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## 2025 Golf Tourney Huge Success

We can again “chock up” another successful Annual Navy League (NL) – Marine Corps League (MCL) Golf Tournament with over 90 golfers starting and finishing without injury. This was our 18 th golf tournament where the weather cooperated, and AC Read was ready to take us on. Our old and true sponsors held fast and carried the load, thanks.

Pensacola Navy Council President Evan Hipsley led the way again, prior to the shotgun start, with a few words regarding the NL, recognizing and thanking the essential sponsors of the tournament, who make this all possible. As always – thanks to the MWR folks and the Pro Josh Meador for making this tournament a success. He and his team were led by NASP CAPT Chandra “Mamasan” Newman and deserve another “Bravo Zulu” for ensuring we were taken care of ... with a smile.

Thanks to Commanding Officer, Navy Information Operations Command Pensacola (NIOC) CDR Don Moaratty Jr. for allowing the following volunteers to help, and who were led by LT Mary Lyn Sullivan; CT1 Kevin Caba, IS1 Monica Whitfield, CWT2 Trevonce Espiritu, CWT2 Dawson Reese, CWT2 Tamon Simonds, and CWT2 Lukas Volckman. This also includes our NL volunteers Mrs. Jeanne Keeley Pensacola NL EA, and Mrs. Carla Cuilik. They absolutely did a fantastic job with the overall execution, from setting up the course sponsor signs, checking everyone in and insuring everyone made it to their carts for the shotgun start.



After collecting the score cards, and as everyone headed for the food and beverages prepared by the Oaks Manager Colette Obray, it was apparent that some of the players had been practicing over the year! Although we are a Sea Service based organization, we honor our brothers of the USAF at NASP. They, 479<sup>th</sup> FTG, were awarded the coveted 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. The winners this year were presented with crystal golf heads/plaques contributed by V2X:



Presentation of the traveling trophy and bowl to USAF 479<sup>th</sup> FTG

Left-right: Maj Kevin Warmington (player), CAPT Dean-o Fournier, Maj Andrew Fecteau (player), Col Shane Muscato (479<sup>th</sup> FTG/CC), VP Mark Vanderhaden Pen Air presenting a check for \$250 to the 479<sup>th</sup> MWR, Lt Col Jon Hamilton (player), and Maj Ryan Tice (player).

2<sup>nd</sup> Place — CAPT Roger Phelps, Dennis Mills, Kenton Cass and Ray Hobbs (Team NETC). 3<sup>rd</sup> Place — Johnny Rogers, Pete Southerland, Chris Lambert, Tom Sharron (Team USMC)

**We would like to extend a special thanks to PenAir as our Platinum Sponsor and to our other loyal sponsors of the NL-MCL Golf Tournament!**



# Pensacola Navy & Marine Corps League's Annual Golf Tournament



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# Chicken BBQ

Pensacola Navy League's Annual Chicken Barbecue was held on Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 pm at the Pensacola Yacht Club. This event is always popular with our members and invited guests.

The casual barbecue chicken dinner is always popular and a favorite event for the Pensacola Council and invited guests; the goal each year is to meet new faces and share the mission of our council. The event was well attended. Our local NJROTC Color Guard opened our event by presenting colors. A raffle of donated items was also held to support the NJROTC. We extend a BIG THANK YOU to PenAir Credit Union for providing the incredible smoker once again, sponsoring this event, helping us create our feast; we are always grateful for both your unwavering support and sponsorship!



# 8 Bells Ceremony

In order to commemorate the annual Eight Bells ceremony, the Navy League worked with Coast Guard representatives to sponsor a great celebration to recognize those who have served aboard ships at sea (from all the services) on October 15, 2025. A huge thank you to Hellcat Productions for providing the venue and our other sponsors including Pensacola Pilots LLC (Vice President Matt Meilstrup), President CDR (ret) Evan Hipsley, RADM (ret) Don Quinn, and RDML (ret) Vic Hall.



# 2025 Christmas Gala



Our festive Christmas Gala was held on December 2, 2025 at the beautifully decorated Pensacola Yacht Club. We introduced a different format from our previous held holiday events. Instead of a sit-down dinner, we offered a variety of food stations with high-top as well as low-top tables so our guests could mingle with each other. Platinum Premier Duo provided music and guests were able to dance the evening away.

We bid farewell to our outgoing League President, CDR Evan Hipsley, Jr. (Ret), as well as installing our 2026 Council Officers and Board of Directors. RDML Victor Hall, USN (Ret) will serve as our new President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CAPT Matthew Meilstrup, USCG (Ret), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Mark Vanderhaden, Treasurer, Michelle Sweeney, Secretary, Patty Veal, Chaplain, CDR David Gibson CHC, USN (Ret), Judge Advocate, Matthew P. Massey, Esquire, and Bobby Riggs, President Emeritus.



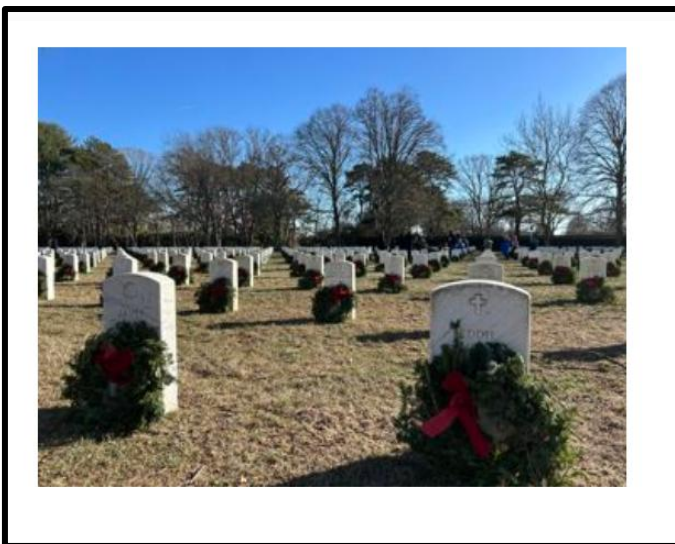


# New Board Director

Meet our New Board Director, CAPT Terry “Village” Shashaty, USN (Ret). Village retired after 26 years in the Navy. His most recent and last assignment was as Commander Officer of NAS Pensacola. Designated a Naval Aviator in October 2000, Shashaty completed four operational carrier deployments flying the EA-6B Prowler, and oversaw the transition to the EA-18G Growler and its inaugural expeditionary deployment to the Indo-Pacific area. He will finish out the term held by Bobby Riggs, who recently passed away.



## Wreaths Across America



More than 500 volunteers gathered at Barrancas National Cemetery onboard NAS Pensacola December 13 to participate in Wreaths Across America. Pensacola Navy League participated by purchasing wreaths for placement on headstones to thank our veterans. This event takes place annually on the third Saturday of December.

# In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of one of our supportive faithful members, Robert “Bobby” Riggs. Bobby joined Pensacola Navy League in October 2002. He was very active and held numerous positions within the League. In addition to the Pensacola Navy League, he was an active member of several civic and social organizations, including Sertoma, Friends of St. John’s Cemetery Board, Conquistadors, and Rebellaires. He was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church for over 36 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara “Bobbie” Riggs and two sons, Hayden and Robert, a daughter, Jolie Branco and two grandsons, Riley and Hunter.

He will be deeply missed by all!!

## Upcoming Events

- January 21, 2026, Wednesday, Board of Directors Meeting, 4 PM, Pensacola Yacht Club
- February 11, 2026, Wednesday, Military Recognition Day, 11:30 AM, Pensacola Bay Center
- February 18, 2026, Wednesday, Board of Directors Meeting, 4 PM, Pensacola Yacht Club
- February 26, 2026, Thursday, Admirals’ Club Luncheon, “Meet the Boss”, Pensacola Yacht Club, Speaker, RADM Greg Huffman, CNET
- March 6, 2026, Friday, Membership Social, Calvert’s in the Heights, 4 PM
- March 18, 2026 Wednesday, Board of Directors Meeting, 4 PM, Pensacola Yacht Club

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