



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

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Fellow Navy Leaguers,

While April may be "the cruelest month" it won't be for us! We are scheduled to have a great Emergency Management presentation and tour at the St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center, at our April 9 regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. The address is 100 EOC Drive, St. Augustine. Please note of course that this local for April meeting is different from our normal meeting location.

According to their website, "St. Johns County Emergency Management is responsible for the Disaster Preparedness of our County and the Evacuation Assistance Program for our citizens who need assistance in the event of an evacuation. We can expect to hear some Emergency Management perspectives of how Hurricanes Matthew and Irma affected our area, and how the Emergency Management team coordinated preparation and response. Citizen preparation for hurricanes and other disasters, and how volunteer groups can assist in disaster preparation and recovery will be addressed. Overall, it should be a great opportunity for learning.

I am hoping we have a great turnout at the EOC, and I hope Navy Leaguers will be asking great questions as was done with our March meeting presentation and interaction with guest speaker USCG CDR Matthew Waldron, CO of the USCGC VALIANT. We are lining up future topics and speakers so if any of you have special topics you would like to see presented, please let me know.

2019 has started out strong for the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council community support, including but not limited supplies and member financial assistance to our local Coasties during the federal government shutdown, and supporting the restructuring of our associate Sea Cadet organization. Let's keep 2019 going strong!

As a gentle reminder, and Navy Leaguers who have not yet remitted their local Council dues, please do so.

President
SA-PC Council
Navy League of the United States

COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2019:



BOD Members: Joe Giammanco, Fr. David Allert, Lee Figliuolo, Claude Caviness, Patrick McCormack, Sally Watson, Jerry Cameron, Brandon Patty



Lee Figliuolo & Jack Hinsch



Bill Dudley & Brandon Patty



Lee Figliuolo & Rick Myers



At our initial Council meeting for 2019 we had several significant events. First the new Board of Directors for 2019 was sworn in, after which our new Council President, Patrick McCormack presented out going President Bill Dudley with a special plaque recognizing Bill's many years of outstanding service to our Council and lastly three new members (Jack Hinsch, Brandon Patty & Rick Myers) were presented their Navy League membership certificates



Patrick McCormack presents Bill Dudley with plaque recognizing Bill's years of outstanding service to the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Council.

ST. AUGUSTINE MILITARY BALL:

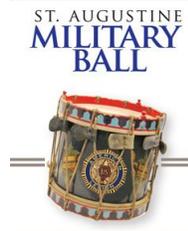
The 2019 St. Augustine Military Ball hosted by Forward March Inc., was held on January 19th at the Mark Lance Armory in St. Augustine. Forward March Inc. established the annual St. Augustine Military Ball in 2014 with the mission to "support veterans and active duty personnel and instill a pride of country and civic responsibility in our local youth."



This year's Ball honored Lieutenant General Ronald L. Bailey, USMC (Ret), a celebrated St. Augustine native. Lt. Gen. Bailey, shown on the left at his retirement ceremony, is a 1977 graduate of Austin Peay State University.

While a student, he played football for the Governors and participated in the University's ROTC program. Bailey spent 40 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, with his final assignment being the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations for the Marine Corps. During his career he oversaw the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, served as the Commanding General of the First Marine Division, and as the Commanding General of the Third Marine Expeditionary Brigade and as Deputy Director for operations of the Joint Staff. He was also a Military National Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Following his retirement, he returned to Austin Peay in 2018 to assume the role of Vice President for External Affairs. He now oversees the University's offices of Advancement, Communication and Strategic Initiatives.



2019 St. Augustine Military Ball; Navy League table
Seated L-R: Sherry Mull & Claude Caviness,
Standing L to R: John Leslie, Larry Mull, Pat Leslie, Pres.
Patrick McCormack, Ernie Audino & Sally Watson.

Brigadier General Ernest Audino USA (Ret.) is the District
Director at the Florida office of U.S. Congressman Mike Waltz.



General Bailey dancing with
St. Augustine Mayor Nancy
Shaver

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621):



January 29 was a cold morning as the VALIANT arrived home to be greeted by their families. While they were deployed, they missed Christmas, the New Year, and the Government Shutdown.

All that forgotten among the hugs and kisses that waited for them. The crew and families were treated to Chick-Fil-A compliments of a local restaurant. Liaison, Sally Watson, along with Stan Gilewicz, and Larry & Sherry Mull were among those welcoming them home. The Navy League group passed out balloons to the families, and also made a donation to the MWR fund to assist with any family needs. They are scheduled to depart again on March 26th.

How grateful we are for their service to our country. Semper Paratus.



Families & friends gather for a warm welcome home.

USS HUE CITY (CG 66):



SAPCNL honored several HUE CITY Sailors on Thursday, 28 Feb. In ceremonies held on board the ship, we presented SOQ and SOY honors to 9 Golden Dragons, catching the ship back up after her recent deployment and post-deployment extended underway period. SH1(SW) Quinton Lewis took top honors as HUE CITY Senior Sailor of the Year, earning a plaque, Congressional salutations, and a SAPCNL benefit package for a two night stay in St Augustine.

CAPT Jake Douglas, ship's Commanding Officer, was effusive in his thanks to Navy League for their continued support. He also pointed out that HUE would be inducted into Cruiser Service Life Extension Program, or SLEP, beginning on October 1 of this year. This means the vessel will be decreed and placed in mothballs in Norfolk for two years, before then being inducted into the shipyard for a 2 year overhaul period— after which the ship will have renovated systems and a fresh crew to operate them.

Navy Leaguers will have only one or two more opportunities to go aboard HUE CITY for SOQ presentations prior to the completion of the decreeing event, so stay tuned for announcements and RSVP when the next opportunity presents itself!



Liaison Gary Cohn, CAPT Douglas and
SOY SH1(SW) Quinton Lewis

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621):

Cdr. Matthew Waldron, USCGC VALIANT, was our invited guest at our March Council meeting. He shared his experiences since graduating from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

With that boyish smile and enthusiasm, he shared pictures and stories of the many operations he's been on and the various places he has been stationed. He explained the various missions that the Coast Guard is involved in. Not all are as glamorous as the mission of the VALIANT, but are equally important in protecting our country and our citizens. While search and rescue, migrant and drug interdiction capture most of the attention; aids to navigation, marine safety, ice breaking operations, marine environmental protection, law enforcement, port and coastal security are all under their jurisdiction.

The Coast Guard formed in 1790 has approximately 42,000 outstanding members.



Council President Pat McCormack, Valiant Liaison Sally Watson, Cdr. Matthew Waldron & Former Council President Bill Dudley

VALIANT FAMILY CRUISE

SEMPER PARATUS (Always Ready) proved, even the remains of a wet, windy, nor'easter, couldn't stop Family Day for the VALIANT. The family cruise planned for March 20th, turned into ship tours, SOQ and SOY awards and picnic. While disappointed that we didn't get underway, everyone had a great day on the VALIANT. CDR. Matthew Waldron greeted us and after a quick visit to his quarters, we gathered in the crew's mess for tours.

The crew set up stations around the ship to show the families and guests what they do every day. From what happens on the bridge (and if anyone dares sit in the Captain's chair) to what happens in the engine room; we got to meet many of the crew and experience their professionalism and knowledge. We were shown the guns, anchors, and firefighting equipment. Nate Pollitt got to put on a full fire suit. Chief Mike Perez explained the most dangerous job on ship; landing the helicopter on the deck. Clear the deck and leave it to Chief and his three Coasties. We also stopped by the Ward Room where the officers have their meals. LTJG Colton Cannon showed us the equipment they wear, and explained the procedures they follow when boarding another vessel.

After CDR. Waldron's presentation and the tour a week later, everyone left VALIANT with an excellent understanding of their mission.

AWARDS PRESENTED



March 20, following a tour of VALIANT, the crew assembled on the deck for the presentation of the SOQ for 4Q2018 to OS2 Jason Pratile.

Sally then recognized BM2 Sean Crowley as the 2018 SOY. Along with a plaque, he and his fiancée will enjoy a weekend in St. Augustine compliments of our Council.



USCG HITRON:



During an All Hands meeting at Cecil Field on the first Monday in February, HITRON Navy League Liaison, Paul Kimmel presented several awards to members of the renowned Counter Drug unit. The 2018 Enlisted person of the Year went to YN3 Carol Cardenas who was commended by her Squadron Commander Mike Campbell for outstanding service to unit members, community involvement and most notably for her professional duty in maintaining all unit member PDF files as well as being one of only a few Coast Guard members who are qualified as a State Department Passport agent. YN3 Cardenas, originally from Bogota, Columbia, is adamant about becoming a Coast Guard Officer in the future.

Also presented was the 4th qtr EPOQ Navy League plaque to GM1 Ryan Andrés who was recognized for superior performance and professionalism in performing his duties as the Weapons Asset Manager for 367 serialized rifles, machine guns and pistols as well as all accompanying accessories. He is a professional Gunners Mate whose favorite weapons are the M107' and M110'rifles.

Recognized for his achievements was 2018 3rd quarter EPOQ, AMT2 Kevin Lee who was exceptional in his performance as an Aviation Engineering Logistics Department specialist who among other mission accomplishments, lent a helping hand to the USAF by doing some innovative Mx on a stranded USAF C17 with engine problems.

Lastly, though not present, AET2 Jeffrey Tucker was presented the coveted Perchard Award for the 2nd half of 2018 for his critical part in securing 3202 Kilograms of cocaine by fixing a broken tactical helicopter which then flew 23 sorties while intercepting the mentioned cocaine with a street value of over 96 million dollars!



YN3 Carol Cardenas & Paul Kimmel

Congratulations to these exemplary Coast Guard members who represent one of the finest Coast Guard units in the USA.

BRIG GEN PAUL KIMMEL USANG (RET):



Just prior to his retirement, Brigadier General Paul S. Kimmel was the Air National Guard (ANG) assistant for operational readiness to director. Air National Guard, Arlington, Va. He was responsible for operational oversight of 89 flying units, 200 geographically separated units, and 104,000+ members of the ANG.

He began his military career by receiving a commission through Officer Training School in 1969. Upon completion of undergraduate pilot training he was stationed at Udorn Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, flying C-130 tactical airlift and airborne command and control aircraft throughout the Southeast Asia combat theater. He flew over 120 combat sorties logging more than 1,100 hours during his year in Thailand. He also facilitated rescue missions during Operation Linebacker II in 1972 while on temporary duty from Okinawa Air Base, Japan, to Clark Air Base, Philippines. He transferred to the Utah National Guard in May 1976. During the Desert Shield/Desert Storm activation, General Kimmel was assigned to Jeddah Air Base, Saudi Arabia, where his primary missions included mission development and launch and recovery of over 120 tanker sorties per day ' the largest tanker task force ever assembled in USAF history. In his last assignment he also served as the Team Chief of the Air National Guard Future Force Team.

Paul was rated a Command pilot with more than 7,900 flight hours. He has flown the following military aircraft: T-37, T-38, C-130E, HC-130H/N/P, KC-97L, KC-135A/E/R. Civilian aircraft include Beechcraft P-58 Baron and C-90 KingAire.

Paul currently resides in the Grand Haven Golf Club community in Palm Coast with his wife Melody and his faithful Labrador Retriever, Tank. Paul has served as the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council Liaison to the USCG HITRON unit for the since 2011.

MUSICAL SHIPS: (SIMILAR TO MUSICAL CHAIRS)



Lt. Babb and crew took the USCG CUTTER SAWFISH to Baltimore for refurbishment, and the crew "cross-decked" (swapped ships) to the USCG CUTTER HERON. They recently returned to Atlantic Beach (Mayport). The crew found the exchange a fascinating process as the HERON was removed from dry dock and placed back in the water, and the SAWFISH took HERON's place in dry dock in preparation for her refurbishment. The crew is excited to now be aboard the CGC HERON and are looking forward to putting her through its paces for operations!



The following photos depict the exchange:



CGC HERON is shown sitting on the dry dock cradle at the Coast Guard Yard. It is about to be lifted by Crane Barge to be launched again after two months of dry dock.



CGC HERON is shown in the cradle while suspended in the air by the Crane Barge launching the vessel back into the water



CGC SAWFISH is shown sitting on the dry dock cradle after being lifted out of the water for the first time since March 2015.

Though our Council will now be supporting the USCGC HERON, it will be staffed by the same crew that was on the SAWFISH.

Council Member—Clarence Hesser:

The mission of the St. Augustine Airport Pilots' Association is to promote, preserve and protect the interests of the General Aviation Community at St. Augustine Airport. One of their lifelong members is Clarence Hesser. Hesser started flying in 1946 and continued to fly until 2015. What makes him unique, besides the 69-year flying career, is that he just recently celebrated his 100th birthday on May 20, 2018. He stopped flying at the age of 97! He still has his medical clearance to fly but chose to stop flying at the age of 97.

On May 20 he was given a Certificate of Recognition from the St. Johns County Commission. Then on June 5, he was awarded a Proclamation from the St. Johns County Commission recognizing his 69-year career as a pilot and the contribution he has made to the community. The County Commissioners recognized Hesser's dedication to and enjoyment of flying has inspired and promoted the interest of piloting for many St. Johns County residents whereas, his noteworthy career spanned 69 years with his last flight conducted at the age of 97 in 2015.



The County Commission went on to say that Hesser's achievements serve as a reminder to us all that learning, pursuing our dreams, and positively impacting those around us are life-long pursuits. Clarence was featured in our 3Q2018 issue of the Bosuns Locker.

SEA CADET BATTALION:



On Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, the St. Augustine Sea Cadets went to Camp Blanding for a rappelling and Land Navigation drill. Many kids were excited to scale the wall and have their photo taken on the way down. Some were crippled with fear, but went anyway, even if they were shaking the whole way down or had trouble getting the rope behind their back. We were trained by CSM North on how to put the rig on and what to yell once you've reached the ground.

I, Ava Pumphrey, took the photos for this drill; it was rather interesting. I saw a lot of personality in all the cadets as I zoomed in for their glamor shot. Some were smiling, and some were making stoic faces, others had their tongues lolling from their mouth with a fixated concentration on reaching the ground. The occasional person would look over in my direction but never long enough for a proper photo. Some were adventurous enough to hop down the wall like a rabbit or hang there for a second suspended between sky and floor, those were good photos that turned out nice.

During Land Navigation cadets were made to use a compass and count their paces to a marked destination. They went together in small groups with one person using the compass and the others trailing behind them. I was lucky enough to capture a few cadets as they got their first look into the compass, most had scrunched up faces with their mouths subconsciously open.

One or two cadets wanted me to get photos especially of them. Due to my love of photography I was overjoyed at the opportunity to get more practice and hopefully make someone's day. If they ever caught my camera lens they would pull funny faces or smile. The best photos were the ones where they were simply living in the moment and not worried about appearance.

After a few hours of rappelling and Land Navigation we went to Camp Blanding's chow hall. The food was exquisite and tasted amazing. The view was overlooking a river and had big beautiful glass windows to look out of. When we finished chow, we had an award ceremony. Most of us got a Unit Commendation award to go on our Dress Whites. Others got things like a Fitness award and even a rare 5th year award. We scrambled to the bus soon after that was finished to board for our next destination.

Soon after, we took the short ride to the museum. Cadets were split back into Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta. Most of us stayed in one big group and walked around the different planes, tanks, weapons, and vehicles. Others were more curious than some when it came to be exploring the different displays.

Once that was concluded, we took a group photo and got on our transportation for the ride back home. Once we were there all of us received our certificates and racks, then dispersed back to our own sweet families.



To see many photos, please go to our facebook page at <http://facebook.com/staugstrong62>

Very Respectfully Submitted,
SR Ava Pumphrey, USNSCC (14 years old)

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:



Our 23rd annual fund raising golf tournament will again be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club on Monday, October 28, 2019. This will be the 10th Anniversary of this event being held at Grand Haven. Though Grand Haven has presented us with a rate increase, we realized that after shopping around that their offer is the best deal in town. The rates are so favorable that we have committed to Grand Haven for 2019 and again in 2020.



As you know the proceeds from this tournament is our primary source of funds to support our Council's activities. Mark your calendars and make an effort to support our efforts this year. This can be done by helping to secure sponsor donations, assist on the day of the tournament, or playing in the tournament yourself.

COUNCIL & PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Please keep current with Council activities & information by paying attention to the e-mail messages we send out and by visiting our web site, which is at <http://sapcnavyleague.org>. The site content includes:

- **Calendar of Events** - month by month listing of upcoming events.
- **Meeting Minutes** - an in depth write up of our monthly membership meetings. (pdf format)
- **Bosun's Locker** - past issues of our quarterly newsletter. (pdf format)
- **Officers & Directors** - a listing of the Officers and Directors of the Council.
- **Photo Gallery** - a chronological gallery of pictures from our many events and activities.
- **Hot Links** to the web sites of units we support as well as other sites that may be of interest.

Introduce the web site to any of your friends who express interest in the Navy League. It could assist in recruiting.

Personal Information:

If you move and change your mailing address, phone number and/or e-mail address, please notify the Council Secretary and the National Navy League organization. If you fail to do so, you could miss out on important Council or National Navy League information



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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

