



**AFCEA Blue Angel's Pensacola Chapter
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at the Light House Restaurant on board NAS Pensacola at 11:30am on May 19 2005 by President Michael Moore. We had approximately 16 people in attendance at the meeting.

Officers present were Michael Moore, Robyn Philips, Steve Gibson, Reubin Felkey, Chuck Staton, Pat Rooney, Curt Jones, Sue Halfhill and Michael O'Shea.

Everyone ate at the Light House Restaurant prior to our guest speaker taking the podium.

Tom Pruter, President of the Pensacola Consul of the Navy League came to tell us about the Navy League's background, history and charter. The following were the significant points:

1. The Navy League was founded in 1902 by Teddy Roosevelt.
2. It represents all Sea Services.
3. It is an apolitical civilian organization with 70,000 members.
4. It is not a lobbying organization.
5. There are 300+ consuls worldwide.
6. Must be a civilian to join, although spouses can join anytime.
7. The Navy League has 4 main goals:
 - a. Educate local community leaders about the need for strong sea services.
 - b. Provide assistance for service men and women.
 - c. Provide assistance to sea service families.
 - d. Play an instrumental role in Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
8. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a parent run organization that has over 10,000 kids worldwide (ages 11-15) and 15 children locally.
9. They conduct weekend drill sessions where they undergo military and technical education.
10. The local Navy League Consul does a number of things annually to support the community:
 - a. Organize and host ship tours and commissionings.
 - b. Sponsor Naval/Marine Corps/Coast Guard Birthday Balls.
 - c. Sponsor the MAM essay contest.

- d. Sponsor an Annual Military Recognition Ceremony in which they present the Margaret Flowers award for community contribution by military members.
 - e. Sponsor \$1,000 scholarship for local JROTC students.
11. The Navy League will be hosting Admiral Moran at the Pensacola Yacht Club on Thursday, June 23rd. Contact Cindy Degarmo at 436-8552 for info.

The meeting adjourned early at 12:35 p.m.

The Minutes will be posted on the chapter website: www.afceapns.org

NEXT AFCEA BLUE ANGEL PENSACOLA CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY, 21 JUL 05 AT 11:30AM**, AT LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT ON BOARD NASP