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Past CFNL President Chris Townsend Elected as 52nd Navy League of the United States President



Congrats to our own CDR Chris "Towny" Townsend, USN (ret), who was elected the new national Navy League of the United States president in June.

“We are as strong as an organization as we have ever been in our 120-year history,” said Townsend. “Now is the time to refocus on our local councils across the globe, shore up their leadership teams, and enhance their operations in support of our Navy League mission – to educate, advocate, and support on behalf of our sea services. Growing our Navy League with a younger and diverse membership is essential to firmly establishing the Navy League of the United States as the premier maritime support organization in the world.” **Read the full story.**

Member Appreciation Night: Axes! Billiards! Karaoke!

If you're a member of the CFNL, we want to say THANK YOU for helping our membership grow. It's because of strong members like you that we continue to succeed and make a difference in this community.

You can still register for Tuesday's member event -- it's free as a member. It's at The Keg Social in Waterford - easy to get to and lots of parking!

Not a member? Why not? **Membership is easy and with one click** and a $25 payment, you'll be a part of a group that is supportive, knowledgeable, community-minded and yes, fun! Plus, new members also receive a special New Member Margarita as our way of saying thank you for your support. Sign up and/or register today and we'll see you on



Tuesday, July 11, ready to celebrate Navy League membership!

The Pickle for Patriots Tourney is Just Around the Corner

This year's Pickle for Patriots pickleball tournament is Aug. 12 at ClearOne Sports Centre, an indoor air-conditioned facility where you can have fun and support a great cause. This exciting event brings together players of all levels for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie!

Whether you're an experienced player or new to the game, you'll have a blast competing in the tournament and enjoying the other activities and mini-games throughout the day.

And best of all, you'll be making a difference in the lives of the men and women who have served our country. So grab your paddle and join us for Pickle for Patriots – we can't wait to see you there! **Get all the details on the tournament and register on the CFNL website**.

Special thanks to our "powered by" sponsors, Power Pickleball and Diadem!



End of School Year Means Celebrating Our Cadets

The Central Florida Navy League is proud to support our youth through our council efforts.

One of our favorite ways is the opportunity to recognize area Cadets with the Teddy Roosevelt Medal Awards.

Congratulations to these outstanding young men and women,



and thanks to a cadre of council members who took the time to make these individuals feel special on these occasions. Here with our president, Matt Robinson, these TWO winners are Clermont's Sea Cadet of the Year, PO2 Emmie Justice (R), and League Cadet of the Year, ABC Salima Cisse (L). Be sure to check out some of our exemplary cadets **here**!

Winner! CFNL Brings Home Some Bling for Council Efforts



At the Navy League of the United States National Convention in June, the Central Florida earned some well-deserved recognition.

For another year, CFNL earned **Outstanding Council** for the 2022 year. Council Performance Awards recognize councils that strived for excellence in multiple areas throughout the prior calendar year. These awards are judged based on entries in a council's annual report, which details all of a council's activities throughout the year.

The CFNL also earned **Mackie Awards for social media, newsletter and website**! The Mackie Awards are a series of three different awards given to Navy League councils for their communications efforts. Each of the awards are judged by a basic set of initial screening criteria and additionally are scored based on criteria that views the quality of work.

We are so proud of these accomplishments and thank all who contributed to the success of our council! ⚓

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming CFNL Events

July 11 - Membership Event -Keg Social
July 31 - Aug. 4 - CyberCamp
Aug. 12 - Pickleball Tournament
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

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