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## Pensacola Navy League to Welcome America's Tall Ship USCGC Barque *Eagle* to The Port of Pensacola

The Pensacola Navy League proudly announces the arrival of America's Tall Ship, the USCG Cutter Barque *Eagle*. The ship will moor downtown Pensacola at Plaza De Luna from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This will coincide with and allow *Eagle* to participate in the beginning of Fiesta Pensacola festivities. The visit will include free public ship tours, to which the community is welcome.

The *Eagle* is the seventh U.S. Coast Guard cutter to bear the name in a proud line dating back to one of the original Revenue Cutters built in 1792. The square-rigged barque was built by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, and originally commissioned as Horst Wessel in 1936. The steel-hulled ship was taken as a war reparation after World War II, and a U.S. Coast Guard crew – aided by the German crew still on board – sailed the tall ship from Bremerhaven to New London.



To maneuver *Eagle* under sail, the crew must handle more than 22,000 square feet of sail and five miles of rigging. Built during the twilight era of sail, the design and construction of *Eagle* embody centuries of development in the shipbuilder's art. A permanent crew of eight officers and 50 enlisted personnel maintain the ship year-round and provide a strong base of knowledge and seamanship for the training of up to 150 cadets or officer candidates at a time, gaining experience in leadership and teamwork for the furtherment of their careers.

“As the official visit host representing the City, the entire Council of the Pensacola Navy League is absolutely thrilled to welcome CAPT Michael Turdo, Commanding Officer of the USCGC Barque *Eagle*, his officers and crew to Pensacola,” comments Mark Curley, President of the Pensacola Navy League. “For their visit support, a big thank you to Seville Quarter, Fiesta Pensacola, the Blue Wahoos, Pensacola Yacht Club, the National Naval Aviation Museum, several local businesses, and the efforts of CAPT Dan McCort, USN, Pensacola Navy League Past President, who is coordinating the visit. Many exciting events and activities have been planned for the *Eagle* Officers and Crew during their port visit to Pensacola. The goal is for the Crew to enjoy Pensacola while engaging with our community and learning more about our great city, as we learn more about the Coast Guard mission.”

The schedule of events can be found on page 12 of this newsletter. To learn more about the USCGC Barque *Eagle* Visit and Public Tours, visit [pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org](mailto:pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org)



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CMDCM Mark Curley, USN (Ret), President, Pensacola Navy League**



**M**y reaction to this last quarter in review has to be an overwhelming “WOW”. The Pensacola Navy League (PNL) has been incredibly busy in the community, ranging from hosting events recognizing our military personnel, to preparing to represent the city of Pensacola in hosting the beautiful tall ship and national treasure, the USCGC Barque *Eagle*.

First off, I want to recognize a few people and to proclaim “Thank you” for their recent commitment to the PNL Council. Welcome aboard goes out to our recently appointed Board of Director member CDR David Van Der Like, USNR (Ret), our new Coast Guard Board Representative CAPT Matt Meilstrup, USCG (Ret), our new Sea Cadet Representative, LTJG Bob Hodges, USNSCC and our new Merchant Marines Board Representative, Ben Van Der Like. Thank you for all you do in supporting the goals of our council, our local community and our Sea Services.

It is with deep sadness that we had to say “Farewell” to the following friends of the Pensacola Navy League: Kathy Denkler, a former member of the PNL Board of Directors, Joe Gilchrist and Dick Pace, long-time supporters. We will miss you.

The Independence Squadron, which is the Pensacola Sea Cadets Corps, is back up and running at a record pace! It’s amazing how far a motivated group of dedicated leaders can “right the ship” and already be sailing along “full speed ahead”. Led by Bob Hodges, the inspirational new CO, the unit has enlisted the talents of two key members of his team, Charles Fandell, Unit Training Officer and Ali Critchfield, Auxiliary. These professionals will allow for the Sea Cadets in Pensacola to thrive and succeed immediately and for years to come. The unit is already drilling with 12 new Sea Cadets. Recruiting new Sea Cadets continues. The building the unit occupies and holds its drills and training in is onboard NAS Pensacola. An incredible amount of time and effort has been put into rehabilitating the building, which had been unoccupied for over two years and fell into disrepair. If you want to help, send a donation in the form of a check made payable to the Pensacola Sea Cadets, to help them purchase portable air conditioners for the building, computers and office equipment. The check may be mailed to: LTJG Robert Hodges, NSCC, 7865 Lenora CT, Pensacola, FL 32526. Sign up of new Sea Cadets continues, so let your local family, friends and neighbors know about this great program that develop skills such as citizenship, pride in service, STEM principles, discipline, teamwork and other life skills.

It has been one event after another, keeping everyone busy, getting ready for the next great event to honor and recognize those who serve. The Admiral’s Club held two “Meet The Boss” luncheons. CAPT “Village” Shashaty, was the guest speaker for the event held on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Skipper Shashaty charmed the large gathering with his humor and stories, as we all got to know the new NAS Pensacola CO a bit better. The next luncheon featured CAPT Matt Coughlin, USN (Ret), the Director of Pensacola International Airport. His insight into the world of airport management, especially in regards to Pensacola, past, present and of most interest to the large crowd attending, the future of our airport. The audience was amazed at the stats of the Pensacola airport and it’s ranking and status in the US.



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Honoring awardees from the local community, to include adults and students, seem to dominate this time of the year. From the Pensacola Navy League Board of Directors, Ms. Carol Monroe was recognized by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge at their annual Awards Banquet, receiving the George Washington Honor Medal in Adult Community. The Pensacola NJROTC Unit Award Ceremony was held to present NJROTC personnel with individual achievement awards from all of the local veteran, retiree and civilian military-support groups. Pensacola Navy League presented their awards to the top three cadets from each of the four local NJROTC schools.

Our Pensacola Council had the pleasure and honor of hosting the 2022 Navy League Southern Region Conference from March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, held at the National Flight Academy onboard NAS Pensacola. The two day event hosted leadership from the National Navy League from Washington DC. Included on the distinguished guest list of attendees was Mike Stevens, National Navy League CEO, Dave Reilly, National President of the Navy League and Admiral James Foggo, USN (Ret), Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy. A highlight of the conference was Admiral Foggo's presentation on the topic of Emerging Maritime Threats, which was held on base with a large audience. The conference schedule included leadership training, National updates and policies, council level best practices and networking. Attending the conference were representatives from all Southern Region Councils.

Another major event we participated in was the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation's Retired and Active Aviation Flag Officer's Training Symposium, during a reception held at Seville Quarter. This venue provided an opportunity to celebrate the Centennial of the US Navy Aircraft Carrier. As a co-sponsor of the event, Pensacola Navy League members were invited to attend and enjoy the food, drinks, atmosphere and socializing with honored guests.

Congratulations go out to our Navy League National Award winners, Carol Monroe for two Mackie awards for the Bullhorn newsletter and Facebook page and a Mackie Award to Dan McCort for the PNL website. The top prize of Outstanding Council also goes to Dan as our 2021 Pensacola Navy League President. What an awesome job!

Changing direction from what we have done, to what we are going to do. Some of our local Pensacola Council upcoming events include the much-anticipated port visit by the Tall Ship USCGC Barque *Eagle* from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Tours and receptions for Navy League members will be available. Check out the *Eagle* Port Visit Schedule on page 12 of this newsletter.

The Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Electronic Invitations will be sent out soon. Also, the Navy League of the US National Convention is scheduled from June 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> in Orlando.

We are hosting another new event! On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are bringing together all the local military commands to celebrate and honor each command's volunteer superstar. The luncheon will be at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Invitations will be sent out in a few weeks.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Pensacola Navy League and Marine Corps League join forces to host the Summer Membership Social. This event will be held at Seville Quarter. Current members, bring a future member!

With all that is scheduled, it's a full social calendar. I hope to see you all at any of the events this summer.

Take care.

# Enlisted Recognition

The Pensacola Navy League holds an Enlisted Recognition Breakfast each spring. The event honors military enlisted members who have demonstrated significant contribution to their command and the community. This year's event was held April 21<sup>st</sup> at Seville Quarter. The guest speaker was Force Master Chief Matthew Harris, USN, of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC). Force Master Chief Matthew Harris, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1988. He attended recruit training in Great Lakes, Illinois, and completed Naval Submarine School. His academic achievements include the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 158 Brown; Chief of the Boat (COB)/Command Master Chief (CMC) Capstone course; MCPON Executive Leadership Course; and the National Defense University Keystone Course. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership from the University of Charleston and is qualified in submarine and information warfare.



Thirty-four honorees from commands at NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field were recognized. Each were presented gift bags from Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union, letters of recognition from Katie Doughty, the Representative for Senator Rick Scott, and from the office of Congressman Marco Rubio, and certificates of appreciation from the National Navy League US and from Congressman Matt Gaetz.



134 guests were in attendance including Deborah Malsberger, representing State of Florida House Representative Michelle Salzman, Sheriff Chip Simmons, CAPT Terrence Shashaty, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola and RADM Pete Garvin, USN, Commander of NETC.

Special thanks to our main sponsor Navy Federal Credit Union and to all of our table and individual sponsors.



Congressman Matt Gaetz presents a letter of appreciation to one of the honorees.



# PENSACOLA International Airport

## MEET THE BOSS



The Pensacola Navy League Admirals' Club was honored to present CAPT Matt Coughlin, USN (Ret) as the guest speaker for the third installment of the "Meet the Boss" speaker series.

Matt is the Director of Pensacola International Airport (PNS). He brings a broad perspective of a 24-year Navy career, followed by service in city/county government and now serving Northwest Florida in the demanding director position in charge of operations, administration and airport security. In term of passengers, PNS is the largest airport in the Gulf Coast Region. He shared the great new things happening at the airport, including terminal and parking expansion and expansion of the runway by 1000 feet.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Western New England University, a Master of Science in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University. These qualifications



served him well in key Department of Defense assignments on the Joint Staff, Pentagon. Following his graduation from Western New England University, he attended Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1988. He began flight training at NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field, earning his wings of gold as a helicopter pilot in 1991. He deployed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, flying the H-60 aircraft in Anti-submarine Warfare operations, specializing in counter-narcotic operations in the Caribbean/South American areas. He next served on the Joint Staff, Pentagon. Returning to sea duty in 2006, he was selected to "Command at Sea" and served as Commanding Officer of HSL-43.

Now on a fast track, he was ordered to the Amphibious Aircraft Carrier, USS Pelelieu (LHA-5) as the "Air Boss", in charge of all flight operations. The final assignment of his Navy career was as Commanding Officer, NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida.

Matt Coughlin shared that his love of aircraft began as a child, growing up in a military family. "I flew in a cockpit before I learned to drive a car."

Prior to his current assignment as Director, Matt served as Assistant to the Director, followed by tours as Assistant County Administrator, then County Administrator. He assumed duties as Director in June 2020.



VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret) served as emcee.



The USCG Cutter DAUNTLESS and her crew returned to their homeport at NAS Pensacola on April 6<sup>th</sup>, following a 45 day patrol in the Caribbean Sea. DAUNTLESS' crew seized approximately 8,500 pounds of cocaine and apprehended 13 suspected drug smugglers. They offloaded more than \$243 million in illegal narcotics at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, before returning to Pensacola.

The Dauntless' crew worked alongside multiple U.S. and International Coast Guard assets to interdict the illegal drug smugglers.

Enjoy these photos of beautiful and happy families. *Welcome home!*



Photo credit: CAPT Matt Meilstrup, USCG (Ret), USCG Representative for the Pensacola Navy League





In other good *Coastie* news, PO3 Bryan L. Beck, USCG was selected as the recipient of the Douglas Munro, Navy League Inspirational Leadership Award for 2021! As the winner, The Navy League of the United States invited Beck and one guest to attend the National Navy League Convention, to receive his award on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. Congratulations PO Beck! More on this story in the next edition of the Bullhorn.



One of the primary missions of the Pensacola Navy League is to support the Sea Cadets. The local Independence Squadron has experienced some setbacks, including issues related to the pandemic, a hurricane and most recently, vandals and thieves who ransacked their headquarters. Under the new leadership of LTJG Bob Hodges, USNSCC, the Independence Squadron has regrouped. However, help is needed. The vandalized building does not have central air conditioning and needs repairs. Donations are needed to purchase portable air conditioning units and supplies. If you would like to help, please send a donation to: LTJG Robert Hodges, NSCC, 7865 Lenora CT, Pensacola, FL 32526, care of the Sea Cadets Independence Squadron.







## U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS



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The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps Independence Squadron, Pensacola, FL was established as a division in 1963 and transitioned to a squadron in 2013. For nearly 60 years we have been committed to the Sea Cadets' Mission of building leaders of character by imbuing in our cadets the highest ideals of honor, respect, commitment, and service.

After disassembling in 2020 due to Covid and Hurricane Sally, the Independence Squadron is excited to be back up and running! On May 14th and 15th, 2022, we held our first drill weekend since 2020 and went from one registered cadet to nearly ten cadets overnight. Even after only one drill weekend, we are beyond proud of the enthusiasm and discipline of the cadets we have. There is no doubt that they are well on their way to becoming leaders of character. As a newly reconstructed squadron, we are seeking new cadets and adult volunteers to help us grow as a unit with hopes of having fifteen to twenty cadets by the end of the year.

As we continue to build our unit, any donations are greatly appreciated as we transition from the old Type I "Blueberry" uniforms to the Type III digital Camo Uniforms to remain within the current regulations of the U.S. Navy. We are also in the process of phasing out the old dress white jumpers for the new dress white jumpers with the piping on the tar flaps and cuffs.

In addition to uniforms, donations will be used to support the unit for special events that may require fees greater than our allotted monthly drill fees. For example, we are working on planning a drill weekend trip to the USS Alabama where we will have the honor and privilege of staying overnight aboard the ship.

Lastly, donations will be used for marketing materials such as signs and banners, building maintenance and upkeep such as air conditioning and repairing building damage, and obtaining internet access.

We are beyond blessed and grateful to be sponsored by the Pensacola Navy League who continue to support our efforts and mission within the United States Navy Sea Cadet Corps.



**A**shley DeWitte “Dick” Pace, Jr., a true patriot and long time friend and a tremendous supporter of the Pensacola Navy League, passed away on February 20, 2022, at the age of 102. He was a wonderful man who loved life and people. He is greatly missed by his Navy League family.

Dick Pace was a pioneering Naval aviator, passionate businessman, sportsman, philanthropist, and champion for his lifelong home in Pensacola.

Born to Ashley DeWitte Pace and Grace Owen Pace on August 22, 1919, Dick and his wife, the former Jane Noonan, were married for 76 years prior to her death in 2020. His family members remember him as a quiet hero who made them want to be their best selves. He was a true gentleman with hallmarks of moderation, kindness, generosity, wisdom, and grace.

Dick’s zeal for flying knew no limits and no time, as he took to the skies just over a year ago as a passenger in a vintage SNJ advanced trainer, the last Navy training aircraft he flew before he was designated a Naval aviator in 1942.

With World War II raging in Europe, he had enlisted in the Navy during spring break of his senior year of college. After he received his Wings of Gold, he instructed in the N2S Stearman primary trainer, then received fighter and carrier training in the Grumman F6F-5 Hellcat. Assigned to the newly formed fighter squadron VF-92, he conducted numerous combat air patrols and air strikes in the Pacific.

In recent years, Dick was a supporter and regular participant in Veterans Flight, a program in which Stearman owners fly World War II veterans over Pensacola Beach as part of the Blue Angels Air Show. On one such flight, when he was 89, he took the controls to perform a few maneuvers, including a loop. “It was just a good, friendly airplane,” he would later recall. “It would not let you down.” Dick left the Navy after the war, but his allegiance to the service never wavered. He donated all his military memorabilia to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, where he was a lifetime member and a volunteer until just a few years ago. The museum allowed him to temporarily reclaim his perfectly fitting flight suit for his flights as a veteran. He was also an active member of the National Navy League, U.S., the Order of Daedalians and the Tailhook Association.

After the war, Dick and his brother, Thomas M. Pace, formed Gulf Paper Co. and employed several hundred people to manufacture food containers and shipping boxes for businesses throughout the South. The business was later sold to St. Regis Paper Co. (now International Paper Co.) As much as he relished flying, Dick also loved yachting and sailing. He was the senior member of the Pensacola Yacht Club. He frequently took his 41-foot Hatteras yacht, the Phantom, out on Pensacola Bay for family outings.

In 1947 and 1948, he, and his brother, along with a talented crew, raced their father’s 51-foot sloop, the White Heather, from St. Petersburg to Havana, Cuba, winning third place in what was one of the most prestigious sailing events of that era. Then, in 2015, when the U.S. was attempting to normalize relations with Cuba, a new, 584-mile regatta from Pensacola Bay to Havana, called the Pensacola a La Habana race, was set. Dick and his brother provided the Pace Perpetual Trophy, a magnificently restored Pensacola Yacht Club cup, for the overall winner. In other endeavors on the water, Dick enjoyed scuba diving and spear fishing. With his brother, he helped form the Escambia County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team. His diverse interests also ranged from racing in Sports Car Club of America events to singing in barbershop quartets.

In 1973, he represented Don Tristan DeLuna XXIV, the Spanish conquistador who presides over the annual Fiesta of Five Flags that celebrates Pensacola’s heritage as the first European settlement in America.

Dick’s childhood, except for four years in Savannah, GA, was spent in Pensacola. He attended local schools until entering Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA, for his senior year of high school where he graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1937. In 1941, he graduated from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire with a degree in business administration.

The community is so fortunate to have had such a remarkable man call Pensacola his home.





It is with great sadness we announce the recent passing of two friends and supporters of the Pensacola Navy League. **Kathy “Kat” Denkler**, was a long time member of the Pensacola Navy League and the Pensacola Navy League Admirals’ Club. She served on the Board of Directors and along with her husband CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret), rarely missed a Navy League event.

**Joe Gilchrist**, a larger than life personality who loved and respected his country and the military, holds the record for recruiting the most members into the Pensacola Navy League. He often payed the membership dues of his recruits and was always generous in his support.



Major Kathy Rhodes Denkler, USAF (Ret.), age 64, passed away in Pensacola, FL, on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Born in Savannah, GA, Kathy began her life of adventures at U. S. Air Force Bases in Turkey, Colorado, Alaska, North Carolina, and Virginia. She was an alumnus of North Carolina State University, Class of 1980, and received her commission into the USAF via the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program.

As an Intelligence and Space Operations Officer, Kathy was stationed at Bergstrom AFB, (TX), Osan Air Base, (Korea), Langley AFB, (VA), Buckley Space Force Base, (CO), and U. S. Atlantic Command, (VA).

Following her retirement, Kathy worked for The Boeing Company (Missile Defense Sector), Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (NAS Pensacola), the National Flight Academy, and the University of West Florida. She was a long time supporter of the Pensacola Navy League and previously served on the PNL Board of Directors.

Kathy is survived by her loving and devoted husband, CAPT Mike Denkler, USN (Ret.); her mother, Anna L. Rhodes, of Apex NC; her brother, Richard A. Rhodes (Jennifer), of Apex NC; her two step-children, Jennifer Hoiler (Patrick), of Pomfret, MD, and Joshua Denkler, of Virginia Beach, VA.



*From the Gilchrist Family:*

The Flora-Bama’s founding father, Joe Gilchrist, has gone home to be with his Creator.

Joe was born on April 17, 1942 and went home on May 25, 2022 at the age of 80. Joe built a legacy and culture around treating others with kindness and respect, asking only for the same in return.

Given the opportunity to take over the Flora-Bama by the Tampary family in 1978, Joe’s love for other human beings started, and he built a party and celebration of life that will go on forever.

Joe was a philanthropist, a community leader, and an unwavering and untiring supporter of the U.S. Military and his country. He would be proud to remind everyone that Memorial Day is a time dedicated to remembering and honoring those that have fought and died for our country.

Joe created the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival, which brought together artists of all kinds and funded musical programs for local youth. His love of songwriters and music would earn him the title ‘Patron Saint of Songwriters.’ We love you Joe and thank you for making all of our lives better, and for the selfless way you lived your life.

The family is asking for privacy at this time and will release more information about a celebration of life, in the near future.

# AWARD WINNERS

The Pensacola Navy League supported the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Lion's Club Outstanding Flight Instructor Banquet, held earlier this year at Scenic Hills Country Club. The ceremony recognized 15 flight instructors from local training squadrons at NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field. The guest speaker was CAPT Edgardo A. Moreno, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Aviation Schools Command.

Pictured from the left: Patty Veal, PNL Public Affairs Coordinator, CAPT Edgardo A. Moreno, USN, CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret), former President of the PNL and Russell Lentz, Treasurer of the PNL.



Carol Monroe, pictured left with Pensacola FFVF President Betty Williams.

During a ceremony held in April 2022, Carol Monroe, PNL newsletter editor and Board Member, accepted the George Washington Honor Medal from the National Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (FFVF).

The award is presented to individuals who have made a significant impact through service to the community. The Pensacola Navy League was recognized for a mask-making effort during the height of the pandemic. Carol led a committee in March 2020, to make COVID-19 masks for the incoming students, staff and other base personnel attending the NAS Pensacola, Naval Aviation Schools Command. A plea from the command leadership was sent to the Pensacola Navy League to secure PPE masks, following a new DoD/CDC directive that all personnel aboard military installations wear a "face mask" when social distancing was not possible. Service members were told to purchase or make their own face masks from T-shirts, since face masks had limited availability at the time. Then Navy League President, Dan McCort, reached out to Carol to Chair a mask-making committee. She collected more than 300 T-shirts and with the assistance of her husband, Rick, made over 480 T-shirt masks. She solicited volunteers from around the community to make and sew an additional 1,120 masks, for a total of more than 1,600 masks.

The masks were hand-delivered by Pensacola Navy League members to the Naval Aviation Schools Command and to the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center staff and students.

The Pensacola Navy League is proud to announce we swept the National Navy League Council awards for 2021 with awards in every category. Voted Outstanding Council, the top honor for a council based on the council's activities and excellence in multiple areas. This recognition was awarded under the leadership of President Dan McCort, USN (Ret).



The Pensacola Council won three Mackie Awards: A gold award for both the newsletter and the website and a silver award for social media. The Mackie Awards are a series of three different awards given to Navy League councils for their communication efforts. Each of the awards are judged by a basic set of initial screening criteria and additionally are scored based on criteria that views the quality of work. Carol Monroe is editor of the newsletter and oversees the council's Facebook page. Dan McCort set up and runs the council's website.

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## Schedule of Ship Events, USCGC Barque *Eagle*:

The schedule of events below is subject to change pending weather and other conditions. Updates will be posted on the Pensacola Navy League website at [pensacolanavyleague.org](http://pensacolanavyleague.org).

**Thursday, June 2** : *Eagle* arrives at Plaza De Luna at 10 a.m.  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Welcome events

**Public Tour Schedule (Note: Visitors must be able to climb stairs):**

- **Thursday, June 2:** 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- **Friday, June 3:** 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (10-11 a.m. for military and first responders)
- **Saturday, June 4:** 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (10-11 a.m. for military and first responders)
- **Sunday, June 5:** Ship Departure from Plaza De Luna – Farewell at 10 a.m. No public tours.

To learn more about the USCGC Barque *Eagle* Visit and Public Tours, visit [pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org](mailto:pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org)



## Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon



The annual Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon will be held June 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, at Pensacola Yacht Club.

Guest speaker is Jennifer Shashaty. Jennifer “Jenn” is the spouse of CAPT Terrence Shashaty, USN, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola.

Jenn, a native New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn, studied genetics and ultrasound at St Francis College. She worked for 10 years at SonoScan Genetic Sciences as a Medical Technician and Sonographer. However, in 2005, Jenn’s life would change after meeting her husband, Terry, a Naval Aviator. She immediately accepted the title of “Navy Wife” and to this day continues to proudly represent military spouses by being actively involved in the Officer

Spouse Clubs-OSC, Family Readiness Groups-FRG, military charity groups, advocate for T1D and the military child, supporter of community sports, neighborhood events, all while acting as CFO, CO, CEO, COO and CNO-”Chief Nurturing Officer.”

Jenn is a proud mother of four amazing children, two boys and boy/girl twins. When she is not shuffling kids to extracurricular activities, her home is always open and full of extra kids. Jenn loves to volunteer her time coaching, actively participating in sports organizations and being the biggest cheerleader for her children. On occasion, you can find her at school, substitute teaching or just taking time to volunteer and work with those that need a little extra help.

The cost is \$20 for Navy League members, \$18 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 [pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org](mailto:pensacolanavyleague@pensacolanavyleague.org)



# AHOY NEW MEMBER

\*RADM Kyle Cozad, USN (Ret)  
 \*Mr. John Hollowell  
 \*CAPT Michael Kohler, USN (Ret)  
 \*Mr. Matthew P. Massey  
 Clark Merritt  
 Bryan Newsome  
 Samuel Pennington

## RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

### January 2022

Ms. Larissa Dennis  
 Mr. Tom Furr (Pen Air FCU)  
 Ms. Pamela Hatt  
 Ms. Kristal Kelley (Pen Air FCU)  
 Ms. Anje Reid (Pen Air FCU)  
 Ms. Patricia M. Veal

### February 2022

\*Ms. Nancy A. Fetterman  
 \*CAPT Dean-o Fournier, USN (Ret)  
 \*Mr. Bill Jones  
 \*LCDR David Larsen, USN (Ret)  
 \*Mr. David Lorenzo  
 LtCol Robert Nelson, USMC (Ret)  
 CAPT James L. Vandiver, USN (Ret)  
 \*CMSgt Harry White, USAF (Ret)

### March 2022

\*FORCM Robert H. Anderson, USN (Ret)  
 \*Ms. Joanna Bradford  
 \*CAPT Charlie C. Code, USN (Ret)  
 \*CMDCM Michael F. Dollen, USN (Ret)  
 Mrs. Nora Dollen  
 Mr. Frank J. Fabre  
 Mr. Vincent J. Long  
 \*CAPT Daniel McCort, USN (Ret)  
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The 2022 National Convention will be held in Orlando Florida, June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Join up with fellow Navy League members for our sessions, luncheons and special council events.

<https://www.navyleague.org/meetings-and-events/national-convention/>

**★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★**

**June 2-5, 2022**  
**USCGC Barque Eagle**  
 Plaza De Luna

**June 8-12, 2022**  
**Navy League National Convention**  
 Orlando, FL

**June 16, 2022**  
**Change of Command USCGC DECISIVE**  
 Mustin Beach Club, NAS Pensacola

**June 29, 2022**  
**Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon**  
 Pensacola Yacht Club

**August 18, 2022**  
**Summer Social Membership Drive**  
 Seville Quarter

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**2022**

# HEROES AMONG US

## Speaker Series

### 2022 SCHEDULE

**26 MAY**

#### Sniper Night

▶ Captain Blake Cole, USMC  
At the Veterans Memorial Park

**30 JUNE**

#### Mogadishu Black Hawk Down Night

▶ Lt. Colonel Larry Perino, USA

**28 JULY**

#### Coast Guard Cutter Night

▶ CWO4 Keith Raisch, USCG

**25 AUG**

#### Corpsman Up! Night

▶ Doc Joe Hodge USN

**29 SEPT**

#### SR-71 Blackbird Night

▶ Colonel Joe Kinego, USAF

**27 OCT**

#### Special Forces Night

▶ Major General David Morris, USA  
At the Veterans Memorial Park

### When:

Thursday Evenings,  
May – October,  
1800 (6pm)  
See schedule for dates

### Where:

26 MAY

27 OCTOBER

Pensacola Veterans  
Memorial Park  
Bayfront Parkway near 9th Avenue,  
Pensacola, Florida

### ALL OTHER DATES

Seville Quarter  
130 E Government St,  
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## JOIN THE PENACOLA 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>

The categories of membership in the Pensacola Navy League are:

**Regular Member** – Any citizen of the United States desiring to support and advance the objective and purpose of the Navy League shall be eligible as a Regular Member. Active Duty members of any branch of the armed service persons are not eligible for membership while on active duty. Reservists are eligible for membership, but while on active duty are not eligible to vote or hold a Navy League office.

**Honorary Member** – Any outstanding person who has shown and expressed unusual interest in this Council and who has made significant accomplishments at local, regional, or national level of the Navy League shall be eligible for Honorary Membership upon unanimous approval of Council Members present at a regular monthly meeting. No dues shall be assessed against such Honorary Members. Honorary Members are privileged to take part in all social activities of the Council but shall not be eligible to vote or hold regular office in the Council.

**Associate Member** – Non- citizens may be Associate Members provided that they are proposed by a Council and not by an individual. An Associate Member shall be entitled to vote and hold office at the Council level, with the exception of serving as Council President. Current annual dues structure applies.

**Guest Member** – National Members who are not dues paying Local Members shall be designated as Guest Members. These members will receive invitations to local events but charged a higher cost than Regular Members. Guest Members shall also be eligible to receive the Bullhorn Newsletter via e-mail.

**Spouse of Active Duty Personnel** – Active Duty Spouses are eligible for either a FREE E-membership or a regular membership at a reduced rate; however, they may neither vote nor hold office. The offer of a free E-membership has been extended from 2020 until the end of 2021.

**Community Affiliate Membership** – Community Affiliate Membership is designed for companies whose business is primarily local rather than national in orientation, whose primary interest is in the activities and concerns of the local Council and desire to support and advance the mission and objectives of the Navy League. During each year of membership, a Community Affiliate Member may designate up to four (4) Regular Members, provided such Members are otherwise qualified. Designated members enjoy all the privileges of individual Membership including the right to vote and hold office.

**Members in Good Standing** - Members whose dues are current shall be considered Members in Good Standing, and shall have all resulting rights and privileges of membership including the right to vote and to serve as Council Officers and /or on the Council Board of Directors.

**General** - Each applicant for membership shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval, the Executive Secretary will provide the National Headquarters with appropriate documentation and national dues, if appropriate



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