

1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Honorary Commanders Program

Current and Past Honorary Commanders

2018-2019

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| Jeremy Holcomb | 1 SOW | Vice President of Operations, Legendary Marina |
| Renea Black | 1 SOMSG | Exec Dir, Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast, Inc. |
| Christopher Saul | 1 SOMXG | Public Info Officer, Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners |
| Denise Kendust | 1 SOMDG | Dir of Marketing/Public Relations, FWB Medical Center |
| I.D. Brewton | 1 SOW/CCC | Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Patrol / SWAT |
| Rev. Scott Veroneau | 505 CCW | Lead Pastor, Community Life United Methodist Ch, Gulf Breeze |
| Matthew Pace | 505 TRG | Owner, Pace PC Solutions LLC |
| Jessica Proffitt Bracken | 24 SOW | President, Proffitt PR |
| Graham Fountain | 492 SOW/CC | Okaloosa County Commissioner, District 1, Chairman of the Brd |
| Captain Mark Raiche | 492 SOW/CCC | Commander, Central District, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Rev. Dr. Alan McBride | 1 SOG | Senior Minister, Navarre United Methodist Church |

2017-2018

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Capt Shannon Tait | 1 SOMSG | Central District Patrol Commander, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Jason Autrey | 1 SOMXG | Public Works Director, Okaloosa County |
| Katie McDeavitt | 1 SOMDG | Public Health Preparedness Section Chief, Okaloosa County Health Department |
| Diane Winnemuller | 1 SOG | Publisher, NWF Daily News, Destin Log, Santa Rosa Gazette, Crestview News Bulletin and Walton Sun, as well as five news and two destination websites |
| Sandra Gainey | 1 SOW/CCC | History/Social Studies/Civics Teacher, Pryor Middle School |
| Mia Hughes | 505 CCW | Administrative Director, Fisher House of the Emerald Coast |
| Teresa Halverson | 505 TRG | Director of Marketing/Admissions, Manor at Bluewater Bay |
| Lisa Captain | 24 SOW | Director of Promotions and Marketing, Culumus Media |
| Lori Bentley | 492 SOW/CC | Director of Sales and Marketing, Four Points by Sheraton |
| <i>Jason Lamp</i> | 492 SOW/CCC | <i>General Sales Manager, Community Broadcasters</i> |

2016-2017

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Kay Godwin | 1 SOW | Deputy Okaloosa County Administrator |
| Tarey Franxman | 1 SOMSG | Human Resources Director, City of Fort Walton Beach |
| Dr. Eric Sandwith | 1 SOMDG | Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery, FWB Medical Center |
| Marian McBryde | 1 SOG | Director of Public Relations, Lee Automotive Group |
| Tracy Wood | 1 SOMXG | Property Manager, ERA American Real Estate |
| Jan Pooley | 1 SOW/CCC | Community Volunteer; Tastefully Simple Independent Consultant |
| Pam Ridlehoover | 505 TRG | Fort Walton Beach Area Campus Director, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University |
| Daniel "Gus" Gusoff | 24 SOW | Owner/General Manager, Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson |
| Pam Weeks | AFSOAWC/CCC | Realtor, Keller Williams Emerald Coast |

| | | |
|---------------|---------|---|
| Pamela Martin | 505 CCW | Senior Marketing Representative, Gulf Power Company |
| John McGee | AFSOAWC | Chairman/CEO, First City Bank |

2015-2016

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| John Hofstad | 1 SOW | Okaloosa County Administrator |
| Kim Barnes | 1 SOMSG | City Clerk, City of Fort Walton Beach |
| Yancey Langston | 1 SOMXG | Retired Attorney |
| Jason Connor | 1 SOMDG | ValleyCrest Companies/Landscape Maintenance |
| Jimmie Beavers | 1 SOG | CEO of Beavers, Inc.; Operator of 53 Arby's restaurants |
| Nathaniel Chatman | 1 SOW/CCC | Assistant Principal, Bob Sikes Elementary School |
| Jenni Brunson | 505 CCW | Marketing Manager, Twin Cities Hospital |
| Bernard Johnson | 505 TRG | District General Manager, Gulf Power Company |
| Jerry Williams | 24 SOW | President/CEO, Eglin Federal Credit Union |
| John Watts | AFSOAWC | VP, Watts Investments, LTD; Watts Brothers Investments, LLC |
| Bryan Morgan | AFSOAWC/CCC | Firearms Instructor and Owner, K & M Shooting Solutions |

2014-2015

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| Leo Gadwa | 1 SOW | Owner, Beach Castle Cigars |
| Nathan Sparks | 1 SOMSG | Executive Director, Okaloosa County EDC |
| John Holguin | 1 SOMXG | Chief Ops Officer, Okaloosa County Tax Collectors Office |
| Amanda Colwell | 1 SOMDG | Gov't Operations Consultant, Okaloosa County Health Dept |
| Taylor Hood | 1 SOG | General Manager/ Vice President, Preston Hood Chevrolet |
| Brad Bowman | 1 SOW/CCC | Owner, Hickory River Smokehouse |
| Matt McGee | 505 CCW | Vice Pres, First City Bank; Broker, Livin Right Real Estate |
| Eric Aden | 505 TRG | Criminal Investigations Div, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Bob Seton | 24 SOW | Owner/CEO, Orthopedic & Sports Physical Therapy Center |
| Larry Keefe | AFSOAWC | Attorney/Partner, Keefe, Anchors & Gordon, P.A. |

2013-2014

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|---|
| Ernie Padgett | 1 SOW | County Administrator, Okaloosa County (<i>retired</i>) |
| John Mead | 1 SOMSG | Fort Walton Beach City Council; Attorney, Mead Law Firm |
| Carol Smith | 1 SOMXG | Postmaster, Mary Esther Post Office— <i>MOVED to Dallas</i> |
| Gene Barker | 1 SOMDG | Certified Public Accountant, Warren Averett, LLC, CPAs and Advisors |
| Cindy Gates | 1 SOG | Principal, Choctawhatchee High School |
| Brian Ekedahl | 1 SOW/CCC | Executive Director, Emerald Coast Waterfront Rescue Mission |
| Barbara Britt | 505 CCW | Certified Life & Business Coach John Maxwell Team Speaker & Trainer |
| Will Goulet | 505 TRG | Owner, Navarre Auto Repair |
| Ron Raybourne | 24 SOW | Vice President/General Manager, Apex Broadcasting/Radio Stations |
| Hayward Dykes, Jr. | 24 SOW/CCC | Attorney/Partner, Conerly, Bowman & Dykes, LLP |

2012-2013

| | | |
|------------------|---------|---|
| Debbie Bodensine | 1 SOW | Former Vice Pres Business Dev'p & Public Relations, EDC |
| Ralph Yoder | 1 SOMSG | Calhoun County School Superintendent |

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Bob Cole | 1 SOMXG | SRC Commissioner; Owner/Operator, Bob Cole's Automotive |
| Julie Cotton | 1 SOMDG | Director, Costa Leadership Institute at NWFSC |
| Peggy Brockman | 1 SOG | President, Brockman Enterprises, Inc |
| Michael Beedie | 1 SOW/CCC | City Manager, City of Fort Walton Beach |
| Lt Michael Card | 505 CCW | Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Robert Williamson | 505 TRG | Santa Rosa County Commissioner; Owner/CEO, Trees Plus |

2011-2012

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Jim Curry | 1 SOW | Okaloosa County Administrator (<i>retired</i>) |
| Ken LaPee | 1 SOMSG | Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Dominic Damiano | 1 SOMXG | Owner, Clemenza's Restaurant |
| Amy Herf | 1 SOMDG | People's Home Health |
| Joie DeStefano | 1 SOG | Principal, Holley-Navarre Middle School |
| Keith Wood | 1 SOW/CCC | ERA American Realty |
| Amy Perry | AFSOTC | Pleat & Perry Attorneys at Law |
| <i>Marci Paulk</i> | <i>720 STG</i> | <i>FWB Medical Center Radiology</i> |
| Trey Goodwin | 505 CCW | FWB City Council/Lawyer, Matthews, Jones & Hawkins, LLP |
| Dr. David Herf | 505 TRG | General Surgeon, Solo Practice |

2010-2011

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Freddie Schinz | 1 SOW | President, Tiforp Development Corporation |
| Elaine Anderson | 1 SOMSG | Okaloosa County School District |
| Karen McCarthy | 1 SOMXG | Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union |
| Gary Kruschke | 1 SOMDG | DMAT, FWB Fire Dept |
| Blake Webster | 1 SOG | Owner/Operator, Moe's |
| Phillip Smith | 1 SOW/CCC | Publix Supermarket Director |
| Katie Sharon | 1 SOW/HC | Coastal Bank and Trust |

2009-2010

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Peter Bos | 1 SOW | Chairman/CEO Legendary, Inc. (HarborWalk Village) |
| Jack Azzaretto | 1 SOMSG | University of West Florida (FWB Campus) |
| Vickie Warner | 1 SOMXG | Former Resort Quest (now retired) |
| Al Herndon | 1 SOMDG | Okaloosa County Dept of Public Safety, EMS Chief |
| Jackie Blue | 1 SOG | Director of Sales, Ramada Plaza Beach Resort |
| Kevin Loch | 1 SOW/CCC | Corporate Benefits of the Emerald Coast Inc. |
| <i>Rev. Paul Kummer</i> | <i>1 SOW/HC</i> | <i>Grace Lutheran Church—MOVED out of the area</i> |

2008-2009

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| <i>Joyce Shanahan</i> | <i>1 SOW</i> | <i>FWB City Manager—MOVED out of the area</i> |
| Nick Chubb | 1 SOMSG | Mayor Pro Tem Cinco Bayou, business owner |
| Lorena Spillar | 1 SOMXG | Mortgage business/ Niceville Chamber |
| <i>David Sanders</i> | <i>1 SOMDG</i> | <i>CEO North Okaloosa Medical Center—MOVED out of the area</i> |
| Lori Allgood | 1 SOG | Former Destin Chamber of Commerce |
| <i>Heidi Blair</i> | <i>1 SOW/CCC</i> | <i>USO Pensacola Director—MOVED out of the area</i> |
| <i>Rev. Betsy Powell</i> | <i>1 SOW/HC</i> | <i>St. Augustine Episcopal Church—MOVED out of the area</i> |

2007-2008

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---|
| Cheryl Seals | 1 SOW | Okaloosa County School District |
| Ted Litschauer | 1 SOMSG | FWB Chief of Police |
| Chad Hamilton | 1 SOMXG | Partner, O'Sullivan Creel, LLP (FWB Chamber) |
| Dr. Karen Chapman | 1 SOMDG | Okaloosa County Health Department |
| Ted Corcoran | 1 SOG | FWB Chamber of Commerce/Destin City Council |
| Chris Sehman | 1 SOW/CCC | Owner, Helen Back |
| Rev. Nicholas Schumm | 1 SOW/HC | St. Mary Parish (moved to different parish in Santa Rosa Cty) |

2006-2007

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--|
| Carla Reinlie | 1 SOW | Okaloosa Walton College |
| Randy Brown | 1 SOMSG | Ocean City Fire Department-MOVED out of the area |
| Shane Moody | 1 SOMXG | Destin Chamber of Commerce |
| Ellen Witterstaeter | 1 SOMDG | FWB Medical Center, Chief Operating Officer |
| Scott Gashaw | 1 SOG | Banking |
| Mike DeMarco | 1 SOW/CCC | Cumulous Broadcasting-MOVED out of the area |
| Rev Allen Newton | 1 SOW/HC | Woodlawn Methodist Church |

2005-2006

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Tony Hughes | 16 SOW | Beach Community Bank, Emerald Coast/Navarre MACs |
| Catherine Card | 16 MSG | Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Tim McDonald | 16 MXG | Fort Walton Machining-DECEASED in 2009 |
| Yvonne Freeman | 16 MDG | Brainstorms Event Planning |
| Brad Williams | 16 OG | Florida Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division |
| Richard "Woofy" Rahilly | 1 SOW/CCC | Cumulus Broadcasting/99 Rock |

2004-2005

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|---|
| Bill Roberts | 16 SOW | Former Okaloosa County Commissioner |
| Mayor John Thomas | 16 MSG | Mary Esther-DECEASED in 2006 |
| Gordon Goodin | 16 SVS | Former Santa Rosa County Commissioner |
| Dorothy Slye | 16 SFS | Navarre Chamber of Commerce/ERA American Realty— MOVED out of the area |
| Cliff Long | 16 MXG | Emerald Coast MAC Chairman |
| Glenda Glover | 16 CMS | Former FWB Mayor, also Emerald Coast MAC |
| Marc Mansfield | 16 EMS | FWB Chamber of Commerce-MOVED out of the area |
| Mayor Randall Wise | 16 MDG | Niceville |
| Wayne Harris | 16 MDOS | Crestview Chamber, also now Okaloosa County Commissioner |
| Tricia Brunson | 16 MSS | Niceville Chamber of Commerce |
| Larry Williges | 16 OG | Destin City Council (former Mayor Pro-Tem) |
| *Don Collins | 15 SOS | BankTrust, Destin Chamber |
| Pam Tedesco | 16 SOS | The Arland Affiliation |

Moved or Deceased