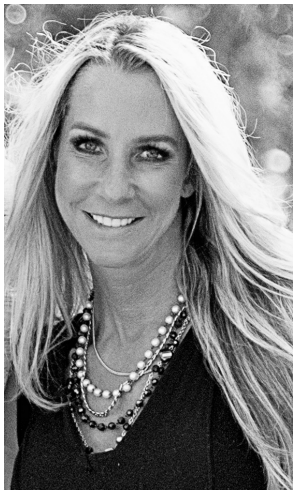
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President's Message



Dear Members of the Central Florida Navy League,

Together, with my executive vice president, Captain Matt Robinson, U.S. Navy Reserves, and our board, we enjoyed a fabulous day of golf at our successful 8th annual Bob Bret Memorial Golf Tournament at the Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes earlier this month. We also enjoyed a successful virtual Navy League social on July 14 with 75 participants!

Our guest speaker line up was incredible, and I am so grateful for their time, input, candor and personal touch. I am also grateful to have such a vibrant and dedicated board of directors and membership team to execute our mission.

It is my honor to announce, we were again named one of the top Navy League Councils in the world! Thank you to Chris Townsend for his incredible leadership the past two years to help us earn this award. For the 2nd year in a row we have been awarded the highest level of achievement for NLUS- ***Outstanding Council***! We have achieved this amazing level with 7 other councils out of 250 councils in the world!

We also achieved the ***Mackie award for Communications*** (social media) led by the amazing Dolly Rairigh Glass and Troy Edwards!

A few events upcoming to update:

- Our next ***CFNL Virtual Social*** is September 8, 2020, and we already have 5 key leaders secured to share their thoughts, opinions, and mission. See our story below for details!
- Our ***11th Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K/10K*** is now a virtual event on September 19, 2020, as well as the ***245th Navy Birthday Ball*** which will also be virtual. More to follow on both.
- Our new ***Casino Night*** held jointly with the Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation is planned for January 2021, the evening of the CPAG breakfast.

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. We could not have done this without our 2020 annual business partners and sponsors including **Boeing, CESI, ASI, CAE, Cubic and Northrop Grumman.**

I would like to challenge each of our members to invite others to join this amazing organization! 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. Our goal is to ensure we always bring ***value***. We are so blessed to be part of this great Sea Service family here in Central Florida.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Coe

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CFNL Recognized as Outstanding Council for Second Straight Year

I am thrilled to announce that after being recognized as a ***Meritorious Council*** for the 2017 calendar year, the Central Florida Navy League council was just recognized again as an ***Outstanding Council for the second year in a row for the council's tremendous performance during the 2019 year!***



The Central Florida council was also again awarded a ***Platinum Mackie Award for our amazing Communications and Social Media***, a ***Gold award for our exceptional newsletter***, and a ***Silver award for the council's website***!

The Central Florida Council continues to be a shining example of council performance and Navy League mission accomplishment for all other councils to follow. These awards properly recognize the tireless effort, focus, and passion that the CFNL team of amazing volunteers continues to display every day. BZ Central Florida council – keep up the hard work!

Christopher R. Townsend
National Vice President
Navy League of the United States

Our Third Virtual Social Sept. 8 -- Another Great Lineup of Speakers

Get your laptops charged up and ready for our third CFNL virtual Navy League social on **Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5pm.** We're excited to announce we've got five amazing speakers ready to catch you up and answer questions. Our keynote speaker is **VADM Michael T. Moran,** Principal Military Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD & A)
Principal Military Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). **And BIG thanks to our sponsors: BGI and Valiant - we appreciate you!**



Our other speakers are: **Rear Adm. Shane G. Gahagan**, Program Executive Officer, Tactical Aircraft Programs; **RADM Jeffrey R. Penfield, USN (Ret)** - Chairman, USS KANSAS CITY/USS WICHITA Commissioning Committees; Chairman, Greater KC Friends of Fisher House; Board member Camp Valors Outdoors; Navy League Midwest Region, Central Area President; Greater KC People-to-People; Senior Advisor, BGI-LLC; **John Daly**, Director, Corporate Operations, former Deputy Director of Homeland Security for President Trump; and **Col Rob Epstein,** Commander, Air Force Agency for Modeling & Simulation.

The social will be via zoom again and here is the **link**, The password is 766104.

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.

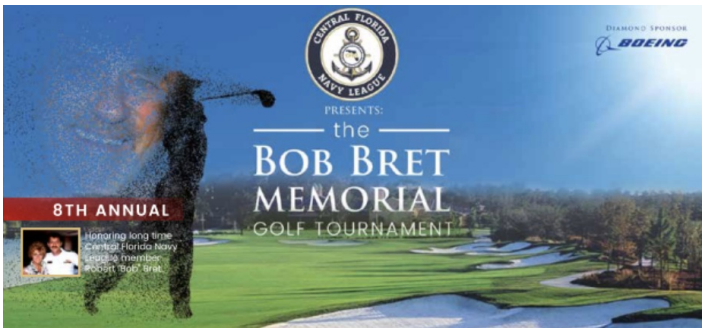


Also a part of our very important annual partnerships are our premier sponsors. Welcome back to **Aero Simulation, Inc.**, **CAE**, **Cubic**, and **Northrop Grumman**.

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!

Thanks to Everyone For Making Our Golf Tourney A Blast!



A big thanks to all of our golfers and our sponsors for their support of the 8th annual Bob Bret Memorial Golf tourney. Once again, we are so appreciative of the continuing support of **Boeing, our annual partner,** for their Diamond Sponsorship.

We had a GREAT group of sponsors for this event, and want to thank them too: **Cole Engineering, Fairwinds Credit Union, ASI, Northrop Grumman, CAE, Cubic Corporation, Chiki-Diki Clothing, R-Squared Solutions, AAFMAA Wealth Management & Trust, LLC, and Innovative Reasoning.**

Visit our **Facebook page** to check out the pictures in our album!

WWLS 5k/10k Run Is Now A Virtual Race; Join Us and Get Your Bling!



The amazing thing about a virtual race is that you can join us **Saturday, September 19, 2020,** to run your race, or you can do it before (or even a few days after if you want!). Instead of being together as we are each year at Blue Jacket park, in the heart of Baldwin Park, you'll be enjoying a scenic run, walk or stroll around your neighborhood. **But, the great thing about all this is that it's all for a GREAT CAUSE!**

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, or don't want to participate, 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.

As a virtual race, you will have the ability to post your time and upload pictures into**ITS Your Race**. It's fast and easy. Since many runners will submit times for distances other than exact 5K and 10K, we will not be offering age group awards although runners will be "placed" by time.

So, here we go! Sign up to get your shirt and your bling....and to make a difference for Wake for Warriors and the Camaraderie Foundation! Questions? Email **Troy Edwards at info@cfnavyleague.org.**

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Thank you annual PLATINUM partners!

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