The Scuttlebutt

Navy League of the United States - Central Florida Council | Jan. 23, 2023 | Issue 24

In this Issue....

- Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5K/10K Race on April 8
- Florida Region President Andy Mohler Selects Mike Motko as EVP
- CFNL teams with the USNA Alumni Association For Events
- Lone Sailor Memorial Gets a Much-Needed Facelift

Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5K/10K Race on April 8

The Central Florida Navy League is excited to announce the 2023 Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5K/10K race on April 8th at Baldwin Park. This year's race will honor our nation's highest award for combat valor and the veterans who earned it, the Congressional Medal of Honor.



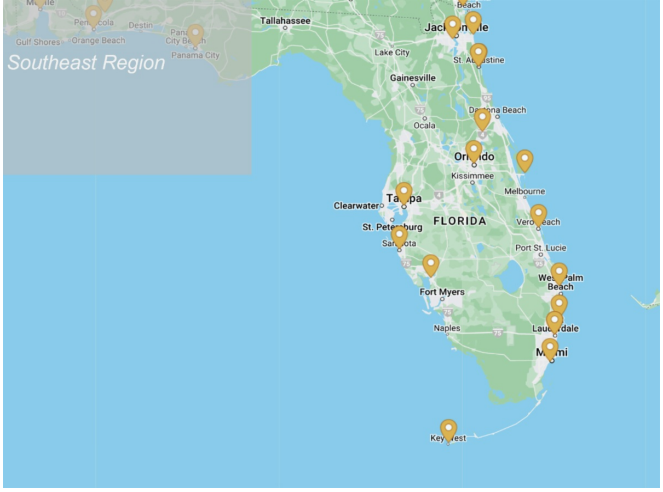
We will celebrate our nation's heroes who selflessly risked and gave their lives in defense of our country and to protect freedom around the world. This year's goal is to have 1,000 participants with the net proceeds of the race furthering the Navy League's mission to educate, advocate, and support America's sea services as well as to help support two outstanding non-profit organizations, Wake for Warriors and Project Recover.

We invite all who love to run or walk, love our central Florida community, our country, and most of all, the men and women who fight to protect us all. **www.CFNavyLeague.org**

Florida Region President Andy Mohler Selects Mike Motko as Executive VP

Andy Mohler, Navy League's Florida Regional President and National Director, recently selected Mike "Bullet" Motko as his Executive Regional VP. "The Florida Region is one of the most important and diverse, comprising 16 Councils from Jacksonville to Key West." said Mohler.

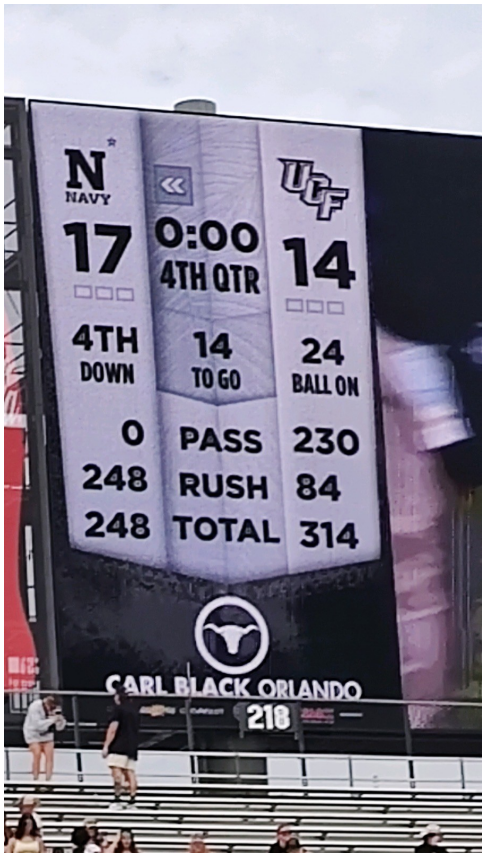
"I asked Mike to serve as EVP because of his proven leadership in the CFNL, his willingness to take on challenges, and his connections to



other volunteer organizations such as the USAF Association, NDIA, and AUSA. Florida is rapidly growing and our Region has some challenges but many opportunities to grow the Navy League," said Mohler.

The duties of the Regional President and EVP are to make connections between councils and areas, share best practices, help councils that are struggling, and start new councils where there is a need. At the National NLUS level, the Regional Presidents serve on the National Board of Directors and share best practices across the larger Navy League including international councils, while still a part of a local council. In closing, Mohler said how proud he is to be part of the CFNL. "I am excited that the Central Florida Council is held in high regard and we're eager to support Chris "Towny" Townsend when he assumes his duties as the National President."

CFNL teams with the USNA Alumni Association For Events



The Central Florida Navy League Council had the opportunity to team with other local, Navy-related organizations this fall to show our “Navy spirit,” this time surrounding Naval Academy football. With Navy football as a part of the American Athletic Conference (AAC), Navy has been playing the University of Central Florida (UCF) on a rotational basis. Navy has hosted UCF twice previously, and Nov 19th was Navy’s second trip to Orlando. With UCF departing the AAC for the Big 12 Conference next season, it was also likely to be Navy football’s last trip to Orlando for the foreseeable future. Given that, all involved wanted this event to be extra special.

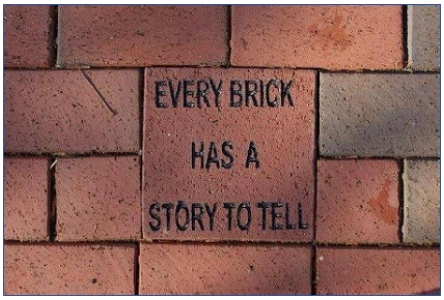
CFNL reached out to the Orlando Chapter of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association (USNAAA) to get involved, and in the end, CFNL, USNAAA, and the Central Florida USNA Parents’ Club teamed to provide a first-class reception for the Midshipmen, along with plenty of noise on game day to cheer on our team. Friday evening prior to the game, the team hosted a reception at the Celeste Hotel that allowed local alumni and “friends of Navy” to connect with each other and the leadership that traveled from USNA for the game. We heard quite a bit about current events at USNA from the Deputy Commandant and the Athletic Director.

On game day, we co-hosted a fantastic pre-game tailgate catered by Mission BBQ with the Superintendent, USNA Athletic Director and a large group of both local and visiting Navy fans in attendance. We also enjoyed a chance to get “fired up” with the Navy cheerleaders. UCF was heavily favored entering the game, and was ranked #20 at the time, Fortunately for Navy fans, once we were inside the stadium, the entire day went Navy’s way as they secured a 17-14 victory with stellar defense and a powerful running attack.

We continued the momentum from this event by teaming up with the USNAAA Orlando Chapter for an Army-Navy football game watch party, held at Duffy's in Altamonte Springs. It was the largest showing in recent years, and there was lots of spirit in the room. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough spirit to propel the Midshipmen to a victory. The game was hard-fought as is normally the case for this annual contest, and it became the first Army-Navy matchup to proceed to overtime in 123 occurrences. Sadly, Navy was defeated 20-17 after the second overtime period.

CFNL looks forward to more opportunities to team with USNAA, the USNA Parents Club, and other organizations in the Navy family in 2023.

Lone Sailor Memorial Gets a Much-Needed Facelift



This spring the Lone Sailor Navy Memorial is about to get a major upgrade. The new clay pavers will be laser engraved by Inspired Additive Manufacturing and provide a sleeker surface and look.

CFNL provides the ability for patrons to purchase a brick either 4x8 for $150 or 8x8 for $500, with a custom engraving for their friends, family members or loved ones. Costs have increased over the last year as we have made plans for this project, so donors and sponsors are needed and warmly welcomed! Get your paver or donate **here.**

Mark Your Calendar for These Important 2023 Events

Mar 14 - Social Hosted by Intuitive
Mar 15 - CFNL Luncheon
April 8 - WWLS 5k/10k Run
May 9 - Social Hosted by Dignitas
May 10 - CFNL Luncheon
July 11 - Annual Membership Event
July 31- Aug 4 - Cyber STEM Camp
Sept 12 - Social Hosted by Alluvionic
Sept. 13 - CFNL Luncheon
Oct. 6 - Bob Bret Golf Tournament
Oct. 7 - 248th Navy Birthday Ball
Nov 7 - Social

Thank you to our 2022-2023 Platinum Sponsors!

AERO SIMULATION INC

BOEING

CESI
COLE ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.
a By Light Company