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## Reopening and Dedication of Bldg 633

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a crystal clear, blue sky day, Building 633 opened its doors to Navy flight students and to the public, for the first time since the terrorist attack on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In an emotional reopening Ceremony, the Chief of Naval Personnel, VADM John Nowell Jr., USN, and the Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Schools Command, CAPT Edgardo Moreno, USN, both addressed the crowd and paid tribute to the fallen and those wounded. In attendance for the Ceremony, the families of the fallen were joined by the wounded and the first responders who were responsible for preventing further loss on that fateful day. The invocation began....”We stand here today Lord, on hallowed ground, where innocent blood was spilled,” and concluded with ....”Asking for Your grace and light to pour into our hearts and souls; so that we may find healing, peace, wisdom and strength.”



The building, while closed for almost two years, was totally renovated. Air conditioning was added/modernized, classrooms upgraded, damage repaired and an “Area of Remembrance” was added on the second deck. The “Area

of Remembrance” which is dedicated to the fallen: Airman Apprentice Cameron Walters, Airman Mohammed Hotham and Ensign Joshua Watson, was unveiled as part of the Ceremony. All three of the fallen have been posthumously promoted to the next pay grade. The advancement to Lieutenant Junior Grade for Joshua Watson was announced as part of the Ceremony.

CAPT Moreno said it well, when he began his remarks with...”As we gather today, we cannot erase the pain of our loss; but still we come together as fellow citizens to honor our three fallen, as well as our eight wounded patriots. To provide comfort and healing, as best we can, to remember the lives these brave men led.”



For the last two years, the students from the Naval Aviation Schools Command have been conducting class remotely and in makeshift classrooms throughout the Base. Gaining access to their newly upgraded facilities will go a long way to closing the chapter on this horrible incident, and allow NASC to return to “Ops Normal.” -CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret)

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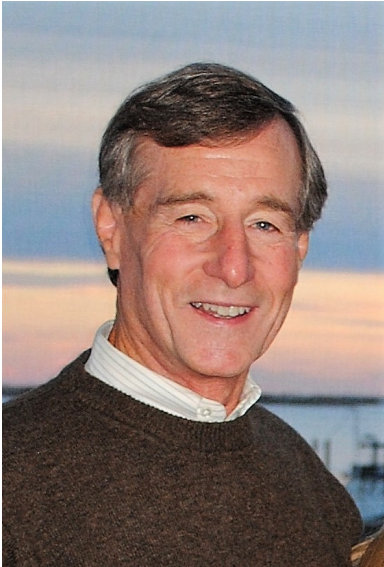
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



**Greetings to all!** With the summer heat and recurring threat of Hurricanes in the rearview mirror, we happily move into the comfortable and cool fall season. We also eagerly anticipate the special events and holiday activities that are on the very near horizon. Let's face it, once Thanksgiving gets here, before you can blink an eye, it is Christmas Eve.

In keeping with our Charter, Goals and Annual Plan, we have remained very active and most positively engaged. A quick summary of our activities for the last Quarter will illustrate. In July, we supported the USCG Cutter DILIGENCE during her Change of Command Ceremony. CDR Luke Slivinsky, USCG was relieved by CDR Jared Trusz, USCG in a pier side Ceremony at NAS Pensacola. The USCG Atlantic Area Commander, VADM Steven Poulin USCG, was the Presiding Officer for the Change of Command. Immediately following the Change of Command we conducted a formal Adoption Ceremony for the Cutter DILIGENCE, with newly installed Commanding Officer, CDR Trusz. We look forward to a long lasting and supportive relationship with our newly adopted Cutter. Board of Director Member Steve Luongo did a fabulous job in organizing the event and handling the paperwork for the Adoption. Then, allowing no barnacles to grow on his hull, CDR Trusz got underway for a Deployment with DILIGENCE, literally days later. We were there to wish DILIGENCE a safe voyage and successful patrol as she left the pier. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, we conducted an Award Ceremony held at the Pensacola Country Club, for CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola. Skipper Kinsella was presented with the Navy League of the United States, National Level, John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. This event was well covered in the last Bullhorn, so suffice to say here, CAPT Kinsella was a clearly deserving, standout pick from a formidable pool of candidates, to earn this honor.

Then in August, we began the month by supporting the Commodore of Training Air Wing Six, CAPT Scott Janik, USN at NAS Pensacola on the occasion of his Change of Command held August 5<sup>th</sup>. CAPT Kenneth Russell, USN, relieved CAPT Janik to become the new Commodore. An immediate move to assume command of the Naval Aviation Safety School at NAS Pensacola followed for CAPT Janik. We wish successful and productive tours for both CAPT Janik, as the new Safety School Commanding Officer and CAPT Russell, as the new Commodore of Training Air Wing Six. Following right on the heels of the Training Air Wing Six Change of Command, our Admirals' Club held a "Meet the Boss" Speaker Series Luncheon on Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. At the luncheon we were introduced to the new Commanding Officer of the Center for Information Warfare Training at Corry Station, CAPT Marc Ratkus, USN. Skipper Ratkus provided a captivating presentation concerning Cyber Warfare and our readiness and preparation for it. He also outlined the unique role that Pensacola plays in the training and preparation of these unique Cyber Warriors. Then the next day, on Aug 11<sup>th</sup> we conducted a formal Adoption Cer-

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emony for the USCG Cutter WALNUT. The Adoption Ceremony was held following an “All Hands Quarters” on the Buoy Deck of the WALNUT, while pier-side at NAS Pensacola. We had a significant turnout of our membership to enjoy both the Adoption Ceremony and a follow-on private tour of the Cutter led by the WALNUT Commanding Officer himself, LCDR Christopher Bonner, USCG. Closing out August, we conducted our Annual Summer Social at Seville Quarter. This wonderful event, the brainchild of Jim Crumlish, has become one of our premier functions. A great turnout, with terrific organization by RADM Quinn, USN (Ret) and super hosting by Buck Mitchell and the Seville Quarter staff, made for an ideal opportunity to recruit new members, recognize our hard working Coast Guard units and have some fun. Working in partnership on this event with the Marine Corps League and their Commandant, Karl Schwelm, was simply icing on the cake.

In September, the event firehose turned on and has been running full blast ever since. We began the month by finally returning the Navy Pelican, “Blue 1” to his rightful Perch in downtown Pensacola. More information concerning this colorful and fun ceremony is available later in this newsletter. However, if you have been following the “Pelican Brief” series, you will not want to miss hearing about the Re-Installation of “Blue 1” to his appointed place of duty, to close out the Navy Pelican saga. Then on September 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Freedom’s Foundation at Valley Forge, we Sponsored and co-hosted the Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day. This event, as always, was a solemn and moving tribute to those who have sacrificed so much under uniquely challenging circumstances in defense of our great Nation. Former Command Master Chief and Pensacola Council Vice President Mark Curley did a fabulous job in detailing the issues and challenges faced by the Teams involved in the recovery of the missing. This event was quickly followed by a visit to Pensacola by the Jacksonville Council on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Mark Curley stepped up to coordinate hosting the representatives from JAX and provide them with tours and information to make their visit to Pensacola both productive and entertaining. Next on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the USCG Cutter RELIANCE returned from deployment. We of course were pier-side to welcome the Cutter and her crew home from a successful patrol. Skipper Hill, the crew and the RELIANCE families were, as always, very appreciative of our support and participation in the Homecoming Celebration. Closing out September, we hosted our Annual Chicken BBQ at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The BBQ is a perennial favorite and this year’s event continued the legacy. Bobby Riggs and his BBQ Committee, along with a dedicated grilling crew, provided some awesome chicken to the delight of a crowd that clearly wanted to continue the party, even after the event had formally concluded. It was so good to see people re-engaging socially after so many months of social distancing!

Our pace of activity has continued, as we have literally raced through October. A mere week after the Chicken BBQ, CAPT Dean-o Fournier USN (Ret) once again expertly orchestrated, then conducted our Annual Golf Tournament at the A.C. Read Golf Course aboard NAS Pensacola. Partnering with the Marine Corps League, once again, the objective was to raise funds for the Navy and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebrations. The Tournament broke records for attendance and participation. Bravo Zulu to Dean-o and thanks to all who assisted! A short couple of days following the Golf Tournament, it was time to Welcome Home the Cutter DILIGENCE as she returned home from an active, demanding and successful deployment. Skipper Trusz and his crew were thrilled at the reception they received, as we joined the families in making the Homecoming a memorable event. Next, it was time for our Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon. This event had been wisely postponed in the hope that earlier COVID restrictions would be relaxed. Happily the restrictions were lifted and allowed full active duty and civilian participation. Harry White and his Committee did their usual spectacular job in recognizing a fantastic group of Military Spouses, who rarely, if ever, get the attention that they deserve. We

closed out the month with a somber and solemn re-dedication Ceremony as the Naval Aviation Schools Command reopened their main Academics and Headquarters in Building 633. You may recall it was in Building 633 where the Terrorist attack of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was carried out. The building has been thoroughly renovated, modernized and dedicated to the memory of those killed and wounded. A Memorial Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deck has been added specifically to honor the fallen.

Now with all that behind us, much remains in the months ahead. On Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, we supported the Coast Guard as they “Stand Up” the new **USCG Base Support Detachment Pensacola**, to support the five Cutters now permanently based here. RADM P. Hickey, USCG, officiated during the Establishment Ceremony. This was also the same day as the USMC Birthday. A Celebration and Cake Cutting for the Marine Corps Birthday was held downtown at the VADM Jack Fetterman Memorial Ball Park. Then in keeping with our USCG support, we held a formal Adoption Ceremony for USCG Station Pensacola on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. We signed the paperwork on this Adoption earlier in the year, but have been waiting for a time when COVID restrictions were sufficiently lifted to allow both active duty and civilian participation. As we hit December, please ensure that attending our Christmas Formal on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Pensacola Yacht Club is on your calendar. A festive and beautiful function where we swear in the new Board of Directors, this is an event not to be missed. To close out the year, we will once again participate in the Wreaths Across America event at Barrancas Cemetery December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot participate, please donate.

Before closing, I have a request. Our Sea Cadet unit is in desperate need of Cadets. If you know of any potential youngsters who might be interested in the Sea Cadets, please let me or our Sea Cadet CO, PO1 Marshall Shortman know. Your assistance is appreciated.

Finally and in closing, I want to express my personal thanks to our hard working Committee Chairs and their committee members. To say this has been a busy year is an understatement. Finally able to conduct our events under “normal conditions” has been a real treat. Our Committee Chairs have done a tremendous job on behalf of our valiant Sea Service personnel and you, our membership, to conduct meaningful and relevant events. They are the backbone of our organization. Please thank them at your next opportunity. And as always a very special THANKS to our invaluable Sponsors. They have supported us at every turn. Without them we would fail in our mission of support to the Sea Services!

Have a safe and blessed Holiday Season. God Bless each and every one of you.



Editor’s note: On behalf of the Pensacola Navy League, a huge thank you goes out to President Dan McCort.

CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret), formerly served as the Commodore of Training Air Wing 6. He is a retired commercial airline pilot and is currently a flight instructor. He is very actively involved in his community; as a member of the Daedalians, the Fiesta of Five Flags committee and other organizations.

Despite his busy life, Dan’s outstanding leadership and dedication kept the council on course. CAPT McCort is the first President to serve three terms for the Pensacola Navy League. He initiated many new ways to support our military community and our nation’s defense, despite an unprecedented pandemic and an act of terrorism aboard NAS Pensacola that rocked the community. Bravo Zulu and thank you for your service, President McCort.

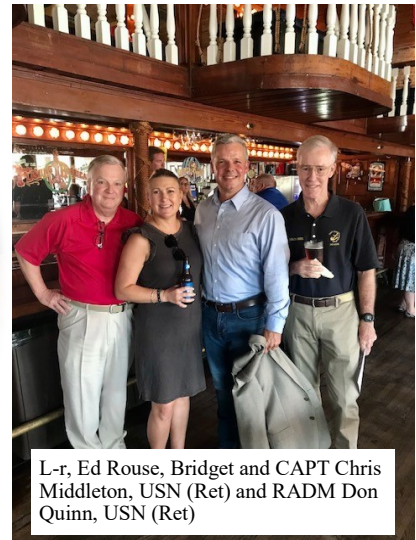
# SUMMER SOCIAL

The Summer Social networking event and membership drive resumed on August 19<sup>th</sup>, after a hiatus in 2020. Hosted by the Pensacola Navy League with support from the Marine Corps League of Pensacola, this year's event was well attended and garnered nine new members. Congratulations to Cadet David Lamb, Battalion Commander of the Northview High School NJROTC, who was awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the Pensacola Navy League. Cadet Lamb will attend Missouri Military Academy in 2022, with a goal of serving in the US Marine Corps as an F-18 pilot.

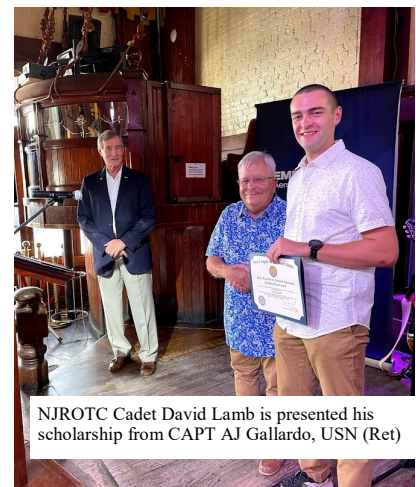
Held in beautiful Seville Quarter's Phineas Phoggs, guests enjoyed live music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The program opened with Master of Ceremonies RADM Don Quin, USN (Ret) welcoming the guests and introducing WWII veteran Jim Crumlish, who shared a brief story on how he was inspired to join the service. In true Tailhook tradition, Jim led the audience in an acapella version of the National Anthem. Jim Crumlish, a long time, dedicated member of the Pensacola Navy League, was the brainchild behind the Summer Social event. Fittingly, this was his last Navy League event before he passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. More on this wonderful man on page 11.



Seville Quarter Manager and Navy League Board member Buck Mitchell (right) talks with members of the Marine Corps League.



L-r, Ed Rouse, Bridget and CAPT Chris Middleton, USN (Ret) and RADM Don Quin, USN (Ret)



NJROTC Cadet David Lamb is presented his scholarship from CAPT AJ Gallardo, USN (Ret)



L-r, Col Karl Schwelm, USMC (Ret) and CDR Jim Nise, USN (Ret)



Col Christopher "Caveman" Holzworth, IV, USMC (Ret)



Maj Bob Burger, USMC (Ret) with Tomra and CAPT Ken Russell, USN

# CHICKEN BBQ



The Annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner was held Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful and scenic 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. President Dan McCort shared upcoming events and this year's accomplishments of the Pensacola Navy League. CAPT Timothy Kinsella, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola gave the crowd an update on the base, including COVID restrictions, base security and a new vetting system that is in the works. He also shared the Blue Angel's homecoming Air Show was moved from the base to Pensacola Beach. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team. Many thanks to the barbecue chefs and Pensacola Yacht Club for a wonderful party.





# POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pensacola Chapter and Pensacola Navy League co-hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual POW/MIA Luncheon, Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Pensacola Yacht Club.



Emcee CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret)

Opening exercises included the presentation of Colors by the Escambia High School NJROTC. Master of Ceremonies was CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret). Bugler Scotty Mills played "Taps."

Guest speaker was CMDCM Mark S. Curley, USN (Ret), Director of Operations for the National Flight Academy and First

Vice President to the Pensacola Navy League. Command Master Chief Curley was a team member on the Southeast Asian POW/MIA Recovery Missions.



Guest Speaker CMDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret) and Betty Williams, President of the Pensacola Chapter Freedoms Foundation.

When on assignment to Japan as Helicopter Flight Deck Coordinator and Maintenance Control Chief, he played a key role in CSAR exercises in



Action from the Vietnam conflict.

Thailand and Japan. From there he was selected for assignment to Joint Task Force-Full Accounting as an Aircraft Wreckage Analyst and Life Support Technician. He led POW/MIA search teams into the jungles of Laos and Vietnam to locate and identify aircraft crash sites, excavating wreckages in search of remains of the Missing in



Table of Remembrance

From conflicts dating back to WWII, nearly 82,000 service members remain unaccounted for. More than 72,000 were lost during World War II, nearly 8,000 from the Korean War, and 1,741 American personnel from the Vietnam War.

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Bugler Scotty Mills



# Honoring the Military Spouse

The Pensacola Navy League hosted the Military Spouse Appreciation luncheon on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fourteen nominees were recognized for their service as outstanding supporters of their spouses, squadrons and other military family members. Emcee Sue Straughn of WEAR TV and guest speaker Mary “Kate” O’Brien offered words of appreciation and encouragement to the nominees. In her speech to the audience, Kate offered the following, in part: “To the spouses we honor here today, you do these things I mention, and so much more. You are ready for the unexpected and you’ve helped others do the same. You are team players. You care and love our military, and more importantly, the people in our nation. I am proud to serve alongside each and every one of you and I am humbled to be here today.” Kate O’Brien is the spouse of Colonel William O’Brien, USAF, and is the Command Spouse for the 479th Flight Training Group.



Guest Speaker Kate O'Brien



Emcee Sue Straughn

***“You are a team with your spouse. You are not on the bench, but you are on the field.” -Mary “Kate” O’Brien***

Special thanks to the host and committee chair, CMSgt Harry White, USAF (Ret), and to the Naval Air Technical Training Command for presentation of colors and the National Anthem. Navy



CMSgt Harry White, USAF (Ret)

League President, CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret) presented each of the nominees with a plaque and generous gifts were presented from our sponsors, Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union.



Our guest speaker with eleven of the fourteen nominees.

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



President Dan McCort presenting an award to nominee Whitney Deines

## NAVY PELICAN “BLUE 1” TRIUMPHANTLY RETURNS TO HIS POST

CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret)

After nearly two years and countless hours of repair, “Blue 1” is back on his Perch. If you have been following the “Pelican Briefs” in the last couple of Bullhorn Newsletters, you will remember that “Blue 1” was the victim of a baseball bat wielding vandal back in 2019. He spent nearly a year MIA, abandoned and incarcerated in the Public Works impound lot. After rescue by the Pensacola Navy League, it took the combined talents of fiberglass artist Dave Richards and the incredible Corrosion Control Team of the World Famous Blue Angels, to bring “Blue 1” back to life. Happily the combined labor of love



was an unequivocal success. “Blue

1” emerged in perfect fighting mode, trim and ready to join his other military feathered friends and resume his duties at the intersection of Palafox and Garden Streets. “Blue 1”, of course, had earned and certainly deserved an appropriately triumphant return to his duty station. After all, this was a day that both the Navy and local community had been eagerly anticipating for nearly two years. As such, an official procession and Ceremony fit for “Blue 1” was conceived and planned. The receiving dignitaries included the Mayor of Pensacola, Grover Robinson, the Commissioner for

District 4, Robert Bender, the Pensacola Chief of Police, Eric Randall and the President of the Pensacola Navy League, Daniel McCort. The presenting Crew included the Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola, CAPT Tim Kinsella, USN, and Blue Angel Team members; Executive Officer, CDR Todd Royles USN, Blue Angel #3, Maj Frank Zastoupil USMC, Blue Angel #5, CDR Ben Walborn USN, Blue Angel #6, LCDR Cary Rickoff USN, in addition to Corrosion Control Team members AM1 Josh Green USN, AM1 Anne De La Cruz USN and AM2 Austin Mitchener USN. The delivery Crew was appropriately embarked aboard a Fiesta Pensacola Float with “Blue 1” prominently attached to the bow. The delivery team was then paraded aboard their Float through downtown Pensacola to the accompaniment of nautically themed music, on the way to the reviewing stand. Unfortunately, the day of his return was cloudy and threatened rain. However the clouds appropriately parted just long enough to allow the Fiesta Pensacola Float to carry “Blue 1” and his entourage up Palafox and to his adoring fans and DV’s at the reviewing stand. After proper military arrival honors were rendered to the disembarking senior officers, they were ceremoniously



greeted by the receiving dignitaries. Speeches of course, followed before the Blue Angel Corrosion Control Team members finally and officially presented “Blue 1” to the crowd and ceremoniously re-installed him on his Perch. Having received the accolades and fanfare that he so rightly deserved, “Blue 1” is now officially back on duty standing “watch” over the intersection. As CAPT Kinsella so aptly stated in his remarks, “This is a Navy town. It needs a Navy Pelican on watch at this intersection.” Happily, “Blue 1” the “senior” Pelican, is in fact back on his Perch and we have our Navy Pelican back in action to represent this very Navy town. Thus the story and legacy of “Blue 1” continues....





It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Navy League member and World War II/Korean War Veteran, Jim Crumlish, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at the age of 94.

Jim was a longtime, active member of the Pensacola Council and the Board of Directors and for the past several years served as the Independence Squadron Sea Cadet Liaison. His enthusiasm for and in support of the Sea Cadets was amazing. He was also instrumental in the success of the Pensacola Council's Summer Membership Social, and over the past 5 years, he recruited more Navy League members than any other person in the Council.

Jim joined other WWII veterans in an Honor Flight and most recently participated in the WWII Veterans Flight. Jim was a passenger in a fly-over before the 2021 Blue Angels Pensacola Beach Air show. He flew in a vintage Stearman. The Stearman Flight Organization offers flights to WWII veteran pilots who received their primary flight training in Stearman aircraft.

Jim's obituary reads in part: Jim married Mary Stuart Campbell and had three children with her, Mary Ann, Martha Lynn and Thomas James. After Mary's death, Jim married Rita Marie Smith and the couple adopted a baby girl, Lisa Anne.

Later in life, he found true love again when he met Therese Brannon (Teet). They danced and sang their way through life. With much grief, he lost her to breast cancer in 2017.



Jim was a WWII and Korean War Veteran and was the Base Manager for Project Shoe-horn, saving many lives during the Vietnam War.

Jim is survived by Mary Ann, his eldest daughter, her husband, Mark

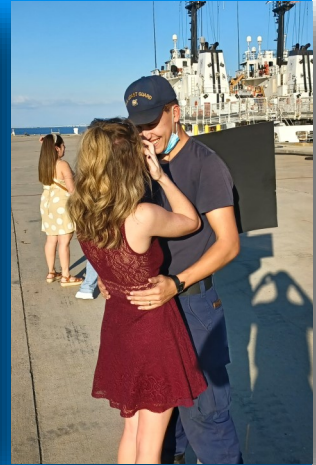


Vander Weert and two grandsons, Jesse Stuart Vander Weert and Alexander Vander Weert, his granddaughter, Kristi Rae Grigg, her husband, Dargan Grigg and their daughter, Lyna Rae along with grandchildren, Mason Snyder and Madison Rhodes.

His accomplishments are too many to list here. We will talk about them in depth at his Irish Wake in the Spring. His best gift was connecting to the humanity in everyone he met. He was a good and wise man.

# Welcome Home Coast Guard

After a two month patrol in the Caribbean Sea, the USCG Cutter DILIGENCE returned home to NAS Pensacola October 13<sup>th</sup>, and was welcomed by members of the Pensacola Navy League, the USO and many happy families.



# USCG Cutter WALNUT Adoption

On Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Pensacola Navy League joined the Crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter WALNUT (WLB-205) to participate in a Ceremony to officially adopt the WALNUT and her Crew. The Ceremony was conducted on the bouy deck of the WALNUT, immediately following an “all hands” Quarters. LCDR Christopher Bonner, USCG, the WALNUT Commanding Officer, warmly welcomed the Pensacola Navy League contingent and expressed his appreciation for their outreach and support. He explained to the Crew the benefits that he had experienced firsthand of a “positive

partnering relationship” between organizations such as the Navy League and the Crew. The Pensacola Navy League contingent, for their part, thoroughly enjoyed being able to conduct the Ceremony “aboard ship” thus enabling a better appreciation for the Crew and the demands of their many missions. Immediately following the adoption Ceremony, Skipper Bonner took the Navy League contingent on a personally guided tour of

his Cutter and its spaces. His detailed and informative narrative, while conducting the tour, gave our Navy League representatives a far better understanding of the difficulties and critical nature of bouy tender operations.

In addition to the Adoption Ceremony, ET1 Andrew Benyo, USCG, was recognized for his outstanding performance of duties while attached to the Cutter WALNUT. The Cutter WALNUT was deployed when the Pensacola Navy League conducted the Annual Enlisted Recognition event at the National Naval Aviation Museum, earlier in the year. Petty Officer Benyo was the selectee for the Recognition Event, by his Command. The occasion of the Adoption Ceremony allowed us to present the belated Award in person to ET1 Benyo. As such, Petty Officer Benyo was presented first with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Congressman Matt Gaetz. The Certificate was presented by Congressman Gaetz’ staff member, Jason Boatwright. Then Petty Officer Benyo was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, from the Pensacola Navy League, by President Dan McCort.

Lastly, Petty Officer Benyo was presented with a gift bag on behalf of the Pensacola Navy League's two major Sponsors, Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. We congratulate ET1 Andrew Benyo for his professionalism and well deserved selection in recognition of his outstanding achievements. **BZ Petty Officer Benyo!**

Special recognition for this event also goes to Pensacola Navy League Board of Director member Steve Luongo. Steve is our Adoption coordinator and keeper of the paperwork for the Adoption events. Steve additionally coordinates volunteer efforts on behalf of our military service members who wish to give back to the community.



“Adoption” Coordinator Steve Luongo, far right



LCDR Christopher Bonner, USCG, CO of the WALNUT and President Dan McCort



## Newsletter Editor Position for the Pensacola Navy League

We are looking for a Volunteer Newsletter Writer/Editor

### Job Description

Commitment: Approximately 10 hours per issue, four issues per year

### Position:

Writer/Editor for the Pensacola Navy League's quarterly newsletter *The Bullhorn*. The newsletter is published in January, April, July and October and is distributed electronically and mailed to members, military commands and community leaders and supporters. The goal is to share information and events, maintain visibility and gain support for the Pensacola Navy League's mission in support of the sea services.

### Qualifications:

- Excellent writing skills, spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Ability to work independently and with the Senior Editor and to follow through on deadlines
- Creativity in content and graphics and experience working with newsletter templates in Word, Publisher or other programs

### Responsibilities:

- Work with Pensacola Navy League and Senior Editor to determine content for bi-monthly newsletters
- Collect and edit articles for newsletter and write articles as needed
- Design newsletter layout
- Meet print and email blast deadlines

### Benefits:

- Appreciation and acknowledgement in newsletter
- Invitation to Pensacola Navy League events
- Tangible product to add to your portfolio
- Letters of reference, upon request

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# Upcoming

mark your calendars

Do not miss the final celebration of a great Navy League year. The Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 pm at Pensacola Yacht Club.

This is a formal dinner with live music from Joe Occhipinti (*a recent inductee into the Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival Hall of Fame*) and Joe’s bandmates, “The Jazzabouts.”

Sponsored by Pen Air Federal Credit Union, this year’s dinner celebration includes a cash bar, the swearing in of the new President and the Board of Directors, followed by *fun and dancing*.



Stay tuned for a great new year, as we kick off 2022 with the next Admirals’ Club “Meet the Boss” Speaker series. Date to be determined in January 2022.



## JOIN THE PENSACOLA NAVY LEAGUE

We welcome everyone to join our Pensacola Navy League and participate in our Council Events. Many of our activities offer both member and non-member prices. The non-member price option is for those not yet ready to join, but interested to see what the Navy League is all about. Additionally, Membership in the Pensacola Navy League offers perks to our members as a function of their level of membership. Examples of such perks include; invitations to free events, discounted tickets to special events, recognition, and more. In order to join and participate in the local Pensacola Navy League, membership with the National Navy League is a prerequisite. Visit our website for details and to join <http://pensacolanavyleague.org/members>



# AHOY NEW MEMBERS

\*Ms. Marion Bailey  
 \*Dr. Richard Fountain  
 Mr. Wesley Greene  
 CDR Pat Hart, USN (Ret)  
 \*Ms. Chae Kyle  
 CAPT Matthew Meilstrup, USCG (Ret)  
 CAPT Rick Nielsen, USN (Ret)  
 Ms. Tomra Russell  
 \*Mr. David Saunders  
 \*CAPT Andy Truluck, USN (Ret)  
 \*Mr. Eric Winans

# RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

## July 2021

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## ★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

- December 7, 2021**  
 Pearl Harbor Day
- December 7, 2021**  
 Christmas Dinner and Dance  
 Pensacola Yacht Club
- December 18, 2021**  
 Wreaths Across America  
 Barrancas National Cemetery
- January (TBD) 2022**  
 Admirals' Club "Meet the Boss"  
 Speaker Series Luncheon  
 Pensacola Yacht Club

EVENT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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