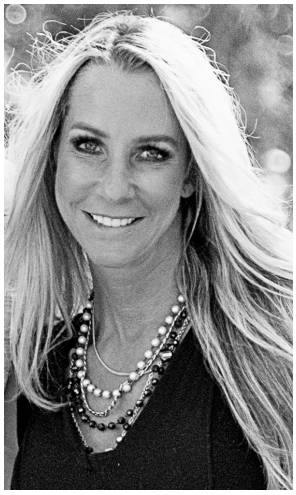
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President's Message



Dear Navy League Members and Friends,

First, I hope you and your families are doing well. We have been praying for several of our Navy League friends who have lost loved ones recently. Please know your CFNL family is here for you.

For those of you wanting to interact in person again, please join us on **Tuesday, May 11,** for our next in person social. We had a wonderful visit together in March and look forward to seeing those who can make it in May.

Our mission with Central Florida Navy League remains intact: supporting our sea services and beneficiaries to include Camaraderie Foundation and Wake for Warriors. We are working hard to stand up a STEM program which will kick off in June with underwater Robotics. We will follow that with cyber and aviation courses later this year. Please let us know if you have middle or high school aged kids who would like to participate.

The key to our success here in Central Florida begins with our NAWCTSD family. They are the forefront of our industry in training our sailors. CAPT Hill and CAPT Covelli are incredibly supportive of our organization and our mission. We are also grateful for our amazing corporate sponsors, who are essential to the future growth of CFNL.

We could not have done this without our 2021 annual business partners and sponsors including:
Platinum: Aero Simulation Inc, Cole Engineering and The Boeing Corporation
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I would like to challenge each of our members to invite others to join this amazing organization! Please encourage others to become part of our council. We have an exciting year ahead, so mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Sept. 11 -*12th Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K/10K* at Blue Jacket Park
Oct 15 - *9th Annual Bob Bret Memorial Golf Tournament* at Rosen Shingle Creek
Oct. 16, - *246th Navy Birthday Ball* at Rosen Shingle Creek
Nov. 12 - *1st Annual Casino Night* at Rosen Shingle Creek

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2021, with new programs like STEM to expand the reach of our Council as well as a return of our traditional, member-favorite events. In closing, and on behalf of your Board, Advisory Committee, and staff, I want to wish everyone a wonderful spring season.

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Coe

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At Nearly 107, Navy CAPT Robbie Roberts Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



On March 11, CAPT (Ret) Richard "Robbie" Roberts, was recognized with the Naval Helicopter Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. Presenting the award was CAPT Richard "CHIP" Whitfield, commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing (aka Commodore) and CAPT Ross "JR" Drenning, commanding officer of the HSM-40 Airwolves. The two captains and eight aircrew joined the event from Naval Station Mayport in two MH-60R helicopters to present Roberts the award and command coins, and give him a tour of the aircraft. The Central Florida Navy League facilitated the event.

Along with the Mayport crew, also in attendance were CAPT Timothy Hill, commander, and CAPT Dan Covelli, executive officer, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD). Both had met with and gotten to know Roberts during their assignments in Orlando, and wanted to attend the small gathering to pay homage to a great American hero and represent Orlando's active duty military, as well as the entire Team Orlando community.

"I'm honored to have the privilege of knowing CAPT Roberts," said Hill. "As a Naval aviator, he is a direct connection for those of us who serve today to the accomplishments made possible members of the Greatest Generation who served before us."
Read the full story about this **aviator hero!** Check out the photos on **Facebook.**

Join Us for Our All Hands On Deck Social on May 11 at The Celeste Hotel

We're excited to welcome everyone to our May 11 social at The Celeste Hotel on UCF campus, beginning at 5 p.m. This outdoor social, sponsored by **Aero Simulations**, is always a fun time to spend time with old friends and colleagues, as well as a great time to network and meet new friends as well.

It was great finally getting to see each other in March, and we look forward to having a safe, successful outing again next month. If your company is interested in sponsoring an upcoming social in May, July, September or November, speak to one of our board members to get more information. The Celeste address is: 4105 N Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826.

See you soon!

Orlando to Host Virtual Navy Week April 12-18 In Lieu of In-Person Event



To help Americans stay connected to their Navy while staying safe at home, the Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO) will bring a virtual Navy Week to Orlando, Florida, Apr. 12-18.

Held in lieu of an in-person event, the virtual Navy Week will mark the first time since 2009 that a Navy Week has been held in Orlando.
The Navy will provide content to the local communities of Orlando looking for fun and engagement to include band performances, Navy history reviews relevant to Central

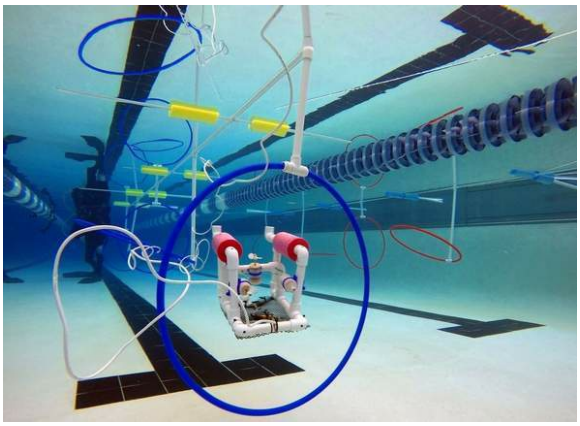
Florida and STEM subjects, which are a part of Navy operations. Engagements will include live events on social media, demonstrations, interviews, and local media coverage of:

- Senior Navy Leadership – Rear Adm. Robert Gaucher, director, Maritime Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will receive proclamations from Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings and Mayor of Orlando Buddy Dyer, as well as enlist several future Sailors from the community into the Navy.
- Local Sailors – Videos and events with Sailors from the Orlando area, including Naval Support Activity Orlando and Naval Operational Support Center Orlando
- Hometown Heroes - Videos featuring Orlando and Florida natives serving in the Navy around the world
- Navy Band Southeast - Virtual performances, Sailor spotlights, and masterclasses with Navy Musicians
- Naval History and Heritage Command –Educational explorations of Orlando's Navy history with the Naval Aviation Museum, Florida's artifacts with underwater archaeologists, and interviews with historians
- USS Constitution - Live, virtual tours aboard the oldest commissioned ship in the world
- Navy Parachute Demonstration Team – Conversations and skydiving events with the Leap Frogs
- Many other fun and educational groups and events!

Learn more information on Navy Week in Orlando.

CFNL and Sea Cadets Team Up for the CFNL STEM Program

We are excited to announce that we are teaming up with the Sea Cadets to kick off our Central Florida Navy League STEM program!



Our council will sponsor a Sea Perch submersible robotics event this summer during the Sea Cadets training event scheduled for June 26 to July 4.

We are still in need of instructor support, so if you enjoy robots, submarines, or just working with your hands, please contact Matt Robinson **(mrobinson@jht.com)** to get involved.

Become A Part of History With Your Own Brick Paver at the Memorial

Become a part of history and purchase your CFNL paver today for $150 for a 4"x 8" brick with three lines of text or $500 for an 8"x 8" brick with six lines of text.



Brick Paver proceeds provide our beloved LONE SAILOR NAVY MEMORIAL with much needed upgrades and upkeep. Click the QR code or visit **our website to get your paver.**

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