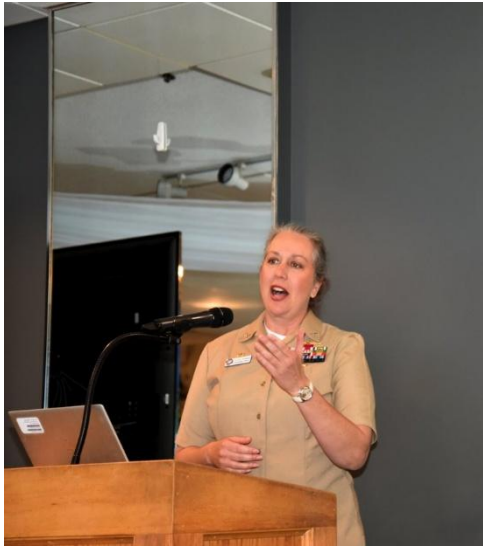


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## Meet the Boss CAPT Chandra Newman, CO, NASP

Captain Chandra Newman, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola, met with the Admirals' Circle on 8 April at the Pensacola Yacht Club. About 50 personnel from the community and the military came to engage with the Inverness, Florida native regarding events on base and around the Navy. She did not disappoint. After opening with a couple slides reviewing the size and scope of operations on the base, she took questions and provided frank answers to all of them. It was enjoyable and all left with the feeling that NAS Pensacola is in good hands!

## NJROTC Scholarship Award



The Pensacola Navy League proudly presented a \$1500 scholarship to NJROTC Cadet Executive Officer, Hope Isabella Apfelbach. Hope serves as the 2nd most senior NJROTC student leader, and graduates from Navarre High School Class of 2025 with plans to attend Florida State University NROTC as a midshipman this fall.

# Enlisted Recognition Breakfast



Pensacola Council held the annual Enlisted Recognition Breakfast on Thursday morning, April 24, 2025. The ERB pays tribute to outstanding enlisted military members nominated by their commands. Twenty-four commands from the Pensacola area participated with awardees representing the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force and for the first time, an international military service, with an awardee from the German Air Force squadron at NAS Pensacola. Over 100 attended the breakfast event which included 72 military members. Awardees received Certificates of Appreciation from Pensacola Council Navy League, Senator Rick Scott and Congressman Jimmy Patronis recognizing their contributions to their individual commands. The ERB is sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union and Pen Air Credit Union, and each presented the awardees with a gift bag. Navy League would like to thank the individual and corporate members that sponsored a table or individual attendance for military members.

## Sea Cadets Participate in Navy Days



"USNSCC is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

USNSCC is comprised of two programs. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program is for young people ages 13 through the completion of high school. Also included under the USNSCC umbrella is our junior program the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), for young people ages 10 through 13."



# Military Spouses' Appreciation

The Pensacola Council of the Navy League hosted a Military Spouses' Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the Pensacola Yacht Club. During this Luncheon, we honored the contributions and sacrifices made by military spouses who have dedicated commitment and service to both the command and community.



## Two Gold Level Awards from National

On Thursday, June 5, 2025 during the National Navy League Conference Council Performance Awards Luncheon in Jacksonville, FL, National President Chris Townsend, left, presented Pensacola Council President Evan Hipsley, First Vice President Victor Hall, and Southern Region President Dan McCort two Gold Level Donald M. Mackie Awards in the Newsletter and Social Media categories with National Navy League CEO Mike Stevens.

Also to highlight, National Navy League President Chris Townsend, right, and National Navy League CEO Mike Stevens, left, presented Southern Region President and past Pensacola Council President Dan McCort a Certificate of Appreciation.

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# A Word from President Hipsley

Happy Summer Pensacola Council!

Similar to most quarters, this quarter has also been busy for our council. We awarded a \$1500 scholarship for a college-bound student pursuing future naval service. Good Luck and Congratulations.

Closing out April, our Council proudly recognized our Active Duty Warrior Forces during a widely attended Enlisted Recognition Breakfast encompassing a full room of both military and community leadership, and Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and the Second German Air Force. Awardees were nominated and received recognition based on their outstanding performance of duty.

We were ecstatic to both celebrate and participate in Pensacola Navy Days encompassing several events in both April and May, culminating in a grand Black Tie Gala, a 4K run, a downtown parade for all Pensacolians and visitors to enjoy including the Independence Squadron Sea Cadets.

Our Spouse Appreciation Luncheon was held the first Friday after Mother's Day recognizing the tireless and behind-the-scenes efforts spouses play in both warrior readiness and ultimately mission success. We also bid farewell to USCGC *RELIANCE* Commanding Officer CAPT Aaron Kowalczyk during a Change of Command Ceremony and welcomed CDR Kevin Robinson and his family.

We are proud to recognize Dan McCort for being elected as a National Navy League Vice President and *thank* him for his dedicated leadership and service to both the Southern Region the past three years as Region President, and his prior Presidency leading the Pensacola Council.

Stay tuned to both social media and your inbox as we proceed down track and ***finish the year strong***.

*Evan*

## New Board Director

Due to having two sons serve in the Navy (one for 37 years and who was an XO of NAS Pensacola), I feel very strongly about promoting pride in our military, not only for our youth but in the community as a whole as part of the Navy League Pensacola Council. Whether it is for Sea Cadet support, helping out with the Enlisted breakfast, Spouse Appreciation luncheon, Navy Days, welcoming Coast Guard return to port activities, Thanksgiving turkey delivery or whatever, I'm happy to lend my time and participation.



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