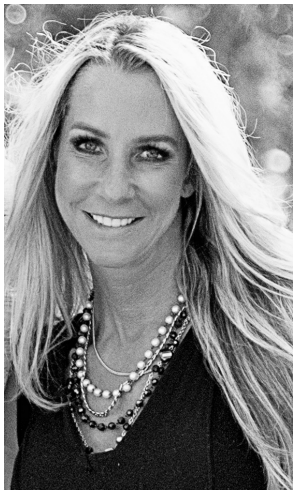
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President's Message



Dear Members of the Central Florida Navy League,

Welcome and hello from your new president, Lisa Coe! At our bi-monthly Luncheon on January 15, 2020, I was honored to become the Central Florida Navy League's first female president. My esteemed predecessors, Chris "Towny" Townsend, Bill "Roto" Reuter, Mike "Bullet" Motko, Andy Mohler and Rob Matthews, will continue to sit on our board of directors. They are tasked with providing support to the entire CFNL Board of Directors and myself during my two-year term as President. Together, with my Executive Vice President, Captain Matt Robinson, U.S. Navy Reserves, we will navigate the road ahead. I am truly grateful to have such a vibrant and dedicated board of directors and membership team to execute our mission.

I want to take this occasion to briefly lay out my vision as the President of CFNL, and what we plan to achieve over the next two years. To date, CFNL has served a critical role in helping our sea services, beneficiaries and the 2200 students we support across Central Florida. We will continue to be pivotal in supporting our 23 Sea Cadet, JROTC and MJRTOC units. The key to the success of all of this is our invaluable corporate sponsors, who are essential to the future growth of CFNL. Several of our outstanding 2019 business partners and sponsors include Boeing, CESI, ASI, CAE, Cubic and NGC. We are in the process of finalizing our 2020 annual sponsors and look forward to announcing that in the coming weeks.

I would like to challenge each of our members to get more involved and share ideas on how we can create the opportunity for CFNL's members to increase their participation. Moreover, I want to personally encourage you to bring forward thoughts on new ways in which we can support our sea services, students, MS&T family and each other. We will make a difference and we will continue to have a blast while we do it. My challenge to myself and our board is to ensure we always bring ***value***. Our time is valuable, and my goal is to ensure we bring the right people, events, guest speakers and situations together that bring as much value to everyone as possible, all while we have fun. I am looking forward to working with you to achieve this!
Best wishes,

Lisa Coe

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CFNL Honors Sailors of the Year at Luncheon



At the January 11 luncheon, with speaker MCPON 13 and NLUS Executive Director Mike Stevens looking on, the Central Florida Navy League announced the winners of our first *Sailor of the Year* awards.

The Sailor Of the Year (SOY) Program was established to recognize Sailors who best represent the large number of

superior dedicated professionals serving at Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD), Navy Operations Support Center (NOSC) and USCGC Vigilant. The SOY candidate is typified by a history of sustained superior performance, command impact, mission contribution, proven leadership, dedication to self-improvement, outstanding professionalism, and superior personal appearance; and epitomizes the expectations of the services core values.

It was very exciting and an honor to recognize the following winners: (pictured left to right) Speaker and presenter, NLUS executive director Stevens; **NOSC ORLANDO STAFF BJOY HM3 Bailey White; STAFF JUNIOR SOY PS2(AW) Robert Hall; RESERVE JUNIOR SOY MA2 Alex Lopez; STAFF SOY MM1(SW) Terrance Anderson**; outgoing CFNL president Chris Townsend, and CFNL membership director, Enrique Acosta Gonzalez. Not pictured are **NOSC ORLANDO RESERVE BJOY HM3 Justin Hoier and RESERVE SOY HT1(AW) Matthew Schnelting.**

Meet Our AMAZING Treasurer: Rick Lecky



When it comes to volunteering, there probably isn't a harder job than the person in charge of the money - - the budgets, reimbursements, PayPal ledgers and it goes on and on. The Central Florida Navy League is lucky to have **Rick Lecky** as the treasurer, a '75 United States Naval Academy graduate (BSEE). Rick retired as a U.S. Navy CDR and S-3 pilot/Mission Commander, with over 2500 hours. He took part in the planning and flew one of the six S-3s, making the first transatlantic fight for the aircraft. Rick's active duty squadrons were VS-41, VS-22, & VSSU; his reserve duty was with VS-27 and augmented VS-24.

After active duty he joined the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, and retired from there after 44 years of Federal service. At NAWCTSD, he served as an assistant project engineer on the P3-C simulators, and project engineer on the S-3A/B flight and tactics simulators, and transitioned to Lead Project Engineer on the 14A12 Surface ASW Team Trainers. As a program manager for all Surface ASW and Fire control Trainers, Rick was responsible for over $200 million in inventory, and successfully awarded the center's first Post Competition in Contracting Act (CICA) contract.

Read more here

CFNL's Number One Fan Enjoys Toe-Tapping Evening



Captains "Robbie" Roberts and Andy Mohler USN (ret.) attended the Glenn Miller concert in January. Both were guests of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

CAPT Roberts, a lively 105, is a distinguished WW II combat veteran whose decorations include a bronze star and nine Pacific theater campaign ribbons.

Said CAPT Mohler, "I was so honored to be able to attend this event with a true hero and friend who lived this music while defending our country. We both enjoy Big Band music and this was really done right." Robbie expressed his personal thanks to the Navy League and said , " Wow! I could not quit tapping my feet!"

11th Annual Run Planned for April 11 - Register Today!

Our 11th Annual Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5k/10k is quickly approaching!!! Join us **Saturday, April 11, 2020,** at Blue Jacket park, in the heart of Baldwin Park. Enjoy a scenic run, walk or stroll around the former grounds of Recruit Training Center

(RTC) Orlando. Last year we raised a substantial amount of money for Veteran's programs and the Central Florida Navy League's youth programs and scholarships. We are excited to be partnering again with The Camaraderie Foundation and Wake for Warriors as two of the recipients of this year's net proceeds.



Registration is now open for the 5k, 10k as well as a virtual option for those that cannot join us in person. We also have sponsorship opportunities available. To learn more or to register, visit: http://cfnl5k.org

Four-day RTC Orlando Reunion Planned for October 2020

This October 8th, Recruit Training Command Orlando graduates and staff from across the nation will meet in Central Florida for the 'RTC Orlando Reunion'!

The four day event includes a welcome dinner on the 8th, followed by a full day on the 9th consisting of a trip to the Navy League's Lone Sailor Memorial, a relaxing and scenic boat tour, a visit to an artisan food, gifts & crafts market, and ending the day at the award-winning Orange County Regional History Center.

Saturday, Oct 10 there will be the 'Boot Camp' Challenge which is a lot more fun than it sounds, as well as lunch and ending the day at the Central Florida Navy League's Navy Birthday Ball. Sunday there will be a non-denominational service at 1000 followed by the famous 'Blue Jacket Banquet'. A 5-day Carnival Ship 'Anchors Aweigh Cruise' sets sail on October 12th, Monday for those who would like to cruise. To find out more information locations, visit: http://rtcor.ch2v.com/

CFNL Pro Bowl Experience 2020 A Fun Day for All



CFNL's inaugural NFL Pro Bowl Experience was a tremendous success and we sold out this great event package. Many of our group braved the Orlando winter and went to Disney's Wide World of Sports earlier in the week and enjoyed a practice session, followed by the televised NFL Skill Challenge. The entire group met at Camping World Stadium prior to the game for an epic tailgate, complete with great food and beverages. Once in our group's lower bowl seating section, we all witnessed the Army's Special Forces Paratrooper team jump our Nation's Flag for the National Anthem, followed by an amazing fly over by four A-10 Warthogs. The game was very entertaining and ended with an exceptional firework display at the stadium. Again, a great event that was enjoyed by all of the CFNL group. We hope to expand the event for next year and hope that you will all join us!

Thank you annual PLATINUM partners!