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President's Message



Dear Navy League Members and Friends,

I can't believe we're already into April! That means the 13th annual Wounded Warfighter / Lone Sailor Memorial 5K/10K is THIS Saturday April 9, benefitting Camaraderie Foundation, Wake for Warriors and Project Recover! Get all the details in this newsletter and register now!

Here in Central Florida, we are keeping close tabs on Congressional budget debates and other strategic decisions that impact our Sea Services. The Navy, for example, has doubled funding for Project Overmatch, which is a classified initiative to improve our Navy's networks and maintain data integrity. Coincidentally, CFNL has doubled efforts to sustain our Cyber STEM camps to ensure the next generation of Navy Cyber warriors is ready to stand the watch.

If you're like me and are thirsting for current, inside information on what's happening in Ukraine and the impacts on relations with both Russia and China, join us at the CFNL luncheon on May 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel – UCF. Our guest speaker is Navy Intelligence Officer, LCDR Dave Robinson, with the Defense Intelligence Agency in Tampa. Dave is equipped to provide the most up-to-date information, unfiltered by the media and relevant to our Navy team.

As always, we want to thank our 2022 annual corporate sponsors!
Platinum: Aero Simulation Inc, The Boeing Company & Cole Engineering
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We appreciate all that you do to support CFNL throughout the year!

Warmest Regards,

CAPT Matt "Smoker" Robinson

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Saturday is the 13th Annual Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5k/10k

Celebrating its 13th year, the Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5k/10k is this Saturday at the historic Blue Jacket Park. **PRE-REGISTRATION and DAY OF REGISTRATION ARE STILL OPEN.**

"We're really excited to get back

into our groove with this year's run," said John Marsack, race director. "The team has been working really hard to ensure the day is fun for all involved, whether you're a runner or a spectators. If you've already registered, **we'll have the packet pick up on Thursday, from 3p to 7p at the Dick's in Waterford Lakes.** If you can't make it, you can always pick up your packet before the race on Saturday."

This year's beneficiaries are Wake for Warriors, Camaraderie Foundation, and Project Recovery, and we are thrilled to be supporting these three great organizations.

A huge thanks to our sponsors for this year's race! Boeing, CACI, Cole Engineering, Aero Simulation, Blue Cord, CAE, Cubic, Fortress, Hatalom Corporation, JHT Inc., SoarTech, Truist, Crossman Career Builders, Chad Barr Law, Top Shelf Exhibits and 11th Hour Printing. We couldn't do it without you!



Volunteers Stuff Eggs For USCGC Vigilant's Egg Hunt



Our adopted Coast Guard cutter, the USCGC Vigilant is having an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 at Port Canaveral. The Vigilant and three other commands at the base will be participating. They are expecting over 100 families!

In support of the event, CFNL supplied the Vigilant with 4,000 eggs filled with Easter treats. A big thank you goes out to all those who supported our “egg stuffing” event at Lake Eola. We had a blast and even recruited a few new Navy League members!

CFNL to Host June Events at National Conference in Orlando

As one of the top tourist destinations in the U.S., it's only fitting that the Navy League of the United States will host its 2022 National Conference, June 8-12 in Orlando.

As part of this multi-day event, the Central Florida Navy League is hosting a **Topgolf** event on Thursday, June 9 from 6p to 8p, for conference goers and any of our CFNL council



interested in attending. The cost is $50 and includes dinner and two hours of golf!

The second event is a Patriot Dinner on Saturday, June 11, at the host hotel, the **Wyndham on International Drive**. Details for this event will be released soon, but we're excited to have the chance to talk about our great CFNL membership and how we work together to accomplish so much for the Sea Services community.

Finally, we will be **hosting the hospitality suite at the hotel,** which is open June 8-11, and will need volunteers to help welcome in conference goers. The hours for the suite are Wed., 7a to 5p; Thurs. and Fri., 7a to 4p; and Sat., 7a to 1p. We'll be looking for 2-3 people for shifts of 4 hours. If you can help, please get in touch with either Berkley or Dolly at (berkley.terry@thecoegrp.com) or (dolly@mycapitalcommunications.com).

Mark Your Calendar for These Important Membership Events

April 9-WWLS 5K/10K Run, **Register**
May 10-Social at DoubleTree UCF
May 11- Luncheon at DoubleTree UCF
June 9-NLUS Convention Topgolf Event
June 11-CFNL Patriot Dinner
July 12-Membership Appreciation Dinner
Sept 13 - Social at DoubleTree UCF
Sept 14 - Luncheon at DoubleTree UCF
Oct. 21 - Bob Bret Memorial Golf
Oct. 22 - 247th Navy Birthday Ball

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