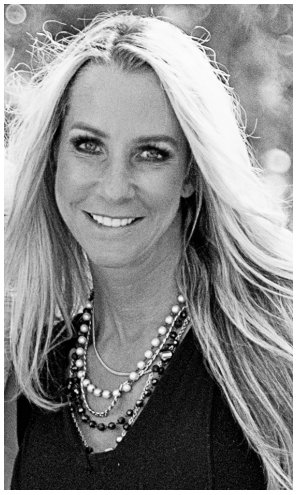
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President's Message



Dear Navy League Members and Friends,

It was wonderful to see our CFNL family again at the social and luncheon last week! I am looking forward to many more opportunities to gather in the coming months.
I would like to start by reiterating the key to our success here in Central Florida. It begins with our NAWCTSD family. They are the forefront of our industry in training our sailors. We are so appreciative of their involvement with CFNL. CAPT Covelli and the TSD team have been instrumental in executing our mission, thank you!

In addition, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 12th annual Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5k/10k. It was so exciting to have the opportunity to host our race in person again at Blue Jacket Park. It was also a memorable day as we recognized the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Through your donations and our amazing race sponsors, we continue to support the CFNL youth programs, as well as our wonderful beneficiaries, Camaraderie Foundation and Wake for Warriors. Mark your calendars... our 13th annual WWLS race is April 9, 2022!

October is near and we have some exciting events right around the corner – the 9th Annual Bob Bret Memorial Golf Tournament on Oct. 15 and the 246th Navy Birthday Ball on Oct. 16, both at Rosen Shingle Creek. We can't wait to be together again in person to honor the tradition of the U.S. Navy. This year we have the pleasure of welcoming Vice Admiral Frank Morley as our guest speaker. In addition, we will have RADM Don Gabrielson (Ret) and CDR Hank Phillips (Ret) as part of the band performance and you don't want to miss it!

Thank you to our annual corporate sponsors, it is through your generosity and partnership that CFNL can accomplish so much in our community.

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We appreciate you all so much!

Lastly, a special thanks to the CFNL Board of Directors, especially my EVP, Matt Robinson. Thank you for your support. It is through your great efforts and dedication that we can continuously give back and be one of the top Navy League Councils in the world! I am so fortunate to be surrounded by the best. We are so blessed to be part of this great family here in Central Florida. I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming events!

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Coe

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Central Florida Navy League Says Goodbye To CAPT Robbie Roberts



We are sad to report the loss of our beloved Shipmate, Captain "Robbie" Roberts, USN (ret.) on Aug. 13, 2021 at 107 years old. He will be buried with military honors in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Oct. 8 at 1:30. A military flyover is planned by the HSM-40 Airwolves assisted by NAWCTSD. All hands are invited to attend.

Robbie was born in 1914 and grew up in Medford, Oregon, where he was active in Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He applied for duty as a Naval Aviator in 1938 after listening to an advertisement on the radio.Capt. Roberts served in the U.S. Navy for 26 years as a legendary pilot and leader in peace and war. His flight logs reflect 4853 hours in 51 different aircraft. He earned his Navy Wings of Gold in 1939 and was already an accomplished aircraft commander in the PBY-4 Catalina on pre-war patrols in the Philippines when the Japanese attacked across the Pacific and Pearl Harbor. He was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” for valor in combat, three Air Medals, and nine Pacific Theater campaign ribbons. He also flew missions into remote areas of China supporting the famous Flying Tigers expeditionary force. In 1945, he served as the JAG officer for the mysterious “Lost Patrol" Flight 19 Avenger flight which disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle.

Following WWII, the Navy began a transition from seaplanes and Robbie became an accomplished helicopter pilot when these aircraft were experimental. He commanded a heavy lift helicopter squadron (HUP-2) and helped develop engineering and safety improvements, plus much of the helicopter doctrine still in use today. Robbie was awarded the prestigious Mark Starr Pioneer award in 2017 and recognized in March 2021 as the oldest living Naval helicopter pilot by the National Helicopter Association. He continued to serve the community as a Mason, as a Council President for the U.S. Navy League in Beaufort, S.C., and as a mentor to many.

Robbie continued active service all his life in the Central Florida Council of the U.S. Navy League and was recently inducted into the National Navy League Scroll of Honor. He was incredibly active, very knowledgeable and current on science, politics, and world events. He could be counted on for a strong, well-reasoned opinion. He had an amazingly detailed memory of the procedures and flying characteristics of multiple aircraft and could call these up at any time.

Robbie was known for his quick humor, his zest for life, and his love of Country and the U.S. Navy. Even as his eyesight failed, he continued listening to multiple books on tape and attended luncheons, social events, and the annual Navy Ball. Robbie spread joy and optimism wherever he went and will be sorely missed. Said his friend Andy Mohler, "Robbie's last words to me were how much he valued his friends in the Navy League, and that he was really looking forward to the Navy Ball this year. He was always looking forward and never gave up."

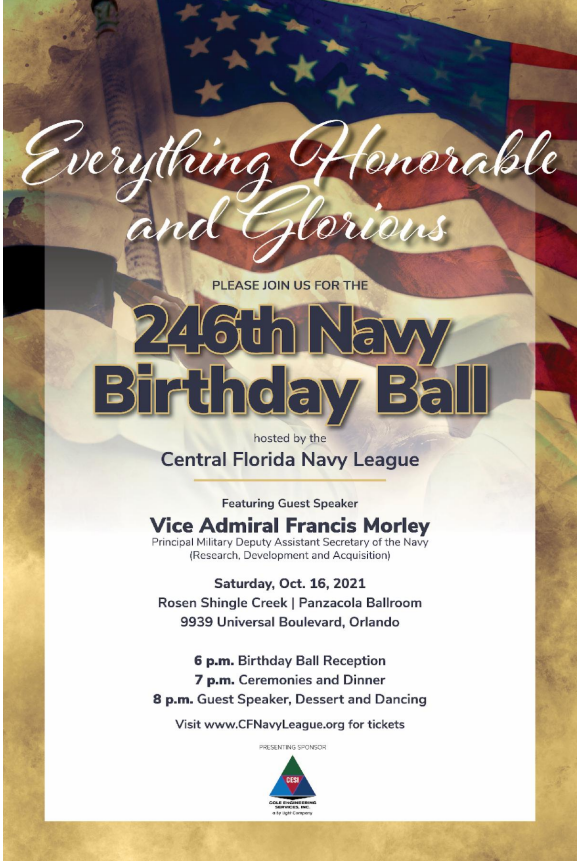
Celebrate the Navy's 246th Birthday With Us on October 16

We're excited to celebrate our U.S. Navy's 246th Birthday with you! Join us on Oct. 16 at the Rosen Shingle Creek for "Everything Honorable and Glorious," an evening of fun, complete with traditional

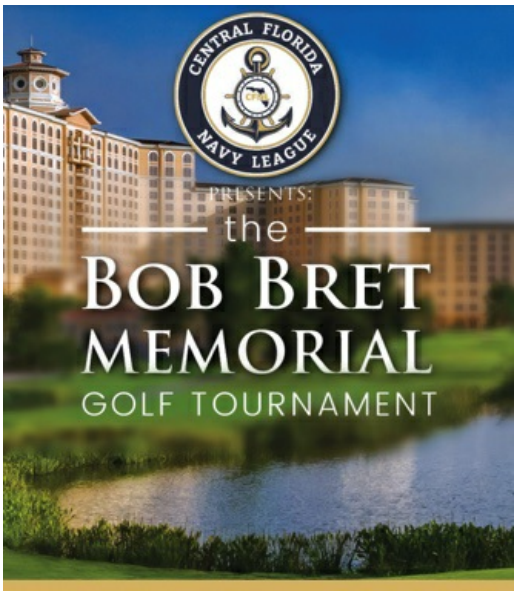
ceremonies, fine dining, birthday cake, dancing and Vice Admiral Francis Morley as our guest speaker.

Tickets are on sale now on our website! Additionally, the Rosen has set aside a **block of rooms** at a discounted price so our attendees can make a birthday weekend out of it.

Finally, we very much appreciate our presenting sponsor, Cole Engineering, and all of our sponsors for their continued support of our Navy League activities: Aero Simulation, Boeing, Carley Corporation, Cubic Corporation, CAE, General Dynamics, MAG Aerospace, R-Squared Solutions, SIMETRI and Lockheed Martin.



It's Time for Our 9th Annual Bob Bret Charity Golf Tournament



Fore! The 9th Annual Bob Bret Charity Golf Tournament is back in full swing on Friday, Oct. 15, the day before the 246th Navy Birthday Ball! The tournament is a four-person scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, Fla., 32819.

As in past years, lunch is included for the $110 entry fee, $400 per team, or $95 for active duty service members.

Tournament proceeds support Navy Junior ROTC and Sea Cadet Scholarships, the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) in Orlando and Port Canaveral United States Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant crew Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, and other CFNL support activities as directed.

BIG thanks to our confirmed golf sponsors: Aero Simulation, Boeing, Cole Engineering, CAE, Cubic and AAFMAA. There is still plenty of time to sponsor, be a hole sponsor, sign up a team or yourself. **Visit our website** or reach out to tournament director **Ross Cutler** with any questions.

Thanks for Your Support of the '21 Wounded Warfighter/Lone Sailor Run

After a few delays, we were finally able to host our 12th Annual Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5K/10K on Patriot

Day, Sept. 11. The run would not have been possible without a great deal of support from many of our board members and other volunteers - thank you! But also our wonderful sponsors who continue to support our CF Navy League activities and are truly rock stars -- Aero Simulation, Boeing, Cole Engineering, CAE, Cubic, GDIT, Blue Cord, A.Harold & Associates, Crossman Career Builders, and 11th Hour Event Branding.



Sponsors and runners, thank you for taking out the time to invest in this event. Together we raised $16K benefiting the Camaraderie Foundation and Wake for Warriors! We appreciate your participation and generosity.

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.**

Mark Your Calendar for these Important Events

October 15 - Bob Bret Golf Tourney
October 16 - 246th Navy Birthday Ball
November 9 - Social sponsored by SAIC

November 10 - Monthly Luncheon
November 12 - Casino Night with CFMCF
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