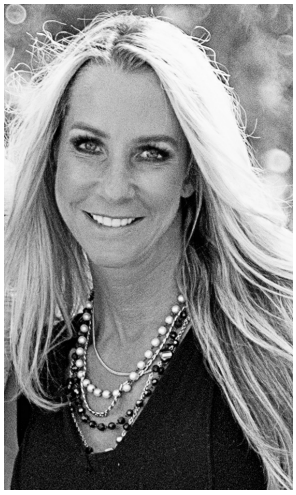
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President's Message



Dear Members of the Central Florida Navy League,

I cannot believe we are nearing the end of November! We have worked hard to ensure our priorities and our mission remained intact during the challenges we faced this year. Together, we have worked to stay connected and bring value to our members and sponsors.

Last month we celebrated our Navy's Birthday with a very meaningful virtual Navy Birthday party on Oct. 13, 2020 with 75 participants! Thank you to our guest speaker, Captain Tim "Octa" Hill, and to our emcee CDR Hank Phillips for making the evening so fun and run smooth. Thank you to Dolly Rairigh Glass, Troy Edwards and Andy Raut for pulling the entire event together. And, thank you to Enrique Acosta and Andy Mohler for getting the youngest and oldest sailors on video cutting the birthday cake. CAPT Robbie Roberts at 106 1/2 half years old is my personal hero!!

A few weeks later, CFNL hosted an incredible Wake for Warriors event on Lake Olympia in Ocoee with 10 injured Warriors. Witnessing these incredible and brave Veterans have a blast on the water with professional wake surfers for an entire weekend was epic! I cannot wait to participate in this event again in 2021.

Our Upcoming Events:

Our next ***CFNL Combined In-person and virtual Social*** **is November 30, 2020** at the brand-new Celeste Hotel on Alafaya Trail, as well as on Zoom for those who would like to attend virtually.

Our *1*1th **Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K/10K i** s April 10, 2021, and the **246th Navy Birthday Ball is** October 16, 2021! Please be sure to mark our calendars for both of these events.

And, teaming with the Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation, *Casino Night* is planned for spring of 2021.

CFNL continues to serve 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: **Boeing, CESI, ASI, CAE, Cubic and NGC.**

I would like to challenge each of our members to invite others to join this amazing organization! I want to 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.

I want to thank our entire board of directors for all of your hard work to make us one of the top Navy League Councils in the world!

We are so blessed to be part of this great family here in Central Florida. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Kind Regards,

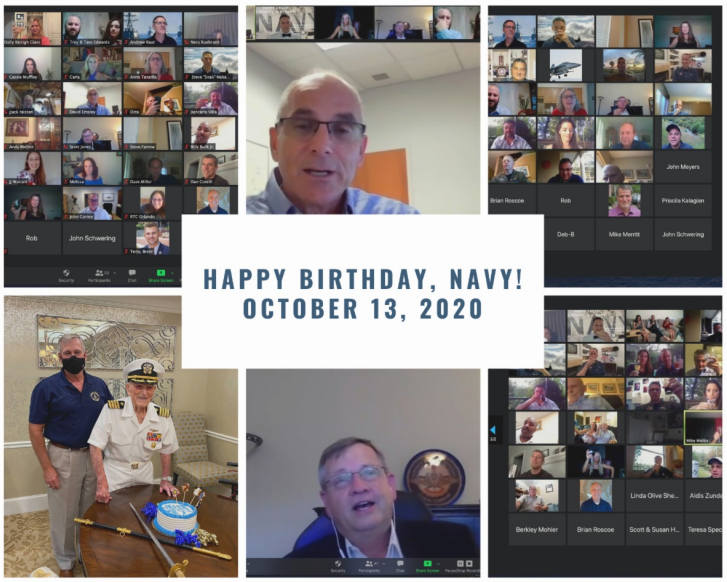
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CFNL Celebrates Navy's 245th Birthday with Zoom Party



As 2020 began to define itself in mid-March, it became evident as the months passed, that our tradition of celebrating our Navy's birthday at a ball seemed unlikely.

After discussions and deliberations amongst the board of directors, it was decided that it was best to cancel this year's ball and instead look at another way to honor the Navy's 245th Birthday and still bring our CFNL family together.

So, on the Navy's birthday, Oct. 13, we had a virtual birthday party on Zoom, and our own NAWCTSD/NSA-Orlando commander, Captain Tim "Octa" Hill was our guest speaker, and we recruited the one and only, Commander (Ret). Hank Phillips, to serve as the emcee. We had the presentation of the flag by one of our Cadet units, and an emotional rendition of the Missing Man ceremony from one of our previous Navy Balls. And what's a Navy Birthday without a cake-cutting? And for the Central Florida, the "oldest Sailor" is hometown hero, Captain Robbie Roberts! Please take a look at our tribute to Robbie **here.**

We are more excited than ever to celebrate the Navy's 246th birthday with you. Mark your calendars for **October 16, 2021,** for the Navy's 246th Birthday Ball celebration!

Our November Social Offers Both In-Person and Virtual Options

As you have done for the last few socials, you can get your laptops charged up or you can join us live and in-person at The Celeste Hotel on UCF's campus from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. The in-person social will be in their outdoor garden area.

BIG thanks to our sponsors for the Nov. 30 social: StraCon, Carley, and Precise Systems - we appreciate you!

The virtual social is on zoom and here is the **link**, The password is 766105.



Shoutout to Our Amazing Partners! Your Support Anchors Our Success

As always, we are inspired and thankful to our annual sponsors and don't want to miss the opportunity to say THANK YOU. We're happy to have our 2020-21 Platinum Sponsors **Boeing** and **Cole Engineering**. We appreciate you so much!



And we're thrilled to have our 2020-21 premier sponsors. Welcome back to **Aero Simulation, Inc.**, **CAE**, **Cubic**, and **Northrop Grumman**.

All of you are critical to our Navy League's success and we know that you play such a key role in allowing us to do the good we do in our community. Thank you for making Central Florida Navy League and our beneficiaries a priority. We appreciate you and look forward to celebrating your kindness!

Wake For Warriors Uses Adaptive Water Sports for Healing; Watch Video

For the third straight year, the Central Florida Navy League council has been the primary sponsor for the Wake For Warriors Weekend held each year on Lake Olympia in Ocoee, Florida. This event brings in combat wounded veterans from around the country to share in the camaraderie and healing powers of adaptive water sports.



CFNL past president and current Navy League national vice president, Chris Townsend, hosts the event from his home, and the entire community and local businesses house and provide meals for the weekend. Wake For Warriors (W4W) is one of the CFNL council's two main beneficiaries and is an incredible organization. Many Central Florida council board members were on hand to support this year's event. Check out this year's **video**, a heart-warming tribute to WFW and the amazing veterans the organization supports.

W4W was started eight years ago by founder, Dave Deep, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran that recognized the need and potential therapeutic effects of adaptive water sports. During a normal year, WFW does about 25 events around the country supporting wounded veterans. Dave has created a unique program connecting injured military veterans and their families through sharing a passion for wake and water sports. The three-day events are held nationwide and are provided at no cost to our participant riders.

These W4W events are utterly amazing to witness and are truly special. The CFNL/W4W partnership continues to strengthen every year and we hope to continue to support this incredible event annually moving forward. For more information about Wake For Warriors, visit: **https://wakeforwarriors.org/**

CFNL Scholarship Recipients Wrapping Up First Semester



Each year, thanks to the support of our members and our sponsors, the Central Florida Navy League is privileged to provide scholarships to deserving men and women as they make their transition from high school to college. This year, even in the middle of a pandemic, we were excited to continue this important tradition.

Congratulations to this year's three recipients -- Billy Embach (University of Maine), Carter Lopes (New Mexico Military Institute) and Russell Kacir (University of Central Florida).

Meet Scott Hooper, Our Director of Corporate Partnerships



Scott Hooper is VP of Business Development of Bohemia Interactive Simulations & TerraSim (a Bohemia Interactive Simulations company), and has been in the simulation industry over 20 years. Scott has held numerous other leadership roles including Director of Sales & Business Development for Havok, a former Intel company; Director of Strategic Accounts for Presagis; and Director of Digital Media & Director of International Sales for Quantum3D.

Scott is very active in the Orlando Modeling and Simulation community and along with his role as the Director of Corporate Partnerships for the Central Florida Navy League, he is also on the Board of Directors & Policy Liaison for NDIA (National Defense Industry Association) Central Florida Chapter; and the Tutorial Committee for I/ITSEC (Interservice/ Industry Training, Simulation & Education Conference). He also has many past roles including Conference Chair of

Defense GameTech. He has also been heavily involved in his community, including 10 years on the Board of Directors for the Dr. Phillips YMCA; Director of Programs for Rotary International; and Chairman & Co-Chairman of the School Advisory Council for three Orange County Public Schools. Scott graduated from University of Denver.





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