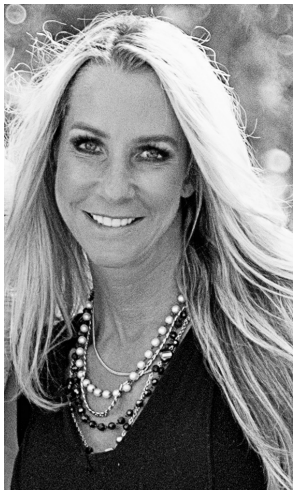
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President's Message



Dear Members of the Central Florida Navy League,

It is during times like these that I am proud to lead the Central Florida Navy League. Our organization will continue to work within current Covid-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our membership. We hope that we will be able to return to normal operations soon. Our goal and mission to support our Nation's sea services is unwavering, while we also support our beneficiaries and our many Central Florida youth programs.

Today, we are facing an incredibly unique and sensitive environment. While battling a pandemic and navigating through this phenomenon, each day brings new challenges requiring us to make changes, if and where needed. Now more than ever we need to open our hearts and have a compassion for everyone. Our goal each day is to rise to these challenges with ingenuity, compassion, resilience, fortitude, and integrity. In times like these, nonprofit organizations in our communities stand shoulder-to-shoulder and support one another as needed.

We will be launching our new ***Sea to Stars*** **STEM program** July 27-31, 2020 and plan to be business as usual for our annual main events in August, September, and October 2020:

August 7, 2020 - ***8th Annual Bob Bret Golf Tournament*** at the Ritz Carlton Orlando
September 8, 2020 - ***1st Annual Casino Membership Night*** held jointly with the **Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation** (Location TBD)
September 19, 2020 - ***11th Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K/10K*** at Baldwin Park
October 10, 2020 - ***245th Navy Birthday Ball*** at Rosen Shingle Creek

We have an action packed second half of 2020 ahead! Please plan to join us for all of these fun and worthwhile events.

We are so blessed to be part of this great Sea Service family here in Central Florida. Our board and our members will continue to fight the fight and do what is right. Sending virtual hugs to our entire Navy Family!

Best wishes,

Lisa Coe

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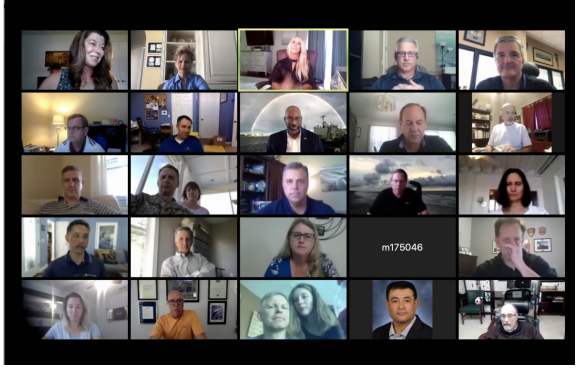
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COVID-19 Sees Shift to Many Virtual Events Including First CFNL Social

We had a great time hosting more than 65 of our members and friends at our first ever Central Florida Navy League virtual social on May 12.

"We had the honor of welcoming a lineup of incredible Navy leadership, starting with RADM Don Gabrielson, Commander U.S. Naval Forces

Southern Command/U.S. FOURTH Fleet, who many of us had the pleasure of meeting at our 2019 Birthday Ball as our guest speaker," said Lisa Coe.



Along with Gabrielson, there were four other speakers, including CAPT Tim "Octa" Hill, Commanding Officer, NAWCTSD; Bill Stevenson, National Navy League President; MCPON 13 Michael Stevens, USN (Ret)/Executive Director Navy League National; and RDML Jesse Wilson, USN (Ret) 57th Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

The social was held on Zoom, and was sponsored by Mag Aerospace. The CFNL is currently planning another virtual event on **July 14**. Look for more details on social media.

Thanks to our Annual Partners! Your Support Anchors Our Success!

We are excited to announce and to THANK our 2020 Annual Sponsors, beginning with our Platinum Sponsors returning again from 2019 — **Boeing** and **Cole Engineering**. We appreciate your support and dedication so much.



Also a part of our very important annual partnerships are our premier sponsors. Welcome back to **Aero Simulation, Inc.**, **CAE**, **Cubic**, and **Northrop Grumman**. And a warm welcome to our newest annual premier partner, **GDIT**!

Each of your companies plays such a key role in anchoring our events — and our success — throughout the year. Thank you for making Central Florida Navy League and our beneficiaries a priority. We appreciate you and look forward to celebrating your kindness!

CFNL's Larger-Than-Life Member, CAPT Robbie Roberts Turns 106

April 17 was a very exciting day for the CFNL Board and our members! Planned by all the people who love Robbie, we celebrated -- while social distancing -- our favorite CFNL member CAPT Robbie Roberts and his 106th birthday. Yes, you read that right!



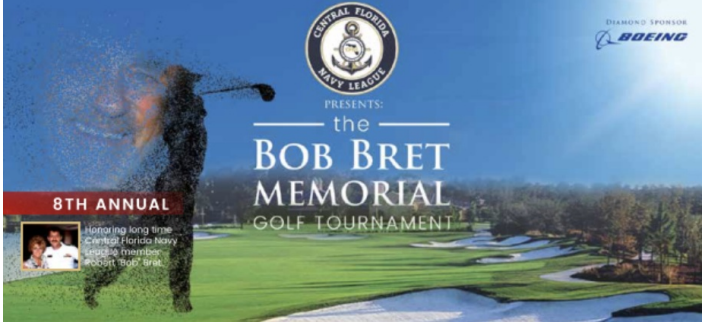
The special birthday celebration was organized by Robbie's assisted living family and through a Zoom call included a speech by Robbie and Declaration of Captain Robbie Day; a parade; and a Happy Birthday serenade. Several members of the Navy League board of directors and NAWCTSD leadership took part in the call and wished Robbie a very happy day.

CFNL past president Andy Mohler visits with Robbie frequently and keeps the group up-to-date on how Robbie is doing. Here, in the picture, you can see Andy "visiting" Robbie (in the background) at a safe distance! Robbie told Andy he is excited to attend this year's Birthday Ball, where he plans to be out on the dance floor!

Bob Bret Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 7 "A Go" at Ritz Carlton

We're very excited to let you know that we are "a go" for the 8th Annual Bob Bret Memorial Golf Tournament,

honoring one of our most passionate and dedicated members.Once again, we are so appreciative of the continuing support of **Boeing** for their Diamond Sponsorship.



The event on Aug. 7 is at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club, and will tee off at 8 a.m. The shotgun start, four-person scramble will award the top three places and their will be individual awards to recognize longest drive, longest putt, closet to the pin, and straightest drive. For more information on registering as an individual or team, or to sponsor, please visit our **GOLF page** on our website.

WWLS 5k/10k Run Rescheduled for September 19; Register Today!



Join us **Saturday, September 19, 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 open at **www.cfnl5k.org**. If you previously registered but are no longer able to make the new date, we will offer a full refund or transfer your registration to the virtual option so that you can still receive this year's medal and race shirt. We have a newly designed medal and high-quality t-shirt for participants again this year.

Newest Central Florida Pargo Sea Cadet Division Recognized Nationally

Congratulations to the **Pargo Sea Cadet Division!** They placed third in the entire nation among Sea Cadet Units for the 2019-2020 drill year. This is an amazing feat given they have only been commissioned for one year and is a testament to their leadership and one-team one-fight mentality.

CO Billy Whitehead and XO Drew Martin, as well as their entire adult leadership team, should be commended for their dedication and sacrifice to the youth of Central Florida. Bravo Zulu!


U.S. Rep Val Demings and Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings with Pargo Division

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