



Navy League of the United States St. Augustine - Palm Coast Council

BOSUN'S LOCKER

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FROM THE BRIDGE:



Season's Greetings Navy Leaguers!

As 2019 draws to a close and the sure to be interesting 2020 launches with us, I first would like to note a couple of 4th quarter 2019 successes.

Council member Lee Figliuolo organized and executed a brilliant Navy League golf tournament, held the last week of October. The event hosted forty-eight (48) active duty Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel for the day and yielded a financial boon to the Council of nearly \$16,000.00, positioning the Council to support a variety of important programs for our sponsored active duty personnel, and the Sea Cadet/JNROTC youth programs. Also, the Annual Christmas Luncheon at Grand Haven went splendidly, with a rising Sea Cadet Color Guard, and festive celebrants all around.

On a more serious but vitally important note, five Northeast Florida counties (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns) have joined forces to initiate the Fire Watch program. From their own description:

"The Fire Watch is Northeast Florida's fight to end veteran suicide. We are uniting our War Fighters and allies to swiftly activate local assets, stand watch, and build a life-saving network. To date, no city, county, or state has ever reduced its veteran suicide rate, and this effort will be the first of its kind in the country."

Information about Fire Watch can be found at <https://www.thefirewatch.org>. As the Fire Watch program unfolds, each of us as Navy Leaguers, and the Council itself can keep our own eyes open to the threat of self harm from our stressed supported unit personnel, and the veterans among us.

Let's sail into 2020 confident, energized, and ready to support our great Naval Services programs.

Patrick McCormack

President

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2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Our council membership meeting schedule and Board of Directors meeting schedule will follow the same format as in 2019. Membership meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month from 5:30 - 7:00pm, and Board meetings will be held from 4:30 - 5:30pm every three months. Unless a special announcement indicates that the meeting will be held at a different venue, all meetings will be at Christ the King Anglican Church at 6900 US 1, St. Augustine. Meeting dates for 2020 are as follows, dates in red indicate there is also a Board meeting scheduled on that date.

1/12, 2/10, **3/9**, 4/13, 5/11, **6/8**, 7/13, 8/10, **9/14**, 10/12, 11/9, **12/14**

Let's all work to increase participation in our meetings during the coming year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR:

As we enter a new year and a new decade we are also welcoming in a new Navy League logo. Gone is the gold anchor which is being replaced by the logo on the left. All Council letterhead and other promotional material must be updated with the new logo by mid January.



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our 2019 annual fund raising golf tournament was held on Monday, October 28th at the Grand Haven Golf Club in Palm Coast. This was the 10th consecutive year we held the tournament at Grand Haven and it was the 10th consecutive year that Genesis of St. Augustine sponsored the Hole-in-One competition.

We fielded 140 golfers comprised of 92 civilians and 48 active duty military from Navy, Coast Guard and Marine units sponsored by our council. The Greens fees, Cart fees and Luncheon for the military players was covered by donations and sponsorships. Each golfer received a sleeve of golf balls, a hat, and a utility knife with the navy League logo or name imprinted on it. There were prizes on each of the four Par-3 holes sponsored by Genesis of St. Augustine, including a 2020 Genesis G-70 on Hole #17. Unfortunately no one even came close to winning any of these prizes. In addition, there were 55 other prizes (golf foursomes, restaurant coupons, etc.) awarded. Some were given to the three top finishers in the two flights of golfers and the rest were included in the Silent Auction and Raffle.

The 140 golfers were divided into two flights, the Blue and the Gold, with prizes given to the top three finishers in each flight. The top prize included our specialty trophy made up of challenge coins from our sponsored units. In recognition of the outstanding service from Grand Haven and the generosity of Genesis of St. Augustine, two additional trophies were presented to Geri Harper, Grand Haven's Manager of Food and Beverage and Andrew DiFeo, General Manager of Hyundai & Genesis of St. Augustine. Unfortunately, our Honorary Chairman, Pete Banaszak could not be with us because of health issues. Ike Harris filled in for Pete and presented the awards at the awards luncheon. Ike is a former NFL player (St. Louis Cardinals & New Orleans Saints) and was the non-executive Chairman of the Board for CIGNA Corporation. Ike is the gentleman in the orange shirts in the awards pictures.

Blue flight:

- 1st : Eddie Fries, Jamie Bourdeau, Matt Robinson, Billy Ratel
2nd : Joseph Kyle, Scott Ramsey, Jonathon Rice, Shane Truelove
3rd : Shannon Fortune, Joe McGuire, Terry Shaw, Robert Stinson



Gold Flight Winners



Gold Flight:

- 1st : Mike McEnerney, Billy Wood, Rich Kawa, Jack McCarthy,
2nd : Brian Barrington, Len DeRoche, Jack Richardson, Bob Sarkisian
3rd : Otto Bohmueller, Al Chirgwin, Lim Lynch, Frank Richter.



Blue Flight Winners

Closest to the Pin:

Men: Casey Gilmore
Women: Kaye-Boyer Ryan



Jeri Harper



Long Drive:

Men: Shane Truelove
Women: Madison Hernandez

In summary, we had a great day for golf, we enjoyed the camaraderie of a large group of active duty military, enjoyed a wonderful meal and banked net proceeds of close to \$16,000 for the Council. Our 2020 golf tournament will again be held at Grand Haven on Monday, October 26th and will hopefully be sponsored by Genesis of St. Augustine.

Sailors Creed:

The crew of VR-58 customarily recites the following Sailors Creed to open their drill weekends. It is very moving to the attending visitors (and Honorary Sunseekers).

I am a United States Sailor

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.

I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment to all.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

On Monday, November 11, 2109, as the country remembered the 75th anniversary of "D-Day," St. Johns County veterans, past, present, and future, were front and center at a celebration of patriotism on Veterans Day. The event was organized by the Veterans Council of St. Johns County (VCSJC) in conjunction with the Ancient City Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and hosted by the Anastasia Baptist Church in its 1,200 seat auditorium. It brought veterans organizations from northeast Florida together in a salute to the approximately 22,000 living veterans in the county, honored the service and sacrifice of all those who have gone before, and recognized the young men and women preparing to carry the noble heritage of service in our armed forces into the future.



As its Chairman Lt. Colonel (ret.) Bill Dudley said, "this is a very special day for the Veterans Council, as each year we honor our comrades who have served our nation and those who continue to serve. The United States of America is the envy of the world for the freedom we enjoy -- paid for by the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform". Indeed, the massive armada of 156,000 troops, 6,939 ship, and 11,90 aircraft, that landed on French beaches far across the Atlantic is an icon for the readiness of America's sons and daughters to leave hearth and home in defense of liberty since the Republic's birth.

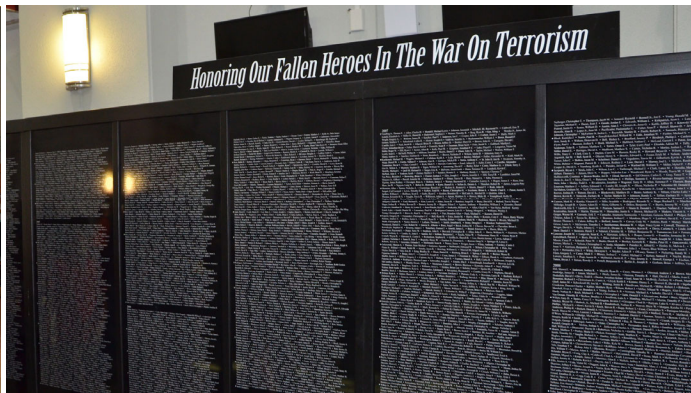
Doors to the Church's expansive atrium opened at 9:00 AM, where the 46 foot long Traveling Vietnam Wall and the 24 foot long War on Terrorism Wall anchored dozens of displays presented by regional veterans groups. These, plus a continuously running multi-media presentation in the auditorium, set the tone for the celebration that began at 11:00 as Junior ROTC cadets from regional high-schools marched in. Many of these cadets will take up the torch of military service as generations have before them.



The Key note speaker, the Honorable Howard O. McGillin Jr, Court Judge in Florida's Seventh Judicial Circuit, had an impressive career in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps, and was instrumental in establishing the St. Johns County Veterans Treatment Center. Ray Quinn, SGM USA (ret), was the master of the ceremonies that also featured traditional military honors and patriotic music by the 20 voice St. Johns Chamber Singers and Liberty Express Quartet

Three surviving members of what's been called "The Greatest Generation" received standing ovations before an audience of their peers at Anastasia Baptist Church on Monday. One of those recognized was long time Navy League Council member Joe MacDonald who participated in the D-Day armada aboard the USS Nevada, for which he received the French Legion of Honor. Bosun's Mate MacDonald went on to fight at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Following WW-II he joined the Border Patrol and retired from that federal agency as the Deputy Commissioner. As a Navy Leaguer, we are very familiar with Joe MacDonald's continuing efforts to share his story with the men and women of our Sea Services, the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

"We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts," said Army Sgt.Maj. (Ret.) Ray Quinn, who introduced the special guests in attendance at the ceremony. In his invocation, the Rev. Don Kabrich, a retired chief warrant officer three with the Army, also gave special praise to the soldiers who served in World War II. "We especially recognize this generation of veterans who are all gone but for a few," Kabrich said. And the theme was carried out in the keynote address delivered by 7th Circuit Court Judge Howard McGillin Jr., a retired colonel of the 82d Airborne Division Artillery. McGillin, who comes from a large military family, spoke about how he'd grown up bearing stories of his father's time with the Army Quartermaster Corps. His father had helped devise plans for the invasion of Normandy, France,



This annual event is a chance for all citizens in the region to honor their neighbors who have served in the armed forces. It is also a special opportunity for newly arrived veterans to meet those already here, and discover the many groups and organizations that form a very special community in the county.

Sea Cadets:

On Saturday, September 14, 2019 the Sea Cadets went to NASA for a complete tour of the facility.

Once we arrived at Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex, the instructors wanted to take a picture of the cadets by the NASA sign. After this we went to meet and talk to a real astronaut, Astronaut Lee. The cadets asked questions about "What it felt to be in space?" "Did you enjoy space travel?" "Was it hard to sleep?", and a ton of other questions. He was full of information and knowledge concerning space life.

We then traveled from there to the Saturn Five rocket display. It was big! While there we participated in the "Rover Challenge." The challenge was to build a rover with parts and see whose rover traveled the farthest distance and/or was the cheapest to build. My team did not win but we had a lot of fun.



When chow came around we could either choose hotdogs, veggie burger, or a regular burger. After lunch we went around the building and explored. There we were able to see and touch a real moon rock.

Our next stop was a bus ride to Launch Pads 39 A&B. This is where the Space Shuttle was launched from. They gave us a driving tour of the pads and explained that we are two and one half miles from Launch Control Center. In addition, they said that it takes around three hours for the spaceship to travel from the Vehicle Assembly Building to the Launch Pad on a vehicle called the Crawler.

After our bus tour of the launch pads, we returned to the Visitors Complex. Our instructors split us up into four groups, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and X-ray. Charlie, the group I was in, went to the Space Shuttle launch simulator. There we experienced what and how it feels to take off in an actual Space Shuttle. After that some of the cadets went in the gift-shop to buy a souvenir. There were shirts, pants and other stuff for sale.

When all of the cadets were done exploring the Visitors Complex, we boarded our bus home with one more stop, Golden Corral, for our evening meal.

All the instructors and cadets had a great time and I would like to visit the Space Center again.

Very Respectfully Submitted by,
SN Alec Kelbert, USNSCC (15 years old)

Edited by: ENS Larry D. Mull

CONGRATULATIONS:

Through the outstanding efforts of our Vice Presidents of Youth Affairs Joe & Shannon Giammanco, and Sea Cadet Commanding Officer, Ensign Larry Mull & Sea Cadet Training Officer, Ensign Sherryl Mull our Sea Cadet Battalion has met all the requirements to be commissioned as a Navy League of the United States Sea Cadet battalion.

The official commissioning ceremony to mark this event is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2020.



Naval Sea Cadet Corps Commissioning Warrant

By virtue of the power vested in me, I hereby grant warrant unto the

**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL**

Charging them to commission forthwith the

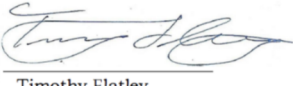
**ST. AUGUSTINE BATTALION,
NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**

In accordance with Regulations for administration of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, I charge you and your successors to observe and execute all Orders and Instructions for governing the Naval Sea and Navy League Cadet Corps. I further charge you to diligently insure that all such Regulations, Orders and Instructions are observed and complied with by all Naval Sea Cadet Corps Officers, Cadets, Instructors, Committee Members and any other persons associated with this Naval Sea Cadet Corps Unit.

Given under my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of November 2019.

Warrant: 11252019




Timothy Flatley
National Chairman

Governor names chair of county GOP as clerk of court:



Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Brandon Patty as St. Johns County Clerk of Court and Comptroller on Monday. Brandon joined the St. Augustine-Palm Coast council in 2018 and currently shares the position of VP Legislative affairs with Dave Sullivan. He was featured in the 3Q2018 Bosuns Locker.

Patty is the chair of the St. Johns County Republican Party. He has been the director of operations of Defenshield, Inc. since 2016. He previously was a senior consultant at Deloitte. Patty has been a U.S. Navy Reserve Officer since 2008 and was deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Patty was appointed to the position of clerk following the resignation of Hunter Conrad, for the term ending in November 2020.

USCGC Valiant - WMEC-621



While on routine patrol in the Eastern Pacific on September 5th, the Valiant's crew interdicted a 40-foot self-propelled semi-submersible in international waters carrying approximately 12,000 pounds of cocaine, worth over \$165 million and apprehended four suspected drug smugglers. The semi-submersible was originally detected and monitored by maritime patrol aircraft, and the Valiant crew was diverted by Joint Interagency Task Force South to interdict the semi-submersible. Arriving after sunset, the Valiant crew launched two small boats with boarding teams made up of Valiant crew and two members of the Coast Guard Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team.

Successfully interdicting the semi-submersible in the early morning hours, subsequently led to a full law enforcement boarding with the assistance of Colombian Naval assets that arrived on scene shortly after.

Approximately over 1,100 pounds of cocaine were recovered and offloaded to the Valiant during the operations. The remaining cocaine on the vessel could not be safely extracted due to stability concerns. The semi-submersible was later sunk as a hazard to navigation. The joint boarding successfully stopped a drug smuggling vessel and also strengthened international relations and communications between the two partner nations. According to Valiant's commanding officer, the interdiction coincided with a time-honored mariner's milestone and tradition of crossing the equator which made both events even more meaningful part of the ship's patrol.



"There are no words to describe the feeling Valiant crew is experiencing right now," said Cmdr. Matthew Waldron, Valiant's Commanding Officer. "In a 24-hour period, the crew both crossed the equator and intercepted a drug-laden self-propelled semi-submersible vessel. Each in and of themselves is a momentous event in any cutterman's career. Taken together, however, it is truly remarkably unprecedented. This interdiction was an all-hands-on-deck evolution, and each crew member performed above and beyond the call of duty. Additionally, we could not have successfully completed this interdiction without the love and support of our families back home, many of whom evacuated from Jacksonville this week for Hurricane Dorian. To the Valiant families, a heartfelt 'Thank You!'"

The Valiant returned home on October 11th to family and friends who were anxiously waiting on the pier holding signs and waving as the cutter came into view. Council Liaison, Sally Watson along with Council members Garry Cohn, Fr. David Allert, Doug Lileks, Claude Caviness and Sally Nichols were also in the welcoming party. It was a proud moment as the crew exited the ship to hugs, kisses, and handshakes from family & friends.

In Memoriam – Willard (Bill) Hamm:

Long time Council member Willard C. Hamm (Bill), died peacefully at the age of 80 on November 18, 2019 while surrounded by his wife and five children. A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Bill on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Palm Coast.

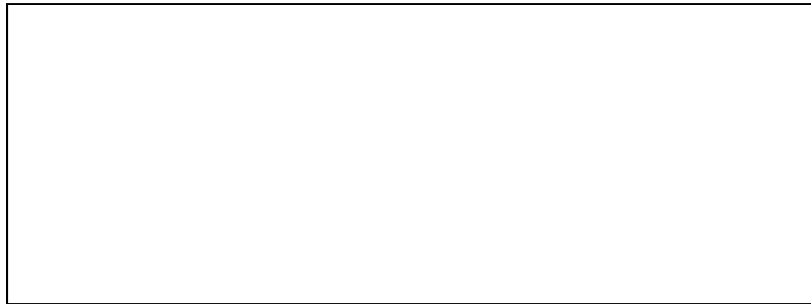
Bill was born in Binghamton, NY where he graduated from Binghamton North High School in 1957. After graduating he worked at GAF (Ansco Labs) in R&D and then joined the Navy in 1958 as a photographer's mate 2nd class until 1960. He continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until 1967 at the Naval Aviation Research and Development Center in Johnsville, PA. After leaving the Navy, Bill went back to GAF and then was hired by IBM in 1965 where he worked for the next 35 years.

He married the love of his life, Delores (Dee) Hamm, in June 1966 and together raised their five children, Rob (Lynne), Mike, Rick, Patty Daly (Michael), and Brian (Amanda) in Vestal, NY and Charlotte, NC. They were happily married for 53 years.

Bill's life was one of community service and giving back to the community as evidenced by the numerous organizations that he was a member of. Bill served as a volunteer firefighter in the Vestal Fire Department, Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, Grand Knight, 4th degree Knight, Faithful Navigator, Color Guard Commander (all with the Knights of Columbus), Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) of Flagler County Sheriff Department, Vice President of Youth Affairs with the Navy League, and a Lieutenant with the US Naval Sea Cadets of St Augustine.

Bill will be remembered by our Council members as "Mr. Youth Programs". He was totally dedicated to supporting our Sea Cadet program and our High School JROTC programs. He was always there to present the awards and to cheer our youngsters on. He will be sorely missed by all.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Augustine - Palm Coast Council of the Navy League of the of the United States is a civilian organization whose mission is to: Support the objectives of the National Navy League of the United States and selected active duty Maritime Military units within our reach in the St. Augustine area and to support local High School JROTC programs



St Augustine Sea Cadet Battalion



Nease HS NJROTC



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