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Fellow Navy Leaguers,

Our Council nomination committee has finalized their slate of officer candidates for 2018. Under the leadership of Jerry Cameron, the committee has done an outstanding job of filling all of the offices. We have several new members moving into officer's positions that have not previously held a position in the Council. This is very encouraging. The growth of any organization is new people assuming positions of leadership to stimulate new ideas and break with the status quo. There is still an opportunity for anyone to volunteer for any of the positions or to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. Nominations will not be closed until the November meeting.

Our next big event is our annual golf tournament which is coming up on Oct. 30 at the Grand Haven Golf Club in Palm Coast. According to Lee Figliuolo there is still room for more teams. We also need more hole sponsors. Lee has done an incredible job for the past several years of heading up our golf tournament. This is our largest source of income for our Council so please help in any way you can to make this a continuing success.

The USCGC Valiant has just returned from deployment. Valiant was actively engaged in helping with the recent hurricanes that have hit the southern hemisphere while she was deployed. She was also busy staying out of the way of the hurricanes as they passed through the region they were operating in. Valiant was met pier side by some of our SA-PC-NL members upon her return to NS Mayport Friday morning. Welcome home, shipmates.

On Saturday, November 11, the Veterans Council of St. Johns County teamed with MOAA, Ancient City Chapter will again host a Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Augustine. The parade will begin at 11 AM and will pass by the Castillo de San Marcos on Avineda Menendez. We will have one of USCG HITRON's helicopters on display at the LZ beside the fort along with one of USCG ANT's buoy tender boats in the parking lot in front of the fort. Be sure to attend and bring your family and friends to help us honor our veterans.

There are still tickets available for our Navy Ball on October 21 at the Renaissance Resort Hotel at World Golf Village. Our guest speaker for this year's ball is Admiral Bill Moran, Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

Bill Dudley

President

SA-PC Council

Navy League of the United States

After you read the articles on pages 6 & 7 you might decide that it is high time we take another trip to the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola

QUIZ:

- 1) What Navy League member was a five-time CMC on active duty in the USN
- 2) When the USS Midway steamed into Capetown South Africa in 1955 as the first US aircraft carrier to visit there . . . what Navy League member was in a propeller-driven AD on the flight deck, being used to conn the ship thru the breakwater (without tug-boats) using only the alternating thrust of the four groups of five Skyraiders ?

Answers provided at the next council meeting.



Motto: "Fortune Favors the Bold"

Technical Specifications

- Homeport: Mayport, Florida
- Length: 210 feet 6 inches
- Beam: 34 feet
- Maximum Speed: 17 knots
- Maximum Range: 6,900 nautical miles
- Crew Size: 12 Officers, 63 Enlisted

Primary Missions

- Law Enforcement
- Search and Rescue
- Homeland Security

2016 and 2017 Operations (As of 8/1/17)

- 243 Days Away from Homeport
- Sailed 34,000 miles patrolling Atlantic/Pacific Ocean, Caribbean Sea
- Transited the Panama Canal (four times)
- Interdicted 8,700 kilograms of cocaine worth \$289 million
- Apprehended 33 suspected drug smugglers and two human smugglers
- Interdicted, rescued, and cared for 400+ migrants

Awards

- Coast Guard Atlantic Area Overall Operational Readiness Excellence Award
- Hopley Yeaton Cutter Excellence Award (Runner Up - Large Cutter)
- Coast Guard 2016 Minor Caliber Gunnery Award
- Coast Guard 2016 Enlisted Person of the Year (Seaman Gregory Jacquet)
- Coast Guard 2016 Independent Health Service Technician of the Year (HS2 Scott Hughes)



VALIANT ALWAYS READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED AND THEN IT HAPPENS

VALIANT had their summer picnic on July 15 and at that time MK2 Orlando Vazquez was awarded SOQ for the 2nd quarter by Sally Watson. Garry and Jeanette Cohn and Bill Dudley joined the fun.



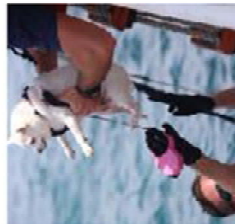
VALIANT left July 31st for their patrol in the Caribbean. It started as a slow patrol. Their first stop was Puerto Rico to visit a local orphanage where they helped clean the facilities. On their way, they generously opened their wallets and brought hundreds of dollars worth of food, diapers, and supplies for the orphanage.



Next stop was St. Kitts where they delivered a shipment of body armor donated by Miami-Dade Police Dept. The crew visited a center for troubled teens and shared some personal experiences with the teens and provided mentoring. While there they came across a puppy in need of a home. The newest crew member is named "Kitt".

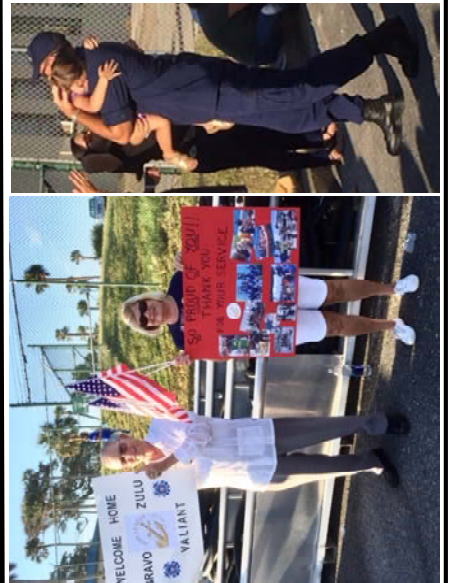


What started as a slow patrol quickly took on an urgency with Hurricanes Irma and Maria. While worrying about their families in the path of IRMA, VALIANT was tasked with rescuing people from a nearly uninhabitable St. John island to a cruise ship in St. Thomas. They rescued 77 adults, 22 children, 11 dogs and 2 cats. They had a second day of rescues and then had to run from Maria.



Following Maria, the next mission was to conduct search and rescue, conduct port assessments and deliver relief supplies to St. Croix. I know their hearts are heavy with the task at hand. I'm sure they are thinking of those teens they met in St. Kitt and the staff and children at the orphanage in Puerto Rico. They've never served in a war zone, but I'm sure they feel like they are in one now. They were due home the end of September, but as of now they are staying as long as needed. BRAVO ZULU!!!

Valiant Homecoming:



Youth Activities:

Midshipman Marcus Sanders, a former St. Augustine Naval Sea Cadet and Nease NJROTC cadet. He did great during Plebe summer and is ready to start the academic year! He is planning to major in Quantitative Economics and wants to join the sailing team and flight club for his extracurricular activities. He is in the 14th Company at Annapolis.



ST. AUGUSTINE BATTALION

Sixteen year old Sea Cadet PO2 William Israelson was presented the NL Theodore Roosevelt medal on July 29th. He is home schooled and is the leading Petty Officer in our Sea Cadet Battalion.



PARENT BOOSTERS

August 31, 2017

Navy League of the United States
Mr. Bill Dudley
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St. Augustine, FL 32085

Dear Mr. Dudley,

On behalf of the Nease Panther Navy Junior Officer Training Corps we want to thank you for your organization's participation at and financial contribution for our Awards Ceremony in May 2017. Your continued support plays an integral role in our ability to prepare and guide our hardworking, talented young men and women for the challenges ahead.

Navy League Kilpatrick Award for Leadership (\$500)
Cadet Erin Sass

We are excited about another fine group of cadets joining us as freshman this year. We had a great turnout at our Open House for parents and cadets last week to welcome them to our family. We also held our annual drill camp this past weekend and had a tremendous turnout of 120 cadets. We are looking forward to another wonderful year. Our goal is to continue to be "A Cut Above."

Sincerely,

The Nease Panther NJROTC
Parent Boosters

USCG HITRON:



On August 1, 2017, Liaison Paul Kimmel presented the 2q2017 EPOQ awards and the January—June 2017 Perchard awards to members of USCG HITRON.



JANUARY - JUNE 2017 HITRON PERCHARD AWARD
CAPT. MICHAEL CAMPBELL AET1 TYLER MICHAEL LIAISON, PAUL KIMMEL



ENLISTED PERSON OF THE QUARTER SECOND QUARTER 2017
AET2 BRYAN D. COLLARD LIAISON, PAUL KIMMEL



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USCGC Valiant:

On July 15th, council liaison Sally Watson presented MK2 Orlando Vazquez the SOQ award for 2Q2017 at the ship's annual picnic.

Also in attendance were council members Gary & Jeanette Cohn and Council President Bill Dudley.



GARY COHN JEANETTE COHN CDR TIMOTHY P. CROWN SALLY WATSON LCDR CHRIS J. DAVIS BILL DUDLEY



LIAISON SALLY WATSON USCGC VALIANT SAILOR OF THE QUARTER 2017
MK2 ORLANDO VAZQUEZ

Sally Watson - USCGC Valiant Liaison

Expanding the National Flight Academy's Outreach

by Captain John O'Hara, USN (Ret), Director of Education, National Flight Academy



One of this summer's graduating classes in the Blue Angels Atrium. NFA

Through a generous donation from the Haugh Family Foundation, the National Flight Academy (NFA) was able to expand its outreach to students on the autism spectrum. NFA began this effort by collaborating with a local Autism Consultant (Chrissy Ogilvie, Ph.D., Autism Consultant FSU — Center for Autism and Related Disabilities) to create specialized training for the NFA staff regarding their interaction with autistic students. Staff were trained on the proper identification of traits, approach and mentorship of autistic students, as it relates to triggers, anxiety and social interaction. This training has allowed the staff of the National Flight Academy to interact and support the selected students in a positive and effective way. Furthermore, this training has allowed staff to better identify and implement best practices with students who are not part of this selected program, but who may demonstrate autistic behaviors and mannerisms.

With the help of Dr. Ogilvie, 12 students were selected to participate in NFA's six-day Deployment program this summer. After touring NFA and seeing all of the "bells and whistles" that are normally part of the Deployment program, Dr. Ogilvie was able to determine the level at which a student would need to function, in order

to successfully complete the full program. In collaboration with a local Autism Consultant who works with a number of students in the community, students were selected based on their ability level in several areas of the program (noises, lights, program duration and educational difficulty).

In cooperation with Dr. Ogilvie, an assessment tool was developed to give NFA the ability to evaluate the selected students on specialized criteria, specifically relevant to autistic students. The assessments of the students were compiled and a report generated with its results, after all students completed the six-day program. This data assisted in evaluating the overall effectiveness of the program, in regard to identified autism spectrum disorders.

Feedback from parents of students who attended this summer indicate that the effort to expand NFA outreach to students with autism was successful (see sidebar).

NFA is thrilled with this type of feedback. As a result, NFA plans to run three one-day Adventure programs in the Fall for students who do not have the ability to handle the various conditions of the six-day Deployment program, but who may greatly benefit from this unique educational environment.

For more information, call 850.458.7836 or visit nationalflightacademy.com.

"... During her time at NFA, we were getting positive feedback from Sarah via text messages and Facebook posts. We could tell that she was excited and having fun. We could also tell that she was motivated, learning and growing socially and emotionally. After graduation, as we were discussing her experience with Sarah, these were some of the comments we heard about Sarah's time on the National Flight Academy's *Ambition*:

- "I had a blast!"

This from a child that struggles daily in the traditional educational setting.

- "I volunteered to do the math calculations for my CAG."

This from a child with a diagnosed math disability. She volunteered to do math!

- "I made new friends!"

This from a child that has difficulty making and keeping friends. The Squad formed a group via Social Media to stay in touch. We usually received at least one daily update as to what her NFA friends are up to.

And ...

- "I learned that I can do more than I thought I could!"

Only one word for this hard won and long-awaited lesson: "priceless!"

From another parent of a selected student:

"... It's been a week since Bryson attended and graduated from the National Flight Academy and I want to thank you and the sponsors for making it possible for Bryson to attend. Bryson had an awesome time, met new friends, gained new experiences and just had a great time. I realized that was the first time Bryson had been away from us and alone with strangers who became mentors and friends. I am elated about how Bryson is maturing and gaining milestones ..."

On Deck at the Museum

From the Director

Captain Sterling G. Gilliam, USN (Ret)



Greetings Fly•By readers — I hope this note finds you well. We had a great summer here at the Museum with strong visitation numbers and a multitude of significant events and major activities. Of note, the Blue Angels practices have been a big hit and we have had tens of thousands on our flight-line to enjoy their 2017 warm-ups.

Our busy pace continues unabated this Fall. In the last issue, I detailed that a key part of our vision going forward is to place a renewed focus on our active duty Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Aviation team. To that end, we were honored to recently host the U.S. Navy Landing Signal Officer School's annual Operators Advisory Group (OAG). With the best attendance in years, LSOs from around the fleet, along with representatives from Naval Air Systems Command and industry, participated in the three-day OAG to discuss the Navy's future in the areas of optical landing systems, catapults and arresting gear. It was a great opportunity for our staff to see how the aircraft carrier flight decks might operate for the next several decades.

In keeping with the theme of more focus on today's active duty force, I want to take this opportunity to give you a sneak preview of our next major Museum project — the USS

Nimitz (CVN-68) Flight Deck Exhibit. With design collaboration and funding graciously provided by our Foundation, this exhibit's scope will be along the same lines as our iconic USS *Cabot* (CVL-28) wooden flight deck located in the West Wing. The concept calls for converting the floor of the quarterdeck area just to the right of the Museum entrance into a massive ¼ scale replica of a *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier flight deck (see drawing below).

Stretching almost 70' in width and more than 160' in length, while covering more than 7,000 square feet, this exhibit will link nicely with the recently completed CVN-68 Giant Screen Theater ticket counter (right).

While the project is still in the final design stages, we are excited about what this exhibit will bring as it will give our arriving visitors an immediate sense of where our sailors and aircrew work around the world every day as they maintain and operate naval aircraft off the ten *Nimitz*-class carriers we have in service today.

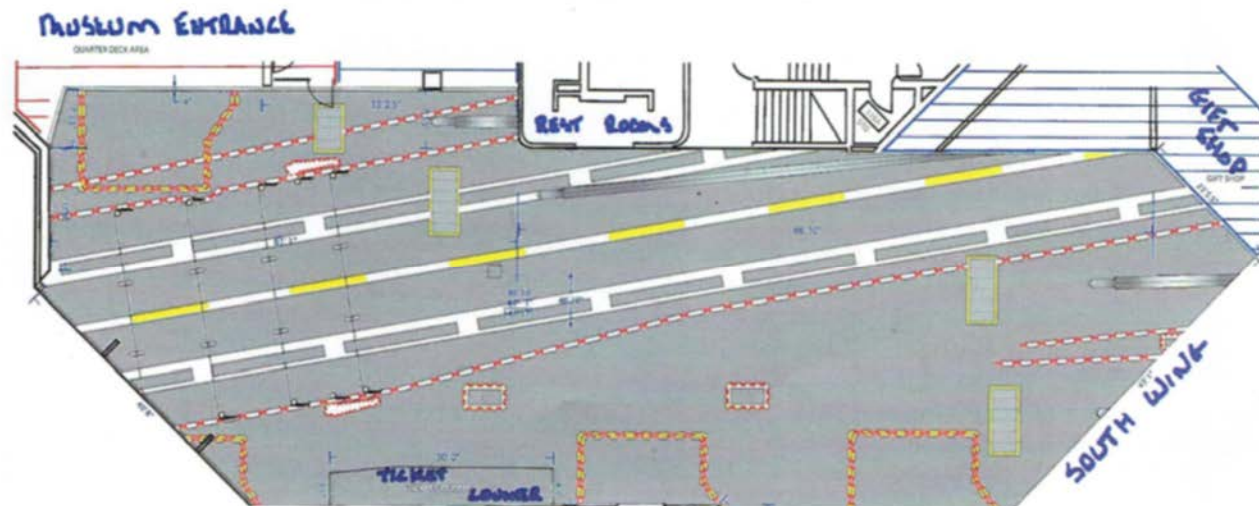
Our job is to tell the story of Naval Aviation and we believe that the location of this exhibit, so close to our entrance, will provide the perfect "jumping off point" for our patrons to begin their journey into the rich 106-year history of the men, women and machines of this most noble of professions. You can expect updates in these pages as we bring Phase One of this project



Donald Watson

to fruition and be on the lookout for exciting future enhancements to this exhibit as we continue to modernize our 54-year old institution.

Finally, as always, our goal is to provide our patrons a superlative experience. Let us know your thoughts! You are welcome to contact us via our website navalaviation-museum.org or swing by our offices on your next visit to the Museum. We hope to see you soon!





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