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Welcome to the final edition of our quarterly newsletter for 2024! As we reflect on the the last quarter of the year, it is amazing to see just how often we were able to gather our community and accomplish our mission of advocating for and supporting our local sea services and all active duty personnel and their families.

Continue reading to find a letter from our council President, recaps of our events from the last three months and another round of Meet Our Board of Directors featuring two new Directors for our 2025 Council!

As always, thank you for your continued support and participation in shaping our council of the Pensacola Navy League. Your support gives us the opportunity to provide support and give back to our local military community.



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Welcome to final edition of the Bullhorn for calendar year 2024. If you're asking yourself, "where did the time go? Rest assured we are pondering the same question. A lot has transpired this last quarter as we bid adieu to 2024 and welcome in 2025.

We closed out the commissioning of the *USS RICHARD M. MCCOOL, JR.* in early October and reflected on lessons learned for future commissioning ceremonies. Next, we donned aprons for one of two occasions this quarter, our renowned Chicken BBQ, hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club-it was delish! We then transitioned the following week to celebrating our 249th Navy Birthday at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. On our Mid-October Wednesday, we celebrated the USCG's Eight Bells Ceremony, and two days later on Friday, we attended both our Navy/Marine Corps League Golf Tournament and the 2nd German Air Force's Oktoberfest, not to be outdone and closing out the month presenting a Sailor of the Quarter Award aboard the *USCGC WALNUT*.

Early November kicked off with the two-day Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show that included special Guests, the USAF's Thunderbirds followed by the NASP Change-of-Command mid-month. The Founding Forward Pensacola Chapter held its Awards Dinner recognizing outstanding community volunteers on the heels of the Pensacola Chamber's State of the Military Luncheon 2024, emceed by our own Dan McCort-great job Dan! We next donned aprons once again joining Board Member Buck Mitchell downtown at Seville Quarter to close out the month for *Operation Turkey Drop* preparing a traditional Thanksgiving meal for those standing duty on Thanksgiving Day. Great job Chefs and transporters!! We concluded November with our Officer and Board Member elections – congratulations and Welcome Aboard to our newest Board Members and those returning for another term.

Our business for 2024 concluded by the swearing in of our Officers and Board by Dan McCort, National Navy League Regional President, during our Christmas Dinner and Dance, and lastly, a 2025 no-host calendar / event planning luncheon to align for what's ahead. I think that's a wrap. Hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season; see you in '25.

Navy League Goals: 1) Educate the public and elected officials on the importance of a strong maritime component for our National Security, and 2) Support and advocate for members of the Sea Services including: U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Merchant Marine, and the U.S. Navy.

In closing, **THANKS** for all you do: [Citizens in support of our Sea Services.](#)

Very Respectfully,
CDR Evan A. Hipsley, Jr., 1813, USN, Ret., **President**

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

OCTOBER 3, 2024

The Annual Pensacola Council Navy League barbecue and membership drive was held at the beautiful Pensacola Yacht Club. The casual barbecued chicken dinner is always a favorite event for the Pensacola Council. The guests feasted on chicken cooked by chefs Bobby Riggs, Don "DQ" Quinn, Mark Vanderhaden, Evan Hipsley, Buck Mitchell, Tom Furr and others while enjoying great fun, camaraderie and a beautiful view.

It was great to see our council come together to cook an incredible feast for over 80 members and friends of the Pensacola Navy League. We had a great turnout and were honored to have Representative Michelle Salzman among our guests for the evening. Our local NJORTC Color Guard opened our event by playing the call to the colors and the color guard raised the flag in the Pensacola Yacht Club for the evening.

We want to thank PenAir Credit Union for providing the incredible smoker once again to help us create our feast, we are always grateful for your support and sponsorship! The goal for the Chicken BBQ each year is to meet new faces and share the mission of our council. We had a full house this year and we look forward to keeping this annual event going well into the future!



From L to R: NJORTC member, Representative Michelle Salzman, CDR Evan A. Hipsley, Jr., USN (Ret), Nan Harper and additional NJORTC members.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR HELPING US MAKE THIS EVENT A REALITY AND HELPING US TO CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL COUNCIL AND ALL WE DO!

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MEET THE BOSS LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 17, 2024



On May 23 we hosted our fourth Admiral's Club luncheon of the year where members heard directly from guest speaker RADM Jeffrey Czerewko, USN, Commander of the Naval Education Training Command. RADM Jeffrey Czerewko is a native of Saginaw, Michigan and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds a master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

At sea, he deployed with Attack Squadron (VA) 75 aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), both assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17. He completed his department head tour with VFA-136, attached to CVW-7 aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) and USS George Washington (CVN 73). He commanded VFA-146 and deployed twice with USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) as part of CVW-9. Czerewko also commanded CVW-2 while assigned to USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76) as the strike warfare commander for Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9.

His shore assignments include fleet replacement squadron instructor pilot, assistant safety officer, and assistant training officer while assigned to VFA-106; electronic warfare branch chief for the Joint Staff Deputy Director for Global Operations (J-39); and the resource sponsor for Naval Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capabilities and director, Battlespace Awareness (N2N6 F2). He also stood up the Digital Warfare Office as acting director on the Navy Staff; served as chief of staff for Commander, Naval Air Forces; and completed additional tours with the Naval Special Warfare Development Group and as battle director for the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid, Qatar.

As a flag officer, Czerewko served as the deputy director for Global Operations (J-39) on the Joint Staff; director for Fleet Integrated Readiness and Analysis (N02R), U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and commander, CSG-4. He became the 21st commander of the Naval Education and Training Command June 8, 2023. He is the recipient of various personal awards and unit decorations and received the Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award in 2002 and 2004.

The event was emceed by our very own RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret). During the event guests were able to learn about RADM Jeffrey Czerewko's service history as well as an overview of the Navy's approach to Force Development. Additionally, he highlighted the goals of NETC summarized as: build trust, increase performance and close gaps.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ADMIRALS' CLUB TO ATTEND THESE EXCLUSIVE EVENTS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR OFFICE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 18, 2024

This year's golf tournament was a great success thanks to the hard work and organizing efforts of Dean-o Fournier! We had to reschedule from our original date of October 4, due to a torrential downpour but the 18th turned out to be a perfect day for golfing at AC Read. From an early lunch at the club house to the course, you could not ask for a better day!

We had 88 participants this year and many incredible sponsors that helped make this event a reality. We want to give a HUGE thank you to PenAir Credit Union, V2X, Cordova Lanes, Pensacola Indoor Shooting Range, Bonelli's and Escambia County Area Transit! It's because of your generous support that we were able to have such a wonderful day with our golfers!

Additionally, we want to thank the NASC Ensign volunteers who helped the day run smoothly and kept an eye out for any hole-in-ones. Although no one went home with a new car this time, we did have some great competitors when it came to Closest to the Pin - Winner Jim Brownlee, Longest Drive - Winner Jake Scritchfield and Most Accurate Drive - Winner William A. Francis!





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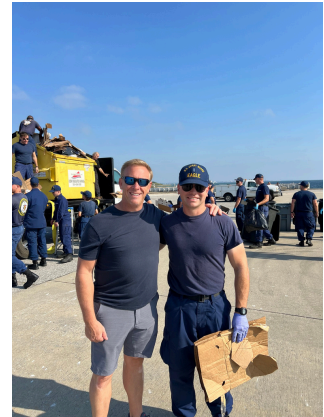
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USCG Q4 2024 NEWS

OCTOBER 28, 2024 - USCG RELIANCE IS WELCOMED HOME AFTER PATROL



OCTOBER 31, 2024 - USCG CUTTER WALNUT SAILOR OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION TO MK3 DUSTIN JAROSZ, USCG ABOARD THE CUTTER WALNUT (WLB-205). CONGRATULATIONS DUSTIN!



Pictured from L to R: MK3 Dustin Jarosz with LCDR Torrey Jacobsen, Commanding Officer and CDR Evan Hipsley (USN RET), President, Pensacola Council, US Navy League

CHRISTMAS BOWLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Council sponsored the Christmas bowling extravaganza for 60 Coast Guard cryptologic and cyber students and instructors from Corry Station. Because the program does not yet have a morale budget for its students, our efforts enabled them to enjoy some great bowling, food and camaraderie. IS3 Jessen was the top bowler with a 220 score!

The Coast Guard Detachment at Corry Station, hosted by the Navy's Information Warfare Training Center, is a premier training command dedicated to advancing the Coast Guard's cryptology, computer network operations, and afloat electronic warfare missions. Serving over 170 students annually, it provides critical training for Tactical Cryptology Afloat operations and is poised to become the future "A" school for the Cyber Mission Specialist rating.



2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 3, 2024



Photo from 2024 Christmas Party from PNL Facebook Page

The annual Christmas Party was an incredible way to end the year for the Pensacola Council of the Navy League. Our very own RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret) was kind enough to emcee the event for us, and we had wonderful live music by The Platinum Premier Duo playing throughout the evening.

At the event Don Quinn introduced our distinguished guests and outlined our accomplishments of the year. He thanked our outgoing 2024 board members including: Ed Rouse, ABEC Bob Hodges, USN (Ret), Meredith Jones, and Russell Lentz. This was followed by asking the 2025 Pensacola Council Officers & Board of Directors to come forward for their Installation which was administered by CAPT Dan McCort, USN (Ret). To learn more about our new board members, see page 10 of the newsletter!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We owe another huge thank you to PenAir Credit Union for being our event sponsor. It was a spectacular night all around!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2025

January 15 - Navy League Board Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

February 2025

February 19 - Navy League Board Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

February 27 - Military Recognition Day at the Pensacola Bay Center

March 2025

March 19 - Navy League Board Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

March 21 - Navy Band Performs at the Saengar Theater

April 2025

April 16 - Navy League Board Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club

April 24 - Enlisted Recognition Breakfast

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Pensacola Council Navy League Application



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member Category | Dues Breakdown | Sub total |
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| Individual 1-year membership | Local \$50.00 + National \$55.00 | \$105.00 |
| Individual 2-year membership | Local \$100.00 + National \$100.00 | \$200.00 |
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| Local Only – National Life Members* | Local \$50.00 EACH [National is Paid] | \$50.00 |
| E-membership - 1-year membership (<i>receives only electronic issues of Sea Power Magazine</i>) | Local \$50.00 + National \$25.00 | \$75.00 |

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| Admirals Club - \$60.00 individual 1-year membership per person | \$60.00 |

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Meg Rich-Alexander

Meg joined the Navy League of the United States to support our nation's service members and contribute to the organization's mission. While Meg did not serve herself, she has a passion for the local military community and is dedicated to serving the Pensacola community and our sea services

Hometown: Bucklin, Kansas



Mike Harbison

For the last 25 years of his professional career Mike owned and operated a mechanical engineering consulting firm and served as a manufacturer representative for the Midwest. Throughout his time in the greater Cincinnati area and Ohio, he actively volunteered, serving his local community, the City of Montgomery, OH and the Ohio High School and Midwest College sports community for over 50 years.

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

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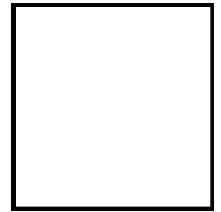
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