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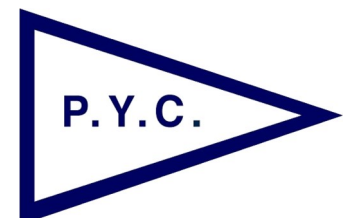
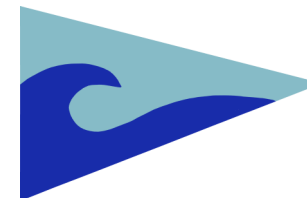
***Wounded American Veterans Event***

**"A Day on the Bay"  
Pensacola Yacht Club**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**Hosted by:**

**Navy Yacht Club Pensacola and  
Pensacola Yacht Club**



## **CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER T. MARTIN**

Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Pensacola

Born and raised in Tennessee, Captain Martin enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1984. His first duty station was with the Tigertails of VAW-125 in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as an Aviation Electronics Technician, Air Warfare qualified. He was selected for a fleet NROTC scholarship and subsequently attended Auburn University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management and received his commission as an Ensign in December 1992.

Upon graduation, he commenced his flight training with assignments to VT-4 in Pensacola, Florida and VT-27 and VT-31, both in Corpus Christi, Texas, earning his "Wings of Gold" in July 1995.

Following designation as a Naval Aviator, Captain Martin reported to the Greyhawks of VAW-120 for further flight training and carrier qualification in the E2C Hawkeye. Upon completion of training at VAW-120, Captain Martin reported to the Bluetails of VAW-121 in November of 1996 where he deployed on the USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) for her maiden voyage around the world.

In February of 2000, Captain Martin reported back to the Greyhawks of VAW-120 as an Instructor Pilot and Training Landing Signal Officer. After a successful tour there, he was selected to report for duty as an Air Wing Landing Signal Officer for Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN (CVW-17) in October of 2002 making deployments on the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) participating in combat operations in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

In January of 2005, Captain Martin reported to the Bear Aces of VAW-124, serving as the Safety Department and Operations Department Head. During this tour he deployed onboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in the Arabian Gulf.

After a successful tour with VAW-124, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, in January 2007, completing Joint Professional Military Education Phase Two and earning a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in March 2008. In September 2008, Captain Martin reported to the Liberty Bells of VAW-115 as the Executive Officer and subsequently as Commanding Officer making multiple deployments onboard the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73). During his tour as Commanding Officer, the squadron successfully transitioned to the Hawkeye 2000, was recipient of the Naval Air Forces Battle Efficiency Award, the Commander Air Control and Logistics Wing Safety "S" Award and the Golden Anchor Award for retention.

Following his command tour, Captain Martin served in a joint assignment as an interagency representative for U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), representing USSOUTHCOM at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Department of State in Washington, D.C. earning designation as a Joint Qualified Officer.

In March of 2014, Captain Martin reported to the Air War College, Maxwell, AFB Alabama to serve as a military faculty member in the Leadership and Warfighting Department.

Captain Martin has accumulated over 3,000 hours and 400 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit, campaign and service awards.

## **PROGRAM**

Opening Ceremonies	10:00 a.m.
Master of Ceremonies	John Matthews, Commodore Navy Yacht Club Pensacola
National Anthem	Corry Station Performing Arts Company
Color Guard	Corry Station Performing Arts Company
Invocation	Reverend Nicholas Schumm, Chaplain Saint Thomas More Parish
Welcome	Alan C. McMillan, Commodore Pensacola Yacht Club
Guest Speaker	Captain Christopher T. Martin Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola
The Cruise	Immediately Following
Cruise Coordinators	Bob Sutton, Vice Commodore Navy Yacht Club Pensacola and Dana Jackson, Pensacola Yacht Club
Lunch under the Tent	1:00 p.m. Courtesy of American Legion Post 48 "Grill Masters"
Musical Entertainment	Jim Andrews
Depart	3:00 p.m.