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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nan Harper, President, Pensacola Council Navy League



Pensacola was well represented at the 2017 National Navy League Conference. Regional Director, Tom Pruter, National Trainer, Nanci Pruter, District Representative Mark Harden and Gulf Coast Area Representative, Michael Dollen returned with information that will strengthen our Navy League in its support of America's sea forces.

Plans are progressing for a midsummer social designed to increase our local membership numbers. Each member is asked to bring at least one prospective member. Our affiliate membership is also a focus. This connection to the community is a mutual and reciprocal support. Apple Annie's in historic Seville Quarter is the venue selected, and August 24th is the date. You are invited to join us with your sponsored new member! More details will follow.

Admirals' Club's next planned luncheon event is scheduled for July 18th, at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The featured speaker will be CAPT Courtney Smith, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field (NETSAFA). The Admirals Club events are always informative and inspirational. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the summer with friends, family, good food and making memories.



Congratulations to the newly elected National Navy League leadership team from Pensacola!

Pictured left to right: Region President, CNOCM Mark Harden, USN (Ret), National Vice President, CAPT Tom Pruter, USN (Ret), and Gulf Coast Area President, CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret).

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

During the annual Navy League National Convention, held the week of June 21st in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Navy League's Board of Directors elected Alan Kaplan as the 49th National President. Alan has served as the National Treasurer for the last year, and previously served as a National Vice President.



"This is a big honor and responsibility, but it's not about me," Kaplan said. "It is about our members and staff - the Navy League team - standing together strong in support of our sea services, their families and the important mission we all serve. Together, we will elevate our organization to new heights, and in a way that makes us all proud of what we do on a daily basis to fulfill our mission."

Kaplan shared many goals he hopes to accomplish during his tenure. His plan includes building stronger relationships between councils and the Headquarters' staff, executing a sound financial strategy to ensure future long-term viability and delivering real value to our councils. He also hopes to grow revenue by identifying new affinity programs and partnerships that are relevant and strategic to the membership and mission. This plan includes forming relationships with other military service organizations and identifying new strategies to attract the next generation of membership.

Alan Kaplan graduated from the University of Cape Town, South Africa with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant, and lives in Maryland with his wife Marnie and their three young sons.

The Board of Directors also approved a revision to the bylaws to change the term of office for the National President from

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President Kaplan pictured here with his new Leadership team.

two one-year terms, to one two-year term. Kaplan will serve in his new position as National President until June 2019.



ADMIRALS' CLUB HOSTS LUNCHEON

The Admirals' Club is proud to host this year's second guest speaker event. Join us for lunch and a briefing on allied military training programs, featuring CAPT Courtney B. Smith, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA).



CAPT Courtney B. Smith is a 1988 graduate of the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and was commissioned through the NROTC program. She earned a Master of Arts degree from American Military University in 2010.

Her career, as a Naval Flight Officer, includes operational assignments with VAQ-34, VQ-6, VS-32, VS-24, Executive and Commanding Officer of VAQ-142 with two combat deployments to Al Asad, Iraq, and Air Operations Officer for Carrier Strike Group Five/Commander, Task Force 70 forward based in Yokosuka, Japan.

Assignments to shore and staff billets include Naval Aviation Schools Command, VT-10, the US Air Force Academy, and United States Strategic Command (Joint Forces Component Command Integrated Missile Defense JFCC-IMD). Her last tour was as the Executive Assistant for Naval Education and Training Command.

Her awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Air Medal (9 Strike/Flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various unit and theater awards. She has accumulated over 3200 total flight hours in ten different aircraft and over 500 arrested landings.

CAPT Smith became the 13th Commanding Officer of NETSAFA on May 19th, 2016.

The luncheon is emceed by VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret) and will be held Tuesday, July 18th, 11:30 am at the Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress Street, Pensacola.

This event is open to all Admirals' club members and their guests. The cost is \$18.00 per person. RSVP to Carla Cuilik at the Navy League office, at (850) 436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net

JAX Council Visits Pensacola

The Navy League Jacksonville Council recently visited Pensacola for a tour of the many historical opportunities along the Gulf Coast. Among their stops, the council visited the National Naval Aviation Museum and the *USS Alabama* in Mobile. Navy League Jacksonville Council President, J.B. Renninger graciously invited the Pensacola Council to a reception held at Portofino Resort on Pensacola Beach.

Pensacola Council Board Member Gerry McGill presented J.B. and the Jacksonville Council with a framed print of the US Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle* in New York Harbor.



ENLISTED RECOGNITION

The Pensacola Council Navy League celebrated our enlisted military, during the annual Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast, held Wednesday, May 3rd at Seville Quarter. The guest speaker was Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan, who is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Congratulations to the following honorees: Yeoman First Class **Jennifer L. Zeravsky**, Naval Education and Training Command, Sergeant Major **Mercedes D. Wagner**, 350th Civil Affairs Command, Master at



L-R VADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret),
Nan Harper and Sheriff David Morgan

Arms First Class **Daron Tyler**, NAS Pensacola, Master at Arms First Class **Joseph Pelicano**, NAS Whiting Field, Sergeant **James Booker**, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, Naval Aircrewman Operator First Class **Chiara Harvey**, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class **Zachary J. Trail**, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Launching and Recovery Equipment Chief **Cassie Poepoe**, Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center, Electronics Technician Second Class **Jeremy Owings**, Center for Information Warfare Training, Yeoman Second Class **Donte J. Edwards**, Information Warfare Training Center Corry Station,

Cryptologic Technician Collection Second Class **Matthew Hamilton**, Navy Information Operations Command Pensacola, Legalman First Class **Tanya Belna**, Naval Hospital Pensacola, Mass Communications Specialist Second Class **Michael J. Lieberknecht**, Navy Medicine Operational Training Center, Yeoman Second Class **Desmond M. Johnson**, Naval Survival Training Institute, Hospital Corpsman Third Class **Joshua Kragenbring**, Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute, Hospital Corpsman First Class **James Rivas**, Navy Operational Support Center Pensacola, Aviation Structural Mechanic Safety Equipment First Class **Jamichael Semien**, Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron-Blue Angels, Yeoman First Class **Michael Ruff**, Training Air Wing Five, Naval Aircrewman Helicopter First Class **Logan Bradley**, Helicopter Training Squadron 8, Naval Aircrewman Helicopter Second Class **George Parsons**, Helicopter Training Squadron 18, Naval Aircrewman Tactical Helicopter Second Class **Joel Martinez**, Helicopter Training Squadron 28, Gunnery Sergeant **Thomas Gerle**, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, Staff Sergeant **Ryan Sheppard**, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 23, Staff Sergeant **Jarad M. Bratz**, Aviation Maintenance Squadron One, Staff Sergeant **James A. Taylor**, Aviation Maintenance Squadron One, Storekeeper First Class **Audrey Russo**, Coast Guard Liaison Office Pensacola, Machinery Technician Third Class **Michael Storms**, Coast Guard Cutter Cypress, Staff Sergeant **Zachary A. Toon**, 479th Flying Training Group, Senior Airman **Jennifer K. Chang**, 451st Flying Training Squadron, Airman First Class **Demytreis Bell**, 455th Flying Training Squadron.

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Military Spouse Appreciation



The 10th annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon, emceed by Ms. Sue Straughn of WEAR TV 3, was held May 21st, at New World Landing. The guest speaker was Catherine Martin, spouse of CAPT Christopher Martin, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola. The nominees were selected by local military commands for their selfless contributions, commitment to service and sacrifice. This year's winners as nominated by their command are **Koby Achane**, Training Air Wing Six, **Amanda Alvarado**, 479th Operations Support Squadron, **Holly Birch**, Naval Medicine Operational Center, **Peggy DeJesus**, 479th Student Squadron, U.S. Air Force, **Priscilla Delgado**, Aviation Maintenance Squadron One, **Tonya Dillon**, Information War-



fare Training Command, **Megan Eaton**, NAS Whiting Field, **Brenda Finley**, Navy Information Operations Command, **Megan Guidry**, Training Squadron Three, NAS Whiting Field, **Julie Hixon**, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, **Nicole M. Lauer**, Coast Guard Cutter Cypress, **Kimberely Lloyd**, NAS Whiting Field, **Brandy Lowes**, Naval Aviation Schools Command, **Emily A. Maru**, 452nd Flying Training Squadron, **Ashley McNeerney**, Helicopter Training Squadron Eight, **Rosalyn Mendez**, Naval Air Technical Training Center, **Katherine Ogden**, Training Squadron Six, NAS Whiting Field, **Shelly Prestridge**, Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels, **Michael Antonio Ramos**, Naval Hospital Pensacola, **Sherian Ramsey**, Training Squadron Four, **Cortenay Sealock**, 455th Flying Training Squadron, US Air Force and **Tina Staniszewski**, NAS Pensacola. Congratulations to all of the nominees! Special thanks to our sponsors Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union.





Council Hosts Summer Social

Enjoy double the happy hour during the first Summer Social, hosted by the Pensacola Council Navy League. 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. Guests will have an opportunity to learn more about the many benefits of membership, while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Join us for this fun and *free* event on Thursday, August 24th, 5:00-7:00 pm in Apple Annie's at Seville Quarter. RSVP names of all guests to: navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net or call (850) 436-8552.

19th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge™

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual POW/MIA luncheon, hosted by the Pensacola Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. This event will be held Tuesday, September 12th, 11:30 am, at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Guest speaker will be Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician James Layton, USN (Ret), a POW from the *USS Pueblo*, captured in North Korea on January 28th, 1968. The cost per person is \$20. Please consider sponsoring an active duty military and/or being a table sponsor. For further information, call (850) 436-8552 or (850) 944-3237.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Save the date! The Annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner will be held Thursday, October 5th 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, featuring music, delicious food, frosty beverages and fellowship.

Bring a new member to see the many benefits of joining the Pensacola Council Navy League. Current council members who recruit more than 20 new members in a year, are recognized at the Navy League National Convention. For more information, call (850) 436-8552 or email navyleagueofus@bellsouth.net



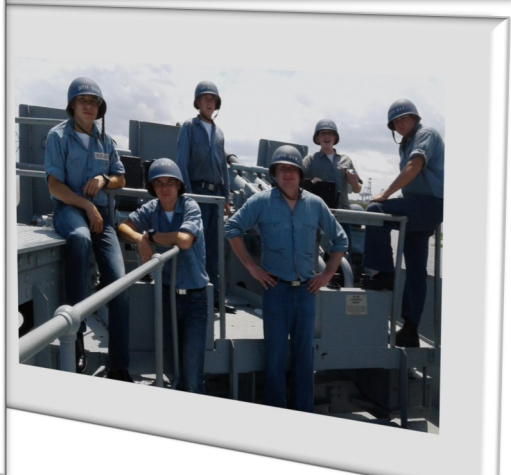


SEA CADETS

INDEPENDENCE SQUADRON



It has been a busy spring and summer for the Sea Cadets. In April, the Independence Squadron participated in a “Living History” WWII re-enactment aboard the *USS Alabama*. In May, the Cadets ran in the St. John Sunset Run, where the squadron won the Group Award. In June, the group had the opportunity to learn about robotics and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). With help from CAPT Tom Pruter, USN (Ret), who is the newly elected National Vice President of the Navy League, the cadets worked together to build underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) from “Sea Perch” kits that were graciously provided by the Navy ➡



In July, the Independence Squadron participated in “Veterans Flight”. The cadets assisted WWII veterans prior to their flight aboard vintage Stearman bi-plane, during the Pensacola Beach Blue Angels air show. “Veterans Flight” is the result of Stearman owner Roy Kinsey and other volunteers’ efforts to honor veterans of World War II. As a prelude to the 2017 Pensacola Beach Air Show, Stearman owners and pilots flew World War II veterans in the first trainer plane flown by many WWII pilots. This year also marks the 70th year anniversary of the end of WWII.



The Sea Cadet senior graduation ceremony was held at the National Naval Aviation Museum. Congratulations to the Independence Squadron graduates: PO2 Charles Lunsford, PO2 David Lunsford, PO1 Christian Petsch and PO2 Sir Wyrick. Pensacola Council Past President and Navy League Gulf Coast Area President, CMDCM Mike Dollen, USN (Ret) presents certificates on behalf of the Pensacola Council to Cadets of the Year, SR Joseph Bennett and PO2 Charles



Coast Guard Moves Two Cutters to Pensacola

From staff reports , pnj.com, June 16, 2017-

The U.S. Coast Guard will relocate two 210-foot medium endurance cutters to Pensacola Naval Air Station by August 2018.

"This is incredible news for Pensacola and for all Northwest Floridians," said U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz, R-Pensacola. "Not only is Northwest Florida gaining 152 new families, but the safety and security of the Emerald Coast and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico is significantly enhanced."

The crews of the Coast Guard Cutter *Decisive*, a 210-foot cutter based in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and the Coast Guard Cutter *Dauntless*, a 210-foot cutter based in Galveston, Texas, will relocate to Pensacola.

Each cutter boasts a crew of 76 coast guardsmen who conduct a variety of Coast Guard missions, including counter drug enforcement, alien migration interdiction operations, search and rescue and maritime law enforcement.

The cutters will be home-ported at NAS Pensacola, along with the Coast Guard Cutter *Cypress*.



Pensacola Man named "Sailor of the Year"



Congratulations to Petty Officer First Class Justin Sullivan, Information Systems Technician from Corry Station. Sullivan was selected among hundreds of nominees to be this year's Navy Times Service Member of the Year.

A married father of two small children, Sullivan was recognized in February 2017 by the Pensacola Council as a nominee of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award during Military Recognition Day. His volunteer experience is extensive, including his work as a teacher and mentor to the Sea Cadets. Sullivan, who has been stationed at Corry Station for the past two years, served two combat tours.

During his first deployment to Afghanistan in 2012, Sullivan directed five combat operations as a radio operator, including three medical evacuations from remote outposts. It was his expertise that was credited with saving the lives of two Afghan soldiers, with the Navy Special Warfare Group. He has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medals, and Overseas Service and Sea Service Deployment ribbons.

Pensacola Council Navy League MembershipNameAddressCity, State, ZipPhonee-mailMember No. (if known):

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

Member Category	Dues Breakdown	Sub total
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual - 1 year membership	Local \$30.00 + National \$55.00	\$ 85.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Admirals' Club - \$60.00 individual 1 year membership per person	\$60.00
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Section 3 – Optional - Donation

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Section 3 - Donations	\$
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Make all checks payable to: **"Pensacola Council, US Navy League"**

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AHOY NEW MEMBERS



Christopher Heaney
Marty A. Longworth

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April 2017

William C. Baker
Bunny Cummins
Ronald Cummins
Michael Dollen
Nora Dollen
Scott Gootee
Bernard T. O'Neill
Gary E. Skaar
Betty Williams

May 2017

Caroline Kelly
Robert Kelly
Marlee Marallo
Ashley (Dick) Pace
Nanci Pruter
Tom Pruter
Charles Spear
Ercie Stalnaker

June 2017

Mark Curley
Paul Wallis

Congratulations to Pensacola Council member Dean-o Fournier (pictured right), proud winner of a 1972 Dodge Challenger. The pristine muscle car was the grand prize from a drawing benefitting the Marine Corps League Corporal JR Spears Detachment, Marines in Distress Fund. Turning over the keys is "Frenchy" LaFontaine from the Marine Corps League.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 18

Admirals’ Club Speaker’s Luncheon
 Pensacola Yacht Club

July 20

NETC Change of Command
 National Naval Aviation Museum

August 24

Navy League Summer Social and Membership Drive
 Seville Quarter-Apple Annie’s

September 12

Pensacola Chapter Freedoms Foundation
POW/MIA Annual Luncheon
 Pensacola Yacht Club

October 5

Chicken Barbecue
 Pensacola Yacht Club



Congratulations to Dr. Shelly Jean Ovsak, U.S. Navy League Lifetime member, who was awarded a Doctor of Business Administration degree from California Coast University.

Dr. Ovsak is pictured second from left, in a ceremony held in California in May 2017.

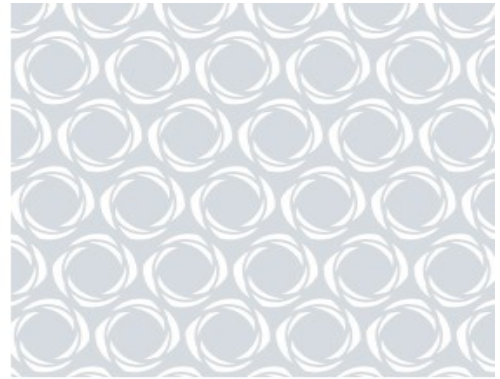
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