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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) President, Pensacola Navy League

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**Greetings to all.** With summer now in full swing, I hope that you are getting out to enjoy the emerald waters and snow white beaches that make Pensacola famous.

OUTSTANDING COUNCII AND MACKIE AWARD WINNER

The Navy League National Charter includes the following language: "The Navy League of the United States, founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports and recognizes America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine."

To that end, the second quarter of this year has been focused on our mission statement with special emphasis on supporting and recognizing our local Sea Service and military personnel. On April 25<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Enlisted Recognition Breakfast at Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall. That event, spearheaded by CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) and CMDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret) recognized a record thirty-five recipients from virtually every command in our area. The Key Note speaker was our own NAS Pensacola, CMDCM Mario Rivers USN. In his remarks CMDCM Rivers, through poignant personal stories and challenging leadership examples, exhorted all toward constant personal improvement and "dedication to the Command over self."

Also in April, the USCG Cutter *DECISIVE* returned from an active and successful patrol to the delight of their families and friends. Of note, many in the enthusiastic crowd on the pier were displaying "Welcome Home" banners made during a Navy League sponsored banner-making party at the Pensacola Light House.

Following closely on the heels of our Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon was held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at New World Landing. An incredible group of talented and dedicated spouses were presented with plaques and well deserved gift baskets. I wish that you all could have been there to see the smiles that resulted from just a little bit of personal recognition for the often heroic efforts required to keep the "home fires burning" by these amazing Spouses. Enjoining them all to "fill their Boat with support from every possible resource" was guest speaker Jennifer Kinsella. Jennifer's sage and solid advice resonated with all as she drew on stories of personal challenge and multiple relocation moves that come with being the spouse of a military service member. A personal thanks here to Jennifer for taking time out of her busy schedule to address such a deserving and important group and infusing them with new ideas to make life at home just a little easier. Thanks also to our very own Mistress of Ceremonies, Sue Straughn whose support we have come to cherish and appreciate. And not to be forgotten, Thanks to CMSgt Harry White, USAF (Ret) and his hard working Committee for their tireless and dedicated effort to make this event so special.

June brought additional opportunities for our membership to remain actively engaged with our local Sea Services. First the USCG Cutter *DA UNTLESS* returned from a very successful patrol and was greeted on the pier by a Pensacola Navy League contingent and some very happy *DA UNTLESS* friends and family members. Next the Pensacola Navy League Admiral's Club hosted a "Meet the Boss" Luncheon at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The guest speaker was NAS Pensacola's newly installed Commanding Officer, CAPT Tim Kinsella, USN. Skipper Kinsella presented the attendees with a thorough and informative picture of current and future operations at the base. Closing out the month, the USCG *DA UNTLESS* conducted a Change of Command at which CDR Timothy Sommella, USCG was relieved by CDR Paul McConnell, USCG. We congratulate Skipper Sommella for an exceptionally successful tour and wish him every success as he heads off to "War College" up in Newport. We "Welcome" Skipper McConnell and look forward to maintaining our close relationship with *DA UNTLESS* and her crew.

Finally in June, the Navy League held its annual National Convention in Norfolk, VA. I traveled to Norfolk for the convention and was joined by fellow Pensacola Navy League members Mike Dollen (Area President), Mark Harden (National Director), Nanci Pruter (National Director) and Tom Pruter (National Vice President). The Convention was very well attended and offered some truly exceptional presentations covering the full range of our Navy League Charter. I will be passing on some of the information gained from those presentations in future Bullhorn publications. Of particular note, however, is that National Navy League President, Alan Kaplan completed his term and was succeeded as President by William Stevenson, III.

I will close with an encouragement to read the article concerning our local Sea Cadet Squadron. Our Sea Cadet Squadron under the able leadership of CWO4 Kevin Schneider, USN and enthusiastically supported by our Board of Director representative, Jim Crumlish is actively engaged in some very exciting projects. This is one busy and involved Squadron! Your Pensacola Navy League fully supports our Sea Cadets at every opportunity. I will also strongly encourage the entire membership to join us at the upcoming Membership Social on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that event, we will be recognizing our local USCG Units and providing an update on the USS Tripoli (LHA-7)Commissioning schedule. And as this is a Membership Social, be sure to bring a prospective member. Stand by for more information concerning this event. Lastly and as always a very special Thanks to our generous Corporate Sponsors; Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. They allow us to be the active and engaged Council that we are.

Until next time. May God Bless.







he Pensacola Council Navy League celebrated our enlisted mili-L tary, during the annual Enlisted Recognition Breakfast, held April 26<sup>th</sup> at Seville Quarter. CMDCM Mario Rivers (USN) the Command Master Chief of NAS Pensacola served as guest speaker. The Enlisted Recognition Breakfast honors military enlisted members who have demonstrated significant contribution to their command and to the community. CMDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret) served as emcee. CAPT Bill Cuilik, USN (Ret) served as Committee Chair. Congratulations to nominees, Lance Corporal Yudira Alavez-Gonzalez, Naval Aircrewman First Class Jesse Belanger, Air Traffic Controller First Class Chad Bradley, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Samuel Brown, Naval Aircrewman First Class Joshua Bigbee, Airman First Class Pearl Cagle, Legalman Second Class Syndey Carson, Aviation Boatswains Mate First Class Brian Clarj, Cryptologic Technician Second Class Shaqkia Curmon, Staff Sergeant Hector Delgado, Seaman Alexander Dowden, Master-at-Arms Chief Petty Officer Laurence Driscoll, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Damien Farinha, Personnel Specialist Second Class Bianca Francois, Senior Airman Payton Graham, Technical Sergeant Nicholas

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# Mílítary Spouse Appreciation

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by CMSgt Harry White, USAF (Ret) and emceed by Ms. Sue Straughn, news anchor for WEAR TV 3, was held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at New World Landing. The guest

speaker was Jennifer Kinsella, spouse of CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. Ms. Kinsella shared the challenges

she faced as a new spouse while her husband was training with the U.S. Navy in Jacksonville, FL. Her presentation focused on "community" and the importance of public service and support. She stated, "When the spouse is not there and the boat is sinking, the military spouse community is the safe harbor in the storm."

The military spouse nominees were selected by local military commands for their selfless contributions,



commitment to service

and sacrifice. This year's winners are Kelly Amiss, Lisa Avila, Stephanie Bastek, Kristen Bickel, Jen Cozby, Jessica Irwin, Angela Jiminez, Nicole Keene, Amy Kirkman, Andrew Lowd, Breanna Maxwell-Wesley, Marne Millhiser, Teresa Mims, Vella Miracle, Kristina Pate, Annette Ramsey, Mirella Savage, Andrea Shields, Terra Shishido, Jessica Simmons, Heidi Theis, Kelley Theriot and Veancha White.

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# ADMIRALS' CLUB



The annual Admirals' Club guest speaker series, "Meet the Boss" was held June 19<sup>th</sup> at Pensacola Yacht Club. Guest Speaker was CAPT Timo-thy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola.

Kinsella, a dynamic speaker, presented on NAS Pensacola with a focus on the base's history and current economic impact on the community. NAS Pensacola is one of only four installations in the continental U.S. with an airfield and a deep water port. The base provides support to 94 DoD and 31 non-DoD tenant commands, most of which are primarily dedicated to the training of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel in naval aviation.

CAPT Kinsella was raised in Dublin, Ireland and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1989. He was designated a Naval Aviator in 1998. While ashore, he served as White House Liaison and later as Protocol Aide to the Secretary of the Navy; Flag Aide to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air Warfare; Division Chief for the Southern Command branch of the Joint Operations Directorate (J-33) on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington D. C. and as the NATO Defense Planner for Supreme Allied Commander-Transformation in Mons, Belgium. He is a graduate of the US Naval



Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and the University of San Diego where he earned a Master of Science degree in Global Leadership. He has numerous unit, campaign, ser-



vice decorations and awards including the Order of Daedalians Distinguished Airmanship Award.

Kinsella assumed command of NAS Pensacola in March 2019.

The emcee for the event was VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret).





# **Pensacola Council Recognizes NJROTC**



The Escambia County NJROTC Awards ceremony was held at 6:00 pm, on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Washington High School's Theodore Bennett Auditorium in Pensacola. Congratulations to the following NJROTC cadets, awarded the U.S. Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Medals for outstanding performance.

First Place: c/PO3 Quii'ari Cheatum from Escambia High School, c/ENS Keaton Brown from Northview High School, c/CPO Kavaciyonna Edwards from Pine Forest High School and c/PO1 Jonathan Vassaur from Washington High School.

Second Place: c/PO1 Preston Hines from Escambia High School, c/CPO David Lamb from Northview High School , c/PO3 Trinity Massengale from Pine Forest High School and c/PO2 Autumn Hill from Washington High

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Third Place: c/PO3 Naomi Steele from Escambia High School, c/PO3 John Bashore from Northview High School, c/SN Jeremiah Reeter from Pine Forest High School and c/PO2 Anna Bowman from Washington High School

Pensacola Navy League Past President and Board Member CAPT A.J. Gallardo, USN (Ret) presented the CAPT James H. Harvey Award to the Cadets. Harvey was a naval aviator credited with generating NJROTC competitions that grew from local to regional competitions evolving to today's national competitions. The Cadets also received gift cards generously donated by Pen Air Federal Credit Union.

# Cruising Aboard the USCG Cutter DAUNTLESS

T wo lucky Navy League Board Members, Patty Veal and Tom Pace, had the good fortune to join a few family members for a short cruise aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter *DA UNT-LESS*, as she arrived at NAS Pensacola from Mobile, Alabama. *DAUNTLESS* arrived in Mobile in early June, following a lengthy deployment.

This was the last deployment for the 28<sup>th</sup> Commander of *DA UNT-LESS*, CDR Timothy Sommella, USCG. A change of command ceremony was held June 28th with CDR Paul S. McConnell, USCG, assuming command.

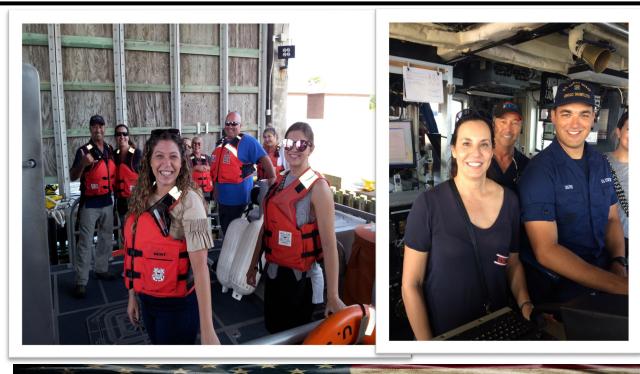




President Dan McCort with a crew member and Patty Veal.



Patty Veal and Tom Pace with CMDCM Mario Rivers, USN, photobombing.



# Heroes A mon

By Ed Rouse

he Cpl. J.R. Spears Detachment of the Marine Corps League's annual Heroes Among Us speaker series, held May 30<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park featured Medal of Honor recipient, CWO4



Hershel "Woody" Williams, USMC.

After World War II, Williams accepted a job as a Veterans Affairs counselor and retired with thirty-three years' service. Williams struggled with the after-effects of combat stress until 1962, when he experienced a religious renewal. He later served for 35 years as chaplain of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

In 2010, the non-profit Hershel "Woody" Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc., was established to honor Gold Star Families, relatives, and Gold Star Children who have sacrificed a loved one in

the service of their country. Williams currently serves on the Foundation's Founders Advisory Board and he is the last living Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

The next Heroes Among Us speaker series will be held August 29<sup>th</sup>, featuring LT Col Andrew Del Gaudio, USMC (Ret), who will speak about the War on Terror. For more information on the HAU monthly speaker series, contact Ed Rouse at erousecpa@bellsouth.net.



Inspired by the passion of the many Navy League members who make the Pensacola Council great, Summer Social is a networking event for all current Navy League members and one prospective new member as your guest. Hosted by the Pensacola Navy League and the Pensacola Marine Corps League, this year's social will highlight the U.S. Coast Guard, the Sea Cadets and the Young Marines and will include updates for the 2020 commissioning of the USS Tripoli (LHA-7). Guests will also have an opportunity to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Navy League and Marine Corps League, while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Join us for this fun and *free* event on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 -7:00 pm at Seville Quarter.

Supporters are needed. Please consider a sponsorship or donation. Sponsors email <u>monro122@erau.edu</u>. RSVP names of all guests to: <u>pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org</u> or call (850) 436-8552.



Mark your calendar for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual POW/MIA luncheon, hosted by the Pensacola Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. This event will be held Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, at Pensacola Yacht Club.



Guest speaker is Dr. Leo Murphy. Dr. Murphy will share the incredible story of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Polkinghorne, who was born in Pensacola in 1921 and earned his U.S. Army Air Force pilot wings in 1943 as part of the Tuskegee Airmen. While assigned to the 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron, Polkinghorne and his P-39 Airacobra disappeared over Italy in 1944. His aircraft was never recovered. The full story is chronicled in Murphy's book *Lost in Heaven*.

Dr. Murphy joined the U.S. Navy directly after college. His 30-year career included more than 4000 flight hours as a naval aviator in various operational, training and command missions. His navy career ended with his assignment as the Director

of the Aviation Training School at NAS Pensacola. Murphy is currently employed with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a Professor of Aeronautical Science. In addition to *Lost in Heaven*, he is the author of two other books on the history of aviation in Pensacola; *Flying Machines Over Pensacola: an Early Aviation History from 1909-1921* and *Hagler Field: A History of Pensacola's Airport*.

The cost per person is \$20. Please consider sponsoring an active duty military member and/or sponsoring a table for \$160. For further information call (850) 436-8552.

# CHICKEN BARBECUE



**D**on't miss it! The Annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner will be held Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the beautiful Pensacola Yacht Club. A favorite among the many events hosted by the Pensacola Council, the Chicken Barbecue is a casual membership drive and yearly wrap-up party, featuring music, delicious food, frosty beverages and fellowship. Bring a new member to see the many benefits of joining the Pensacola Council Navy League.

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Coast Guard Recognition Night Sea Cadets Young Marines Tripoli Commissioning Update

Please RSVP with the names of all attendees by August 17th to the Navy League Office at (850) 436-8552 or pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org

New and renewal memberships accepted at check-in or online at pensacolanavyleague.org (Navy League) or marinecorpsleaguepensacola.org (Marine Corps League).

**Casual Attire** 







Source: Jim Crumlish, Community Liaison for the Sea Cadets

graduation and awards ceremony was held June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Blue Angels atrium of the National Naval Aviation Museum for members of the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron. Newly pinned Chief Petty Officer Brad Logan Hastings received the Theodore Roosevelt Medal from the Pensacola Navy League. CPO Hastings has achieved many noteworthy accomplishments while a Sea Cadet of the Independence Squadron and as a student of Escambia County High School in Atmore, Alabama. Noted accomplishments include 100% attendance over a five year period at all Sea Cadet drill periods, 100% attendance over a four year period in all high school classes, the honor roll as a high school senior while completing two college level technical engineering courses. He further completed all the necessary requirements for the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Additionally, Brad logged in over 600 hours of community service and initiated and conducted an annual gift program called Samaritan's Purse, for many children in foreign countries. Also recognized was Brad's mother Barbara, for her extraordinary level of support for all of the Independence Squadron cadets over the past five years. Barbara, referred to by all the cadets as "mom", volunteers as the squadron seamstress, skillfully adjusting and sewing hundreds of uniforms, nametags, patches, etc. She also assisted in meal preparations for field trips and offered words of encouragement to less confident cadets. The Pensacola Navy League recognized Barbara Hastings tireless work and support with a \$100 gift certificate. Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron.



The Independence Squadron graduates with back row, L-R, Sea Cadet Liaison Jim Crumlish, Commanding Officer of the Independence Squadron CW04 Kevin Schneider and Pensacola Navy League President Dan McCort



L-R Dan McCort, CPO Brad Hastings, Barbara Hastings and Jim Crumlish



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# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 - 8:00AM Seville Quarter, Downtown Pensacola



Daniel "Chappie" James, USAF

## PACKET PICKUP: Friday, September 6: 3-6pm at Running Wild 3012 E. Cervantes Street

Saturday, September 7: 6-7am at Seville Quarter Day of the race: \$35 130 E. Government Street Active Duty Military

## "Thou shalt not quit."

11th Commandment to the children of Nothrwest Florida, according to Lillie Anna James, mother of General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., USAF

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The Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at A.C. Read Golf Course.

This year the Navy League is teaming up to support the Navy Ball Committee. DON'T MISS IT!

Organize your team and get ready for a Shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

Contact Dean-o Fournier at <u>deano.fournier@L3T.com</u>.

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## 🖈 Calendar of Events 🖈

August 4 Coast Guard Birthday

August 22 Annual Summer Social Seville Quarter Phineas Phoggs

September 7 Marine Corps League Annual 5K Charity Run Seville Quarter

> September 17 21<sup>st</sup> Annual POW MIA Luncheon Pensacola Yacht Club

> > October 3 Annual Chicken Barbecue Pensacola Yacht Club

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