- BS: Healthy, Leisure & Sports 1976 - University of West Florida Pensacola
- MS: Health Education 1977 - University of West Florida Pensacola.
- MA: Health Care Administration Central Michigan University
- IPCD Regional Center Washington D.C. 1981

#### Major Inspiration

“I have always admired the elderly, especially my parents who are now deceased. My dad was a WWII Veteran who lived just shy of 96. They both guided me throughout my military and civilian career path for which I am eternally grateful.”



To continue the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NAS Pensacola, the unveiling and dedication of a statue of ADM John Henry Towers, USN (Ret), will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the National Museum of Naval Aviation.

Towers is seated second from left. Glenn Curtis is at controls. Theodore Ellyson is at the nose wheel of the plane.

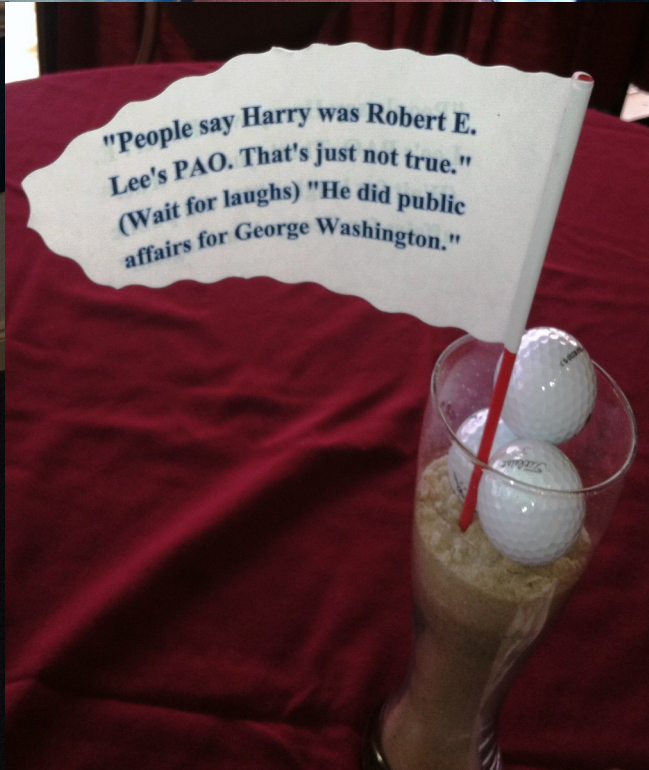


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# NASP PAO HARRY WHITE RETIRES

**R**oasted and revered, long time NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Officer Harry White was the man of the hour during a retirement luncheon held July 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Lighthouse Point Chief Petty Officers' Club. The Pensacola Council Navy League thanks Harry for his many years of service and support. Harry is now an honorary lifetime member of the Pensacola Council Navy League. We look forward to seeing him at future Navy League events.





# Heroes Among Us

The 2014 Heroes Among Us speaker series concludes the last Friday in October. Held in Veterans' Park, the series begins at 6:00 p.m. Water and light food are provided. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

October 31: National Guard Service Month featuring First Sergeant Peavy, Army National Guard Unit, noted for being part of the first Gulf War. This was the first American Unit over the berm during the 1991 ground offensive against Iraqi Forces in Kuwait. Don't miss this inspiring event.



Heroes Among Us is supported and sponsored by the Marine Corps League (MCL) of Pensacola detachment #066. 100% of the donations and proceeds collected from the series benefit the MCL *Marines in Distress Fund for Supporting Veterans in Need*.

## Wreaths Across America

Pierre Claeysens once wrote, "To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen...to be forgotten is the worst." The name of our organization is Wreaths Across America (WAA). We sell wreaths to be placed on fallen service men and women's graves at Barrancas National Cemetery. This is a practice that is carried out at all National Cemeteries across the country and on the same date, December 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful way to show appreciation for all the sacrifices our fallen service persons and their families have made. It is also a good way to show respect for the freedom we all enjoy. The wreaths can be placed, with your information, at a specific grave or graves at Barrancas. Just think, if everyone would buy just one wreath we could cover much of Barrancas in a sea of green. What an accomplishment that would be for our 45,000 deserving fallen he-

roes buried aboard NAS Pensacola.

At a mere \$15 each, I hope you will consider purchasing wreath(s) and help us reach this important goal. To make a tax deductible contribution, please email [Wreaths4Barrancas@gmail.com](mailto:Wreaths4Barrancas@gmail.com) or contact Caroline Kelly at 850-456-2726. Place NL on your order so we can credit Navy League for the purchase of your wreath. Thank you for your support. -Annette Johnston





# Pensacola Council Enjoys Grand Slam Fun



On Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Party Deck at Pensacola Bayfront Stadium, was awash in Navy League baseball fans, as we watched the Blue Wahoos beat the Mobile Bay-Bears, 7-6. The membership drive event, sponsored by the Pensacola Council Navy League, included great food, camaraderie and exciting baseball that included a grand slam in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, by Blue Wahoos Right Fielder Bryson Smith.



Sea Cadets, L-R: PO2 Justin Sepulveda, SR Levi Martin, SA Tasha Esteridge and SA Christian Petsch

The Sea Cadets proudly and perfectly posted the colors before the opening pitch. Big Navy Blue Wahoo thanks to all who participated in this FANtastically fun event!



# PENSACOLA COUNCIL OF NAVY LEAGUE

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### July 2014

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 (Ret)  
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 (Ret)  
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 (Ret)  
 Mr. Harry White

### August 2014

Mr. Thomas Gonzalez  
 VADM & Mrs. Gerald Hoewing, USN  
 (Ret)  
 Mr. Winston Legge  
 Mr. Charles McKay  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Monroe  
 Mr. Eric Nickelsen

### September 2014

CAPT Carol Christman, USN (Ret)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Clark  
 CAPT & Mrs. Michael M. Denkler,  
 USN (Ret)  
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 Mrs. Amanda Shadden  
 CAPT & Mrs. Ron Zimmerman, USN  
 (Ret)

Welcome New Board members, RADM Donald P. Quinn, USN (Ret) and CTICM Walter "Butch" Wallace, USN (Ret)

## Local Nominated to Head Pacific Command

The U.S. Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, has nominated a former Pensacola resident to Command the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) based in Honolulu, Hawaii.

ADM Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, graduated from Pensacola's Booker T. Washington High School in 1974. He earned his Naval Flight Designation after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978. Upon taking command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, which he currently serves, Harris was promoted in 2013, to the rank of four-star admiral.

Born in Yokosuka, Japan to a father who was an American Navy Chief Petty Officer and a Japanese mother, Harris grew up in Tennessee and Florida. In addition to the Naval Academy, he is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown's School of Foreign Service and Oxford University. ADM Harris is the United States Navy's highest ranking Asian American. His nomination centered around his extensive background and knowledge of the territory in and around Asia. Among his numerous awards and commendations, he is a recipient of the U.S. Navy League's Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Competence.



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### Upcoming Events

**October 31**

**Heroes Among Us Speaker Series**  
Veterans Park

**November 7 & 8**

**Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show**  
NAS Pensacola

**November 20**

**Navy League Golf Tournament**  
A.C. Read Golf Course

**November 21**

**NAS Pensacola 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
National Museum of Naval Aviation

**December 11**

**Christmas Dinner Dance**  
New World Landing

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