

Volunteer Life Saving Corps 2025 *Annual Report*



114th Season
Saving Lives Since 1912

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**2025 Annual Report
One-Hundred Fourteenth Season**

Captain Richard McDill



**113th Annual Banquet
November 8, 2025
Havana Jax
Jacksonville, Florida**

IN MEMORIAM

This Annual is dedicated to those members who have lost their lives since last year's reporting, and to Mary Elizabeth Proctor, the nurse who drowned at Pablo Beach on July 7, 1912.

06-06-1984	W'1945	Charles Oliver
02-13-2015	W'1943	Richard Bracewell
11-14-2014	W'1945	Joseph H. Baker, HR
11-06-2024	S'1966	Isaac "Lon" Chatfield III
11-29-2024	W'1958	Harold Mills, Jr (PC)
12-04-2024	S'1987	Robert Perry
12-12-2024	S'1957	Wayne Connell
12-15-2024	S'1958	Robert "Bob" Roberson
01-28-2025	W'1969	Stanley "Mitch" Holtsinger, Jr, HR
02-16-2025	W'1964	John T. Wolfe
04-05-2025	W'1958	Harvey K. Warnock
04-20-2025	S'1982	Thomas "Tom" Yeager, HR
06-12-2025	W'1993	Shawn Parnell, HR
07-24-2025	S'1963	Carl O. McKenney (PC)

The Surfman's Prayer

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Protect the members of the Corps,
Brave guardians of our ocean's shore;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril by the sea.**

**God, Who dost still the ocean's deep,
Guide those who daily vigils keep.
Grant them courage, strength and skill
Their Corps to serve, thy law fulfill;
Oh, hear as when we pray to Thee,
For those who serve Thee by the sea**

Brian Murphy Photos

Ocean Memorial Services - 2025

This season, the *Life Saving Corps* was able to hold end of life ceremonies for three former Corps members: one a seven-year man, one a Past Captain, and one Honorably Retired member. We appreciate that each family realized the love and importance they gave to our organization.

At its core, each Memorial Service is simple, absent of encumbrances. However, each portion of the service richly exemplifies the membership and the organization, past and present.

Deceased	Robert “Bob” ROBERSON	Harold W. MILLS, Jr.	S. Mitchell “Mitch” HOLTSINGER, Jr.
Entrance	Class s’ 1958	w’ 1958 “PC”	w’ 1969 “HR”
Memorial Date	02-09-2025	04-13-2025	06-22-2025
Main Speaker	Sean O’Brien 1982 Captain	Sean O’Brien 1982 Captain	Ricky McDill 2025 Captain
Coxswain	Max Schafer	Jimi Palmer	Jimi Palmer
oarsman	Dave Bew	Taylor Anderson	Taylor Anderson
oarsman	Bill Horn	Dylan Beaver	John Burnfield
oarsman	Tim Kline	Tim Kline	Ryan Lydon
oarsman	Jimi Palmer	Andrew MacDonald	Sean O’Brien

Esprit d’Corps

Observation: With one exception, over the last two to three years, the main speakers and boat crew members were either Honorably Retired Members or Past Captains.

It was encouraging to have surfman Lydon (w’ 2024), a two-year surfman, as an oarsman. Active members as youthful rowers gaining surf boat experience is welcomed.





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Call to Order.....Jim Emery
 The Surfman's Prayer.....Steven Jolly
 Welcome.....Captain Richard McDill
 Introductions.....Jim Emery
 Recognition.....Jim Emery

Dinner

Rescue/Assist Citations..... Captain Richard McDill
 Awards.....Capt. McDill and Jim Emery
 Gerry Wilson Scholarship..... Captain Richard McDill
 Change of Staff..... Captain Richard McDill

Welcome Recruit Surfmen 2025

CLOSING

Board of Directors

President Jim Emery PC S'72
 Vice-President Maurice Rudolph W'87
 Treasurer Sean O'Brien PC W'75
 Secretary Susan Wallis
 Medical Director Danny Pulido W'94
 Corps Captain Richard McDill W'05
 Michael Chanatry c'S'23
 Rick Foster W'96
 Valerie Gregg W'96
 Brian Hancher
 Mark Holtsinger S'71
 Joe Larizza W'80
 Scott MacDonald W'87
 Jason Marques
 Karen Nasarallah
 Josh Roberts
 Britt Sanders S'00
 Al Santana
 Greg Sutton
 JF Tullis



2024-2025 Corps Staff

Captain Richard McDill W'05
 Lieutenant Ryan Karish W'09
 Instructor Jared Newell W'17
 1st Mate Garrett Tirado W'17
 2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak W'12
 3rd Mate Andrew MacDonald Paz W'12
 Ass't Instructor Ethan Newell W'19
 1st Quartermaster Jordan Barrow S'23
 1st Registrar Valerie Gregg W'96
 2nd Registrar Alex Santana W'05

SPECIAL AWARDS

Surfman of the Year.....Nathan Arnold
 Recruit Surfman of the Year.....Jordyn Knight
 Retired Man of the Year.....Charlie Santana
 Spring Training Award.....Dan Leonard
 Education Award.....Danny Pulido
 Adolph Cone High Point Award.....Nathan Arnold
 Oetjen First Aid Award.....Mikey Atkins
 Inter-Crew Swim Meet Award.....1st Mate Garrett Tirado, Crew 1
 Captain's Choice Award.....Ryan Karish
 Golden SpoonJohn and Colleen Lydon
 Outstanding Alumni Contribution.....Anne Kline
 Gerry Wilson Scholarship awarded to ... Zane Harper, Ryan Lydon, Liam Turner

Richard Riley Servant Leader AwardDanny Pritchard
 Regardless of Time or PlaceAl Santana

Three-Year Certificate Recipient

Jordan Barrow S'23,
 Zane Harper W'23,
 Steven Jolly c'W'23

Five-Year Certificate Recipient

Danny Pulido W'94

15-year Service Award Recipient

Mikey Atkins, PC, HR, W'11

Retired this Year Jared Newell W'17, Garrett Tirado W'17

Citations of Merit for Rescue

Steven Jolly c'W'23
 Ryan Lydon (2) W'24
 Jared Newell W'17
 Timothy Kline (PC) S'06
 Joseph Abdel-Malak W'12

Certificates of Merit for Assists

Yaseen Abdalla W'25
 Zane Harper S'23
 Steven Jolly c'W'23
 Ryan Lydon W'24
 Alex Santana W'05



RESCUE AND ASSIST NARRATIVES

LYDON, RYAN W' 2024

Rescue of 1 victim on 10/26/2024

On Saturday, October 26, 2024, around 8:30 am, I was with Instructor Anne Garner, Surfmens Laird Flint, Liam Turner, and Nathan Arnold at a Competition Team practice on the beach. A beachgoer walked up to us and pointed out a distressed bather in a rip current at Pablo Ramp.

I took one of our team boards and paddled out to the victim, whose head was dipping below the surface, and he was waving his arms. As I approached him, he grabbed hold of the board and I had him relax for a minute before proceeding to shore.

I attempted to get him on the board to paddle him in, but he did not understand. I then swam him in holding onto the board until we could stand. Garner, Flint, and Turner met us in the shallows. The man stated that he was alone and that he had swallowed some water.

The Ocean Rescue truck came on the scene to evaluate the victim, who was later released to himself.

Approved by Staff for 1 Rescue on 2/4/2025

LYDON, RYAN W' 2024

Rescue of 1 victim on 10/27/2024

On Sunday, October 27, 2024, around 4:30 pm, Peg called a flag drop at 2nd Avenue North. I got on the back of the truck with other guards to respond to the five victims who were in the water. Four guards entered the water: two from Ocean Rescue, another VLSC guard, and me.

I swam towards one of the passive victims and put her in a cross-chest carry to bring her in. Carrying her to the responding truck, her vitals were weak; she was unresponsive and had a weak pulse. We immediately put a bag-valve-mask on her as I started bagging her. She became responsive, so we switched to a non-rebreather, keeping her on oxygen.

She was transported back to the station and handed off to Jax Fire and Rescue, still not fully conscious.

Approved by Staff for 1 Rescue on 2/4/2025

SANTANA, ALEX W'2005

Assist of 1 victim on 12/31/2024

While swimming with my family in the Suwannee River on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, I noticed a paddleboarder with a dog on the board. The paddleboarder and the dog had fallen in the river and both began to panic. The paddleboarder was submerged underwater as the dog was struggling to keep itself above water.

I swam over and pushed the paddleboard to assist the swimmer, while I removed the dog and carried it to shore.

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I do not believe the paddleboarder would have been able to overcome the dog since it was significantly larger than she was. I helped the paddleboarder back to shore and carried the paddleboard out of the water. She was released to herself after she took a moment to rest.

Approved by Staff for 1 Assist on 2/25/2025

NEWELL, JARED W' 2017

Rescue of 1 victim on 05/26/2025

At the Spirit of the Suwanee Music Park along the river, it was approximately 1530 on Monday, Memorial Day May 26, 2025, when I noticed a commotion to my left down the river. A group of parents was waving and calling me to a spot around the bend of the river just out of my line of sight.

I immediately ran over with my buoy and arrived in time to assist a young girl out of the river and back to the shore. The girl, approximately 8 years old, had been swimming in an area with strong currents that had created a swirling eddy, preventing her from swimming back to shore. I was informed she was pushed underwater by her friend, who was also attempting to get back to shore, which caused her to panic.

Upon getting back to shore, the patient was unable to stand, had an elevated respiration rate, and was starting to hyperventilate. I informed the parents that I had an O2 cylinder in my car. I ran to retrieve it and started the patient on a nasal canula at 6 LPM. The patient, lying on the ground, was struggling to keep the nasal canula on and continued to hyperventilate. I decided to elevate her to a non-rebreather at 10 LPM.

The patient started to recover quickly, but remained rattled emotionally, so I left her on the non-rebreather for a few more minutes. After educating the group of parents on the dangers of river currents, I asked them to move to a safer area on the river, which was in my line of sight.

I checked the patient's lungs with a stethoscope, found them to be clear, and then released her to her parents.

Approved by Staff for 1 Rescue on 5/27/2025

ABDALLA, YASEEN W' 2025

Assist of 1 victim on 06/08/2025

On Sunday, June 8, 2025, I was sitting my shift at 3rd Avenue South. Around 3:40 I noticed a bather in distress a block north of my tower, waving her arms, splashing the water, and having difficulty staying afloat.

I called in a flag drop on the radio and prepared to go in the water to get her. When running in her direction down the beach, I noticed the current flowing south to north and entered the water slightly south of the victim. The truck had reached the scene at that time, and another guard was in the water and had secured the bather just as I got there.

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I assisted the guard in carrying the bather out of the water and to the truck for assessment. I then went back to my tower to continue scanning the water.

Approved by Staff for 1 Assist on 06/17/2025

JOLLY, STEVEN c'W' 2023

Assist of 1 victim on 06/08/2025

On Sunday, June 8, 2025, I was getting on truck 601 for the north guard change. The other guards on the truck and I noticed a bather approximately one-quarter mile off the beach, swimming after a raft that was blowing away. Since the wind was coming out of the west, his efforts to catch the raft and return to shore were diminishing by the minute.

At the request of JBOR Captain Emahiser and VLSC Captain McDill, I responded on a paddleboard, swiftly gliding through the small surf, keeping my eyes locked on the victim. I continued paddling until I made contact with the victim, who was a 30-something-year-old male wearing a Prada bucket hat and Cartier shades.

He expressed that he was trying to do someone a favor by retrieving the raft but didn't realize that it would continue to be out of his reach as he swam farther offshore, making the trip back to shore even harder.

Refusing to get on the paddleboard, he was brought into shore by hanging on to one of the handles of the paddleboard while I paddled us in. He was released to himself after no assessment. I am not confident he could have made it back to shore on his own, since he tired himself out by swimming so far offshore.

Approved by Staff for 1 Assist on 06/10/2025

LYDON, RYAN W' 2024

Assist of 1 victim on 06/29/2025

On June 29, 2025, there was a flag wave at 3rd North. Lt Ryan Karish, Surfman Liam Turner, a JBOR guard, and I responded in a club car. We pulled up next to the tower and were monitoring a bather in a life jacket next to the pier.

The victim was trying to swim in but was making no progress. Lt. Karish made the call to send me into the water to assist her. She took the buoy and held on all the way back to the beach.

She was assessed briefly and released. Her brother was in the same situation next to her, and a surfer came over to help him when he saw me helping the sister. The brother was also assessed and released.

Approved by Staff for 1 Assist on 08/12/2025

JOLLY, STEVEN c'W' 2023

HARPER, ZANE W' 2023

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Rescue of 1 victim for Jolly and 1 Assist for Harper on 08/24/2025

On the afternoon of Sunday, August the 24th, I sat perched upon what we once knew as Central Beach. The hour was approximately 1520 when my shadow, Recruit Surfman L. Pulido, and I looked to our south and began to notice a “surfer” who seemed to lack everything needed to even call oneself a surfer.

His rental board was struggling to keep him afloat each time he lost his balance; and the set waves began to rattle him. I reached for my radio as Recruit Surfman L. Pulido began reaching for her whistle. I radioed for a flag wave and began describing the situation after receiving acknowledgment from Main Station.

Halfway through I stopped; people around my tower began yelling, and that’s when I noticed him waving towards me for help. I escalated the previous radio transmission to a flag drop. “Flag drop First North”, I shouted into the radio as I instructed my loyal shadow to throw our flag so that I could get a head start running toward the victim.

The 70-yard dash south was a quick one as I harnessed my inner Travis Hunter so I could make contact with the victim as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it happened to be dead low tide so I was soon slowed down by the extremely awkward mid-thigh-depth water. Once in the water, I was soon back on my Michael Phelps grind, stroking toward the victim at record pace.

Contact was made and the victim was clearly shaken, lacking punctuality in his reply to a simple question such as: “are you alone?” One JBOR guard and the man himself, Surfman Zane Harper, formed a buoy chain with me as we pulled him away from the impending doom on the outside break of the notorious CB rip.

After vitals were assessed by responding truck, it was ruled that JFRD was needed in the end zone for a second opinion. The truck, the victim, and Harper departed as I ran back to my tower (in slow motion), victorious, applause coming from all directions.

Approved by Staff for 1 Assist for Harper and 1 Rescue for Jolly on 08/26/2025

KLINE, TIMOTHY PC S’ 2008

ABDEL-MALAK, JOSEPH W’ 2012

Rescue of 1 victim on 10/19/2025

Upon returning to Jacksonville Beach on Sunday October 19, 2025, from working out of town and needing to get back in the right state of mind I turned on the surf cam just in time to see Recruit Surfman Yaseen Abdullah duck under the Pier while on the back of the truck en route to pull the beach.

Noticing the washing machine of waves behind him I figured there’s no better time to train than the present! I threw on some baggies and headed up to the Station. 2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak and I received permission from OD PC Mikey Atkins and notified JBOR Captain Rob Emahiser of our intent to incorporate a pier jump into our training. JBOR Lt Kevin Mackey was considerate enough to offer us a ride to the pier on the back of a JBOR truck. While driving the beach we noticed a beach goer in knee deep water waving their arms and caught glimpses of a second beach goer further out in the surf. Within earshot the first beach goer notified us that their

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friend probably needed help as Lt Mackey turned back from the cab and said, “that looks like a flag drop.”

I immediately grabbed a buoy and my fins off the back of the truck and entered the water, focusing on closing space with victim being pulled out in the Central Beach runout. I made contact with the victim approximately 50-70 meters offshore and gave them my buoy to hold onto as we made our way back to the truck. 2nd Mate Malak ensured there were no additional victims before assisting me with getting the initial victim back to shore. Several waves came through knocking the victim off their feet while Malak and I ensured buoys were in place and their airway was protected.

On the back of the truck the victim had a rapid heart rate showing 188 beats per minute in the PulseOx with 22 breaths per minute approximately 5 minutes after exiting the water. I advised for oxygen via NRB for a short monitoring period, specifically because the victim advised of two medications that would cause potential synoptic events - as well as the disclosure of POTS (postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome). The victim ensured us they were comfortable to be released Against Medical Advice, making the point by juggling three coconuts they found on the beach.

The victim was asked if they believed they would have survived without assistance and they said they probably had about 5 minutes or so left of working - specifically they had figured out that it's easier to just let the big waves wash you in. I believe this well intended method put in practice, accompanied by the existing medical conditions, by this fully clothed victim would have led to a loss of their life if not for my actions and those of 2nd Mate Malak, as well as the partnership exhibited by Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue.

Approved by staff for 1 Rescue for Kline and Abdel-Malak on 10/21/2025



BOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing Stronger Every Year

2025 was a pivotal year for the Volunteer Life Saving Corps. Led by Captain Richard McDill, the VLSC made great strides in strengthening the relationship with JBOR. Continuing to foster a positive attitude by working with JBOR as teammates will only make things simpler for the VLSC.

The staff and backbone did an amazing job, ensuring that the VLSC exhibited the excellent level of professionalism on the beach that we are known for. Stressing preventative lifeguarding at its finest, and when required, answering the call without hesitation to save those in peril.

Looking to the future, the Board recently contracted Neon One, a Customer Relations Management (CRM) firm specializing in non-profit organizations. This new system will allow us to track fundraising, VLSC events, Friends of the Corps, and recruiting, greatly enhancing our follow-up, which is critical to improving our results. I would like to thank Board Member Al Santana for spearheading the effort to find the CRM that is the best fit for the VLSC.

Six new members joined us in 2025, adding to our growing presence on the beach. And, once again, retired members stepped up to fill staff positions.

I could not be any prouder of how our membership performed in 2025 and look forward to an even brighter future for the VLSC into 2026 and beyond.

Esprit de Corps,
James W. Emery
S'72, RM, PC, Board President



CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

As we close out another year in the history of the mighty VLSC, I want to pause and reflect on what makes this organization so special. At its heart, it has always been about people. Our new and seasoned active members, our dedicated board of directors, our ever-supportive alumni, and, of course, our significant others who sacrifice and support us behind the scenes. You are the reason this place not only survives but thrives year after year.

This season, we welcomed six new members through the Winter and Summer recruit classes. Six new lifelines in the chain of service that stretches back generations. Each of them joined with courage and commitment. They stand as a reminder that our Corps is alive, growing, and ready for the future.

But growth cannot be left to recruits alone. It is vitally important that every member, past and present, stand up to answer the call. We need you. Not just on the beach, but in every way you can show up.

Whether teaching, mentoring, providing deli-board, or simply lending a hand with events, your contributions make us all stronger. When we give our time to one another, we create something bigger than ourselves. We sharpen one another not just into better guards, but into better people on and off the beach.

This year we also deepened our relationship with the City of Jacksonville Beach and its employees. The bonds we are building are vital and I look forward to strengthening these ties further in the seasons to come. Together, we share in the responsibility of protecting and serving our community.

I want to take a moment to thank the 2025 Staff:

* Registrar Department: Val Z. Gregg and Alex Santana, supported unwaveringly by Susan Wallis, you were a powerhouse team. You ensured our records were meticulously kept and always compliant. As we know, if we fail to track where we've been, the march forward becomes even more difficult. You gave us a solid foundation and for that I thank you.

* QM Department: Well done Jordan Barrow. As a department of one, you never hesitated to step up even without request. Whether it was stocking equipment, fixing the truck, and making sure we always had what we needed for Corps Days. I never doubted we'd be ready for anything because you were part of this team.

* Mates: There was never a dull moment but always forward progress. Thank you Tirado, Malak, and MacDonald. From the first off-season meeting to the last guard sheet drafted, your energy and direction helped keep this ship on course. You kept the Boyz strong and on their toes.



* Instructors: Led fearlessly by the brothers Newell, Jared and Ethan, you shaped our six new recruits into proud members of the Corps. Despite the countless hours this work required, you still answered the call when the beach needed you sitting numerous times throughout the year. That is the true spirit of the mighty VLSC.

* Lt. Ryan Karish: Your steady hand and balanced leadership were instrumental this season. With your help and guidance, we accomplished everything we set out to do. You are a true leader, a truer friend, and I know the Corps could not be in better hands as we move into the 2026 season. Thank you for everything, Ryan.

I know this year was not carried by one person but by all of us together. I may have had the honor of steering the ship, but it was all of you who kept it afloat and moving forward. We are only as strong as the sum of our parts, and I am nothing without my crew, past and present. Do not stop learning, do not stop showing up, and do not stop strengthening who you are inside and out. We don't just guard the ocean; we guard a legacy. As we close this season, let's carry that pride, that discipline, and that unity into the next year.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your heart. Here's to the season behind us and the future we're building together. We are, and always will be, the mighty Volunteer Life Saving Corps

Esprit de Corps,
Captain Richard McDill W'05



CAPTAIN'S BIO

Captain Richard T. McDill began his journey with the Volunteer Life Saving Corps in the winter of 2005. At that time, the Corps was a different animal. The cast of characters active in those days was, to say the least, unpredictable. Staying out of trouble wasn't always easy back then.

In my humble opinion, there's a clear distinction between the *traditions* of the Corps and the *culture* of its members. Ricky's early exposure to that chaotic era stands in stark contrast to the culture he has helped shape during his tenure as Captain. Under his leadership, we've continued to uphold the proud traditions of our organization while cultivating a member culture defined by integrity, respect, and excellence.

Watching Ricky grow from a young recruit in 2005 to a consistent presence over the past 20 years has been nothing short of inspiring. Coming back to serve as both Lieutenant and Captain after all this time is a true testament to his love for the Corps and his dedication to its mission.

Those who know Ricky understand that family always comes first for him. His devotion to the Corps is only surpassed by his love for his wife Jana and their two beautiful children. Jana is Ricky's greatest supporter and the steady partner in his professional life. She has been recognized by the Corps for her generous spirit and support of Ricky's service. Their family is a reflection of the same values Ricky brings to everything he does: commitment, care, and character.

Professionally, Ricky serves many roles as a real estate entrepreneur, property manager, rehab specialist, and realtor with Fluid Realty. Balancing a growing business, family life, and his responsibilities with the VLSC has been no small feat. Yet he manages it all with calm, focus, and a deep sense of responsibility.

The Corps could not have asked for a better leader during this chapter. Ricky is even-keeled, respectful, and has a rare ability to bring out the best in both surfmen and staff alike. I've been fortunate to benefit from his mentorship and friendship over the years.

I wish him continued success in every part of life and thank him for his service to the Mighty Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt Ryan Karish W'09



Recapitulation 1912-2025

<u>Captain</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Rescues</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>F/A Cases</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Clarence McDonald	1912	?	?	?	?	?
Clarence McDonald	1913	?	?	28	65	?
Clarence McDonald	1914	14	28	18	30	?
Lyman G. Haskell	1915	?	?	?	86	?
Oskar L. Schubert	1916	?	?	?	?	?
W. J. Schubert	1917	6	?	1	4	360
W. J. Schubert	1918	10	9	30	33	320
W. J. Schubert	1919	15	0	4	23	400
W. J. Schubert	1920	22	7	10	120	783
W. J. Schubert	1921	32	2	13	47	1,904
Oskar L. Schubert	1922	46	0	6	115	4,649
Oskar L. Schubert	1923	44	6	46	417	5,510
John J. O'Rourke	1924	48	17	66	497	6,603
J. R. Simpson	1925	48	66	196	506	6,275
Earl G. Marx	1926	60	79	45	158	7,523
J. R. Simpson	1927	59	25	116	485	8,131
R. Glover Weiss	1928	79	18	7	335	8,281
Harry J. Lewis, Jr.	1929	71	39	30	747	9,596
Harry J. Lewis, Jr.	1930	72	19	15	418	10,199
Frank W. Sherman	1931	82	32	27	472	11,941
LeRennie Anderson	1932	78	21	11	439	12,172
Turner O. Houston	1933	68	20	49	464	10,500
Turner O. Houston	1934	74	35	25	410	12,566
Arthur W. Platt	1935	70	7	2	461	11,941
George E. Harman	1936	66	15	19	580	11,433
George L. Tedder	1937	104	13	10	529	16,974
Carroll C. Miller	1938	106	25	8	544	13,818
James F. Howard	1939	103	18	11	510	16,649
Wayne E. Ripley	1940	83	16	17	292	15,308
Howard Klicker	1941	86	8	11	603	14,604
W. Clyde Miller	1942	55	9	5	602	10,900
Jack E. Graham	1943	47	15	16	695	10,177
R. Aluis Reynolds	1944	45	19	22	676	11,369
R. Aluis Reynolds	1945	70	54	53	712	13,214
Robert J. Irby III	1946	118	5	18	367	13,547
Kenneth F. Brooke	1947	89	86	16	261	11,780
Kenneth F. Brooke	1948	83	17	10	312	13,302
L. Vernon Howard	1949	93	13	20	407	16,069
L. Vernon Howard	1950	86	8	5	370	14,607
Frank A. Grisham	1951	85	30	29	446	13,190
Robert J. Irby III	1952	86	15	29	453	16,770
James Rae Brown, Jr	1953	81	19	44	716	15,076
Charles D. MacLean Jr	1954	91	2	14	378	17,182
Charles S. Oliver	1955	90	13	23	354	15,649
Richard Bracewell	1956	78	9	19	517	17,880
William E. Thompson	1957	80	44	52	947	19,562

<u>Captain</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Rescues</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>F/A Cases</u>	<u>Hours</u>
William E. Thompson	1958	102	7	31	326	22,585
William E. Thompson	1959	100	14	42	520	24,011
E. Ray Maxey	1960	96	18	50	377	21,315
Gerry Wilson	1961	74	4	8	86	20,423
W. E. Thompson	1962	75	6	4	313	20,169
Gerry Wilson	1963	95	28	22	544	19,286
Bernard E. North	1964	101	36	41	332	20,328
Joel V. Varn, Jr.	1965	93	34	33	707	20,953
Keith Riechmann	1966	86	53	54	653	10,616
George Patrinely	1967	105	18	11	183	15,633
Harold Mills	1968	119	21	6	246	25,157
Robert J. Irby III	1969	79	25	14	144	20,236
Gerry Wilson	1970	76	15	11	129	15,635
Gerry Wilson	1971	70	13	4	211	16,743
Kenneth W. O'Neill	1972	86	51	31	49	14,454
Carl O. McKenney	1973	86	31	44	120	16,672
Donald R. Wolfe	1974	88	11	17	200	15,900
Thomas G. Nelson	1975	78	2	11	172	17,095
Richard M. Riley	1976	60	13	10	78	13,965
Thomas G. Nelson	1977	78	5	1	150	16,007
Robert A. Nelson	1978	61	9	20	372	11,864
Scott Gilbert	1979	57	19	8	162	12,335
Randy McNeal	1980	67	10	2	70	12,679
Richard Tarkington	1981	56	7	1	39	12,363
Sean O'Brien	1982	49	10	1	33	9,454
James Emery	1983	66	2	2	60	16,206
Michael Lucas	1984	81	1	2	102	13,021
Hank Isaacs	1985	81	2	3	109	14,290
Douglas Barrow	1986	64	6	8	87	12,393
Fland Sharp	1987	60	6	2	47	9,769
Rick Stowe	1988	71	8	2	51	11,677
Richard M. Riley	1989	80	7	4	43	13,548
Mark Muraski	1990	82	1	3	151	15,602
Mike Leverock	1991	86	6	0	47	16,889
George Patrinely	1992	110	2	3	85	16,290
M. Matheson Cory Jr.	1993	91	6	0	58	16,015
Eric E. Reimer	1994	104	7	0	141	16,340
Don Alread	1995	89	NIA	NIA	NIA	16,751
Pete Ironside	1996	89	1	0	121	14,146
L.W. Chrisman	1997	89	3	0	163	13,470
Maurice Rudolph	1998	93	0	0	78	15,362
Brian J. Miller	1999	99	4	7	337	14,728
Brian J. Miller	2000	119	4	5	69	20,083
Michael J. Howe	2001	122	6	5	51	19,564
Maurice Rudolph	2002	88	4	4	28	17,825
Christopher Brock	2003	116	1	1	?	20,621
George Paugh	2004	88	7	13	?	18,485
Kris Jolly	2005	86	11	5	112	20,854

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Thomas Wright	2006	110	14	10	74	22,568
Charles Bond	2007	103	17	14	31	24,293
Thomas Wright	2008	83	20	6	?	18,493
Thomas Wright	2009	132	29	13	85	20,340
Corey Wright	2010	88	7	3	113	23,646
James Lentz	2011	110	19	5	265	23,667
B. Taylor Anderson	2012	102	35	9	48	28,830
George Paugh	2013	115	33	20	86	29,601
Jelisse Marrero	2014	102	34	18	73	24,267
Matt Duffy	2015	116	45	13	43	21,584
Bill Horn	2016	83	32	14	47	23,506
J. Casey Donnell	2017	90	13	24	56	24,221
Dan Leonard III	2018	89	37	36	116	29,060
Maxwell Ervanian	2019	108	11	33	41	26,591
Mikey Atkins	2020	113	11	14	24	7,414
Maxwell Ervanian	2021	85	11	33	51	21,250
Trent Dalldorf	2022	35	12	72	10	7,092
Tommy Cassaro	2023	30	7	8	0	7,072
Timothy Kline	2024	34	8	20	33	10,055
Richard McDill	2025	29	5	17	35	9,021

TOTAL for 114 Years

1,951 2,230 26,990 1,639,492



PAST CAPTAINS 1912-2025

		*Deceased	
Captain	Yrs Served	Captain	Yrs Served
* Clarence McDonald	1912-1914	* Richard M. Riley	1976, 1989
* Lyman G. Haskell	1915	* Robert A. Nelson	1978
* Oskar L. Schubert	1916, 1922-23	Scott Gilbert	1979
* W. J. Schubert	1917-1921	Randy McNeal	1980
* John J. O'Rourke	1924	Richard Tarkington	1981
* J. R. Simpson	1925, 1927	Sean O'Brien	1982
* Earl G. Marx	1926	James Emery	1983
* R. Glover Weiss	1928	Michael Lucas	1984
* Harry J. Lewis, Jr.	1929-30	Hank Isaacs	1985
* Frank W. Sherman	1931	Douglas Barrow	1986
* LeRennie Anderson	1932	* Fland Sharp	1987
* Turner O. Houston	1933, 1934	* Rick Stowe	1988
* Arthur W. Platt	1935	Mark Muraski	1990
* George E. Harman	1936	Mike Leverock	1991
* George L. Tedder	1937	M. Matheson Cory, Jr.	1993
* Carroll C. Miller	1938	* Erik E. Reimer	1994
* James F. Howard	1939	Don Alread	1995
* Wayne E. Ripley	1940	Pete Ironside	1996
* Howard Klicker	1941	L.W. Chrisman	1997
* W. Clyde Miller	1942	Maurice Rudolph	1998, 2002
* Jack E. Graham	1943	Brian J. Miller	1999, 2000
* R. Aluis Reynolds	1944, 1945	Michael J. Howe	2001
* Robert J. Irby III	1946, 1952, 1969	Christopher Brock	2003
* Kenneth F. Brooke	1947, 1948	George Paugh	2004, 2013
* L. Vernon Howard	1949, 1950	Kris Jolly	2005
* Frank A. Grisham	1951	Thomas Wright	2006, 2008-09
* James Rae Brown, Jr	1953	Charles Bond	2007
* Charles D. MacLean, Jr	1954	Corey Wright	2010
* Charles S. Oliver	1955	James Lentz	2011
* Richard Bracewell	1956	Taylor Anderson	2012
* William E. Thompson	1957-59, 1962	Jelisse Marrero	2014
* E. Ray Maxey	1960	Matt Duffy	2015
* Gerry Wilson	1961, 1963, 1970-71	Bill Horn	2016
* Bernard E. North	1964	J. Casey Donnell	2017
* Joel V. Varn, Jr	1965	Dan Leonard III	2018
Keith Riechmann	1966	Max Ervanian	2019, 2021
* George Patrinely	1967, 1992	Mikey Atkins	2020
* Harold Mills	1968	Trent Dalldorf	2022
* Kenneth W. O'Neill	1972	Tommy Cassaro	2023
* Carl O. McKenney	1973	Timothy J. Kline	2024
* Donald R. Wolfe	1974	Richard McDill	2025
* Thomas Greg Nelson	1975, 1977		

Honorably Retired Members

All RetiredMen

Joseph Abdel-Malak	Paul Carswell	Andrew Faus	Bryon Iveson
Billy Albritton	Rick Carter	Creighton Fiscina	Joel Jenkins
Don Alread	Tommy Cassaro	Gary Fiske	Kris Jolly
Andy Altee	Robert Caudill	Mike Fitzpatrick	Davey Jones *
Edwin Anderson *	Charles Chase *	Abby Fleischmann	Emmett Allan Jones *
Taylor Anderson	Wayne Chattaway, Jr	Henry Forbes *	Ben Joseph
John Atkins	Jake Chrisman	Albert Fortunato	Alison Justice
Mike Atkins	Mike Christian	Rick Foster	Katie Karnes
David Baggot *	Joey Civello	Bill Fudge	Nick Karnes
Joseph Baker *	Robert Clark	Julian Fulcher *	Ryan Karish
Warren Baker *	William W. Clark *	Marion Fulcher *	David Killian
William P. Barret *	Gerald M. Clarke *	Alaric Gardine	Paul Kirk *
J. Vann Barrett	Felipe Contreras	Annie Garner Kline	Arthur J. Kirkland
J. Doug Barrow	Cleve Cooney	Richard Ghiotto	E. Vann Kirkpatrick *
Mark Bartleson	George R. Coalow *	Ross Ghiotto	Scott Kiseljack
Gary E. Bass	Don Connor	Jeffery Goldstein	Timothy Kline
Bobby Baughn *	Mickey Copa	Lisa Golger (Med)	Ernest C. Knight *
Bill Beach	A. Francis Copp *	Eric Goodling *	Karl Kruer Jr *
Dylan Beaver	Dan Corn	Chris Gorman	Steven Lafond
Billy Beckerleg III	Jon Corn *	William Greenwood *	Nathan Lang
Nick Beenen	Jud Cory	Todd Grenadier	Jim Langen *
Randy Belyew	Matt Cory	Marshall Griggs Sr *	Bradley Langenberg
Herman Bernrueter *	Vince Coursey	Cameron Gwynn	Josh Langley
David Bew Jr	Chris Cox	Tim Hall	Joe Larizza
Travis Blakeslee	Bill Crabtree	Bertrand V. Hanes *	Chris Lavelle
Lowe Blenus *	Jim Crabtree	George Hapsis *	Frank Lee *
Eric Bohn	Bret Creech	Harry Hardwick *	Fred Lee *
Taylor Boice	Phil Crider III	Ronald Harman *	James Lentz
Charles Bond	Trent Dalldorf	Clements Harper IV	Daniel Leonard III
Jerry Bowers *	Damon D'Arienzo	Oscar Harper Jr *	Mike Lerian
John Bowler	Coby Davis	Demian Harris	Nicholas N. Leslie *
G. Dudley Bowman *	Earl Denney *	Holden Harris	Gill Lineberry *
Paul Joe Boyer	Mark Dennis	Jesse Harris	Matthew Lydon
Danny Brice *	J. Casey Donnell	Cecil D. Harrison	Mike Lucas
Chris Brock	J. Caleb Donnell	John Harrison *	Geoff Lutz
Thomas Brock	John Donovan	Ben Hedstrom	Charles D. MacLean *
Neal Brock *	Jimmy Dover *	Martin Hedstrom (Med) *	Andrew MacDonald
Jesse Broemer	Matt Duffy	Lester Heilig *	Scott MacDonald
Mike Brown	Sean Duffy	Alex Himmelburg	Tom Mackey
Scott Brown	W. Harold Duguid *	Kevin Hodgkins	Peter Maloney
Dalton Bruce	James S. Dukes *	Alan Hogan *	Martin "Milo" Manley
John Burnfield	Phill Eddins	Mitch Holtsinger Jr. *	Jelisse Marrero
Bill Burns, Jr	Robert E. Eisemann *	Bill Horn	Russell C. Marshall *
Bob Burns	Scott Eleazer *	Elmore C. Horton *	E. Ray Maxey *
Dave Burt	Rob Emahiser	William C. Howard *	Richard A. Maxwell *
Morris Butler *	Jim Emery	Jay Howe	Aaron McBride
Tom Byerly	Theodore Engle *	Charles Howell *	Roby McClellan *
Elise Byrd	Katie Engmann Ghiotto	Jimmy Hughes	Ronald McCrone *
Jason Caffey	Earl L. Enn *	Robert J. Irby IV	Richard T. McDill
Duncan Campbell	Nicole Emerson	Chase Isaac	Gerald McHale *
John Carraway Sr	Maxwell Ervanian	Hank Isaacs	Paul McKiniry

Honorably Retired Members

All RetiredMen

Walley Meskel
Yves Messinese
Caroline Metcalf-Parker
Walter Middlekauf Jr *
Josh Middleton
Brian Miller
David Miller
Jim Miller
Lawrence Miller *
Murray Miller
Rob Miller
Richard Moriarty Jr
Mark Muraski
Brian Murphy
Artsiom Naidzich
J. David Naughton Jr *
Jim Naughton III
Pat Neville
Jared Newell
James Niblick *
Harry Norris *
Herbert Oatman *
Kyle O'Conner
Earl Paul Oehler *
Sean O'Brien
Lukas Orlandi
Jimi Palmer
Robert Park *
Steve Park Sr *
Roshan Patel
Shawn Parnell *
George Paugh
Norman W. Peck *
Robert C. Peck *
George Penn Jr *
Morris Perkins *
Allen Perry
Sam Peters
Barrett Phifer
William Eli Phillips
Jerry Pilcher
Mark Pilcher
Vasili Pleqi
Donny Podany
John Poling *
Thomas E. Poole *
Ernest Porter *
Billy Posch *
Bill Pound *
Neil Powell
Andrew Price

Danny Pritchard
Zach Proctor
Glenn A. Rainey *
Francis Rampacek
Sean Rampacek
Sean Raulerson
William Reagan III *
Charles Reasoner *
Greg Reimer
Jack Richards *
Richard Riley *
Russell Robbins
Jason Rodriguez
Jerry Rodriguez
Paul Roettges
Josh Rossie
Norman Rountree
Maurice Rudolph
Monica Ruggerio-Dragiff
George Rung *
Chris Saggau
Tim Saggau
Tom Sandlin Sr
Charlie Santana
Bobby Sale *
George Sares
Isaac Schafer, Jr
Andrew Schmidt
Austin Schoenberg
William Seary Jr *
Brandon Sempstrott
Justin Sempstrott
Alex Seward
Brian Sharpe
Allison Shemenski
Kaitlyn Shemenski
Ken Simmons
Josh Singletary
S. Gene Sleaf *
Bill Smallwood
Lutrell Smith
Richard Smythe
Chris Soulbey
Patrick Span *
David Stearns
David "Opie" Steeg
Travis Stewart
H. Atwood Stokes *
Mark Sugden
John L. Sutton *
John "Wimpy" Sutton *

Rick Tarkington
Brian Taylor
Jamie Tejera
Jim Thames *
Gordon VanDusen
Peter Vergenz
Adam Vogel
Garrett Tirado
Doug V. Towson
Byron Vance
Brian Walcutt
Joseph Walcutt
Paul Walker
Rolfe Wall
Chrissy Wallis Henry
J. McBride Warren *
David Warrington
Walter W. Weaver *
David Webb
Nick Wellington
Robert Wells *
Matthew Welsh
Harold Wesley *
Sean Whelihan
Scott White
Kaitlin Whited
Jason Wilderotter
Larry Wills

Gerry Wilson *
Mel Wilson
Henry J. Wood *
Michael J. Wood *
Corey Wright
Shaunn Wright *
Thom Wright
Wil Wygal IV
Taylor Wyman
Tom Yeager *
Havis York
Glen Znamirowski

* Deceased



Jared and Garrett at the post-Letter to Retire Meeting, with Lt Karish

LETTER TO STAFF REQUESTING RETIREMENT

8 straight and all premiums... Well, not quite straight but my instructor never quite grasped that concept. Despite this initial setback, my experiences in the corps have allowed me to grow from a young recruit surfman T-posing on his tower into a Red Cross certified instructor teaching the next generation how to do so. To my recruits, I'm sure you will all do great things, in 7 more years I hope to be back for your retirements. It will come quicker than you think, and though everyone's journey is unique, I've never met one of the boyz who doesn't look back upon their time on the beach fondly. Over the course of my journey, I would like to believe I grew as an individual, strengthened the corps, and served the community, just as I had a good time, made lasting friends, and collected several notable moments.

The one I'd like to start with is my first rescue. In my recruit surfman year I pulled a kid out of a rip. Fairly standard looking back, but the first time you save a life is not easy to forget. Also, my recruit surfman year was my first charge sheet, naturally a 50 & 50 as I don't do anything halfway. The whole time management thing remains somewhat of a work in progress, but one of those charge sheets was definitely Mikey's fault for inviting a bunch of people to my house at 3AM without my knowledge. To wrap up my first year in the corps was my first camping trip with the boyz, in which I floated down the Suwannee in a sinking john boat, carefully alternating between geebing and bailing to prevent the boat from going under, all while maintaining the proper water level for activities, until inevitably getting rolled off our only bucket. Honestly, it's a wonder we all survived.

The following years contained other milestones, such as the time I successfully resuscitated an infant and earned the moniker "baby-saver", my role in the foundation of the Hardee's committee and the long nights working overtime at the factory, as well as the time Beaver had to shadow me upon getting active again in 2018. I taught him everything he knows, which admittedly still isn't much. Next up was the unfortunate douche-bucket accident that led to the tragic passing of my classmate Garrett. Had he survived I'm certain he would be retiring alongside me tonight. Rest in peace, bro.

Despite all this, I found myself elected to staff, serving as QM in 2020, where, in addition to building and cleaning things, I had the strength and honor of voting to DD Lucky Thompson. In 2023, I was elected mate and tasked with reorganizing our spring training curriculum in an effort to recertify our entire membership in 3 months after a year off, getting the corps back on the beach following "The Incident". Also, as mate, I found myself successfully leading my first CPR case, and at my brother's tower no less. And speaking of my brother, I'll never forget the time he got suspended for sticking up that 7/11. I still think we should have DDED him, but it's alright he'll probably give us another chance or two.

I fondly remember my commodore leaving the group chat, Zach getting charged for hitting my Juul, Emily chopping her fingers off with my knife, running Jr. guards over with boogie boards, games of Mr. President at swim meets, games of kickbrawl involving the loss of teeth, of water polo involving the loss of eardrums, Smash Bro's in the south street skunk hole, Congo lines in

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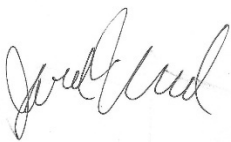
the showers, and playing Dinkerball on the boat the weekend Pat (or is it Pete?) shot a hole through the roof of his car. Nobody tell John Atkins this happened on his property or Mikey (or is it Mikayla?) might get hit with a belt in a far less linear manner than we prefer to do it.

I also have the corps to thank for the fun I've had lifeguarding for the Jaguars as one of 8 lifeguards employed by the NFL, for all the wild times I've had keeping people safe at the Spirit of Suwannee, and the myriad other picnic guards which are always a blast. This place and the people in it have taught me a number of things, such as confidence, how to perform under pressure, that it's harder to stay in than to get in, that the worst is yet to come, and that while the names and faces change, the esprit de corps stays the same.

After many Peg flights, pier jumps, parades, post-meeting pool games, pre-games, parties and paloozas, pissed off girlfriends, pranks such as turning literally everything upside down, and hurricane whomp seshes that get every fire fighter in Jax beach deployed, I can safely say there is no better place to spend the summer than #2 oceanfront.

So with no further adieu, many more chants of B-B-B-L-O, a prediction that Jerry Lowman will be closest to the hole, a flip Bills trailer on 3, a cheers to the governor, and a reminder that nobody goes home until Trent pukes, I retire.

-Jared Newell, W'17



LETTER TO STAFF REQUESTING RETIREMENT

Looking back on my time here at the mighty VLSC, it's wild to see how far we've come. Originally, I was part of the 2016 winter class. I made it about five weeks, right up until daylight savings hit. I blame my alarm. Sorry about that, past Instructor Karish.

But I couldn't stop thinking about the brothers and sisters I left behind that year. I knew I had to come back, and in the winter of 2017, I did. A high school kid that just wanted to be a lifeguard not knowing what he was getting himself into.

It was through the VLSC that I discovered my passion for lifesaving and medicine. This place is a second home to me, and growing up with the boys really made it a family. Without a doubt, this place made me who I am today, and there's still more to come.

I want to thank retired man Nick Beenen and my classmate Jared Newell for persuading me to come back and encouraging me to finish. I told them I'd help out when I could, and I'd show up when I was able to. Lo and behold, I ended up on staff for the next two years. Whatever they said, it worked, and I'm so glad it did.

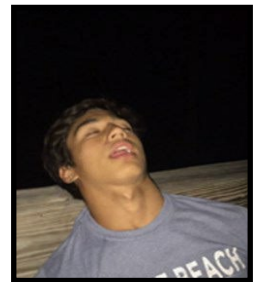
What you get out of this place is just as important as what you put into it. The VLSC will always be around, and it'll always be here when you need it. It really is harder to stay in than it is to get in.

Pro tip: standing on the box on the back of truck may just turn you into a ghost when water gets spilled on you.

Thank you all. I'm ready for the salt. Winter '17 is the best class since 1912.

Esprit de Corps.

Garrett Tirado, W'2017



2025 Individual Service Records

	Class/Yr	Years	2025 Hours	YTD	Rescues	Assists	First Aid
2024-25 Staff							
McDill, Richard - Captain	W'05	11	412	2976	0	0	3
Karish, Ryan - Lt	W'09	11	345	2921	3	3	14
Newell, Jared - Instructor	W'17	8	420	2399	4	2	1
Tirado, Garrett - 1st Mate	W'17	8	295	1824	0	1	0
Abdel-Malak, Joseph - 2nd Mate	W'12	10	300	2370	3	2	0
MacDonald, Andrew - 3rd Mate	W'12	9	146	2277	3	2	7
Newell, Ethan - Ass't Instr	W'19	5	471	1912	1	0	0
Barrow, Jordan - Quartermaster	S'23	3	347	879	0	0	0
Gregg, Valerie - 1st Registrar	W'96	6	380	1562	0	0	0
Santana, Alex - 2nd Registrar	W'05	4	284	1149	1	1	0

Surfmén

Arnold, Nathan	cS'24	2	460	728	0	1	0
Flint, Laird	W'24	2	234	668	0	1	0
Harper, Zane	S'23	3	225	694	2	2	0
Jolly, Steven	cW'23	3	267	848	1	1	0
Lydon, Ryan	W'24	2	449	904	4	2	0
Pulido, Marco	W'24	2	302	765	1	0	0
Spinowitz, Ben	W'24	2	242	687	0	1	0
Turner, Liam	cW'24	2	255	687	0	0	0

Senior Surfmén

Pulido, Danny	W'94	5	132	993	0	0	0
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Active RetiredMen

Atkins, Mikey (PC)	W'11	15	156	4410	2	6	6
Emery, Jim (PC)	S'72	9	244	4416	3	4	16
Leonard, Dan III (PC)	S'10	14	116	3178	2	1	3

Recruit Surfmén

Abdalla, Yaseen	W'25	1	438	438	0	1	0
Jokisch, Benjamin	c'S'25	1	192	192	0	0	0
Ciraldo, Tyler	W'25	1	341	341	0	0	0
Knight, Jordyn	W'25	1	342	342	0	0	0
Garcia, Andres	c'W'25	1	264	264	0	0	0
Pulido, Lucia	S'25	1	264	264	0	0	0

Retired Men

Anderson, Taylor (PC)	W'02	10	2	1975	4	4	22
Beaver, Dylan	W'00	11	14	2247	2	0	4
Beckerleg, William	W'83	12	43	3839	2	5	13
Beenen, Nick	W'16	8	2	1510	0	1	0
Bew II, Dave	W'64	9	5	1800	2	8	20
Bohn, Eric	W'08	8	1	1616	10	72	16

2025 Individual Service Records

	Class/Yr	Years	2025 Hours	YTD	Rescues	Assists	First Aid
Byerly, Tom	W'60	8	2	1370	1	0	15
Chrisman, Jake (PC)	W'89	10	2	2955	2	4	46
Cassaro, Tommy (PC)	W'05	10	22	2227	4	1	4
Cooney, Cleve	1st S'83	8	4	1696	0	0	7
Donovan, John	W'05	8	1	1676	0	0	0
Foster, Rick	W'96	8	2	1864	0	0	7
Garner, Anne	W'12	10	104	2902	0	1	6
Goldstein, Jeff	S'68	14	11	1539	2	9	34
Hodgkins, Kevin	W'13	8	2	1633	0	2	3
Horn, Bill (PC)	S'87	12	16	2871	11	5	25
Jolly, Kris (PC)	cW'96	9	10	2011	0	0	9
Karnes, Katie	W'16	8	5	1847	0	1	0
Kline, Timothy (PC)	S'06	11	116	2706	3	4	1
Langley, Josh	W'04	8	2	2041	1	0	4
Lucas, Mike (PC)	S'77	9	4	2916	6	0	3
MacDonald, Scott	W'87	12	11	2824	0	0	13
McKiniry, Paul	S'68	9	5	4859	1	0	24
Messinese, Yves	W'06	8	2	1857	2	0	9
Murphy, Brian	2S'74	8	13	2495	4	5	59
Neville, Patrick	S'85	8	4	1463	0	0	1
O'Brien, Sean (PC)	W'75	10	9	2797	0	0	13
Palmer, Jimi	W'89	8	4	1705	0	0	8
Phillips, William Eli	W'09	9	12	1920	3	0	8
Pleqi, Vasili	W'12	8	6	1887	1	2	5
Pritchard, Danny	S'68	9	14	2525	0	0	17
Rudolph, Maurice (PC)	W'87	9	12	1930	1	0	15
Santana, Charlie	W'06	8	9	2313	4	2	0
Seward, Alex	W'13	8	1	764	2	1	3
Soulby, Chris	W'92	9	4	1793	0	0	4
Tarkington, Rick (PC)	W'69	8	5	2305	0	0	14
Towson, Doug	W'88	8	4	1398	0	0	11
Wright, Corey (PC)	W'97	10	4	2473	0	1	17

Inactive Alumni

Chanatry, Michael	cS'23	2	48	469	1	2	0
Garner, Brian	W'83	4	4	1125	0	0	4
Holtsinger, Mark	S'71	4	7	941	5	4	5
Jette, Cayden	W'13	3	2	765	0	0	6
Kohlhaas, Joseph	cW'22	3	12	687	3	1	0
LeClair, Vance	S'71	3	3	501	0	0	3
Mullis, Josh	W'16	6	15	1311	0	0	0
Sanders, Britt	S'00	4	16	874	1	0	0
Stout, Lans	W'67	3	5	736	11	2	6

5th ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT

Jacksonville Clay Target Sports, November 15, 2024

Thank you to those *VLSC* members that assisted with at the morning registration table, the “Golden Ticket” stand, and all-around “day of” operation tasks: Valerie Gregg, Jack Morgan (BOD), Brian Murphy, Danny Pritchard, and Susan Wallis.

Coffee & donuts greeted the crowd. The beautiful weather was enjoyed by all. And everyone seemed pleased with the BBQ catered again this year by “Swaangin BBQ & More.”

This year’s event had 92 shooters attending. During the day, over 10,500 clay targets were launched into the air. Most were hit, some escaped the metal shot, and a few were cursed.

We make special mention of the **financial donors** that made this event one of the top two fund raising activities the Life Saving Corps had during 2024. These 14 donors assisted the Corps fulfill two missions: training new responsible leaders and keeping the community safe from emergency situations through either first aid treatment or saving victims in ocean surf conditions.

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Thank you to our financial sponsors. Thank you to our volunteer helpers. Thank you to our shooters.

And an extra thank you to Past Captain Charles Bond (w’ 1988) who initiated this *VLSC* event and has operated it pretty much by himself for the past five years. Esprit d’ Corps.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean O’Brien, w’ 1975 “PC”

DECK THE CHAIRS 2024

Once again, the close relationship between the *DTC* organization and the *VLSC* was maintained. Our arrangement with *Deck the Chairs* is for a free spot if we provide labor to assist with setup and teardown of the overall event. The commercial value on the spot assigned for the *VLSC*'s tower exhibit exceeds one thousand dollars.

Aside from helping another community-minded charity, it is hoped that the *VLSC*'s prominent tower size and location will assist in financial donations to the Corps and interest by individuals to join the upcoming Recruit Class.

Work accomplished in advance of the event was to set up and secure safely the *VLSC* tower with lights and display banner. Some of us were involved with clearing out the front and back areas of the elevated stage as well as sorting boxes of electrical cords, connections, strings of lights, etc.

The take-down crew work included dismantling of the *VLSC*'s tower and disassembly of large metal framed lighted structures from the main assembly. Additionally, (naturally) then the items that we had just moved two months ago had to go back neatly to the front and back of the stage area.

Attending on November 18, 2024 for the **set-up crew** were:

Tom Byerly	Jim Emery	Pete Ironside	Hank Isaacs	Vance LeClair
Paul MacLean	Paul McKiniry	Sean O'Brien	Danny Pritchard	Tim Saggau
Lans Stout	Rick Tarkington			

The **take-down crew** on January 4, 2025 included:

Randy Belyew	Phil Eddins	Jim Emery	Dugg Harrison	Mark Holsinger
Paul MacLean	Paul McKiniry	Brian Murphy	Sean O'Brien	Danny Pritchard
Lans Stout	Rick Tarkington	Susan Wallis		

Thanks for everyone's assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Pritchard, HR s' 1968



ALAMO WORK DAY

January 18, 2025

On Jan. 18th, some dedicated individuals donated their Saturday time to the Life Saving Corps. They volunteered for a workday at the off-site storage building affectionately called **The Alamo**.

One of the goals was to find additional space for the eventual storage of items including:

- 4x4 pick-up truck,
- 4x4 ATV vehicle,
- trailered surf Dory boat & oars, rescue boards & surf skis, and additional competition team gear.

When the workday was over:

- more space was realized,
- electrical wiring was safely secured,
- some 2x4 lumber boards were saved for future repurposing,
- a tightly fitted wall was safely removed from the rolling garage door without damage,
- a “twenty yards” dumpster was filled with junk to be hauled to the landfill.



Thanks to the below mixture of former, active, Staff, Honorably Retired, and Past Captains for the work accomplished today.

Nathan Arnold
Mark Holsinger
Ricky McDill
Rick Tarkington

Mikey Atkins
Jimmy Hughes
Paul McKiniry

Jim Emery
Ryan Lydon
Brian Murphy

Anne Garner
Andrew MacDonald
Lans Stout

and an extra special thanks to Danny Pritchard for both organizing as well as being the head honcho of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
by just one of the many appreciative *VLSC* members



SOUTH ATLANTIC LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING, FEB 1, 2025

Hilton Head, South Carolina, Fire Rescue Dept.

The South Atlantic Lifesaving Association (SALA) hosted their regional meeting at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, on Saturday, February 1. Thank you to Mama Wallis for driving Lt Karish, SM Arnold, and me. We left Jax Beach in the morning and got to Hilton Head's Fire Rescue Dept at 1pm after stopping at The Crazy Crab for lunch.

From 1pm to 3pm there were educational conferences where the American Canoe Association spoke about physics in coastal waters, especially by river mouths and barrier islands. The EMS Division Chief of Charleston County spoke about SCUBA emergencies and treatment. We had a roundtable discussion where different agencies spoke about technologies or resources they use and recommend. The digital command center "Watchtower" was highly spoken of and used by several regional agencies; it records all activities and conditions, has a public interface, records training, manages pre-trip inspections, and produces end-of-year reports.

The meeting was called to order at 3pm and there was information about the Ben Carlson Foundation, USLA membership kits, Heroic Acts, and Junior Guards. There was a lot of discussion about Lifesaving Sport and proposed rule amendments. Jax Beach is on schedule to host 2026 SALA Regionals, we should be reaching out to coordinate with JBOR to hopefully see that through. Overall, it was a very fun and informative day, great to have a presence with the other leaders in the region.

Respectfully Submitted,
Surfman Lydon W'24 and Surfman Arnold cS'24



WINTER SOCIAL

February 1, 2025

Like the seasons over many a past decade, ours repeats and begins again with familiar sights. Last Sunday saw the First Day of Spring Training for returning members and a new Staff. Additionally, it was the Orientation Day for the Winter Recruit Class.

Returning members with a desire to refresh their skills and improve their physical abilities and seeing interested individuals hoping to someday wear the Blue & White suit are good things. Older, former, slightly less agile members can do their part too. We can organize social activities. That was accomplished on Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall off Penman Road.

Wintertime means chili is on the menu. We anticipated nine pots of chili to arrive. Instead, 12 crock pots showed up to be eager participants in the flavor contest. The menu fare also included all the fixin's to make chili dogs plus we had ice-cold beverages, and homemade Amaretto bread pudding.

All 70 individuals attending were appreciative and enjoyed the favorite recipes from 12 noted chefs: Vann Barrett, Gary Bass, John Burnfield, Theresa Emery, Valeire Gregg, Michael Lucas, Paul MacLean, Nancy Moriarty, Susan O'Brien, Danny Pritchard, and David Steeg.

After everyone had time to settle in, do some taste comparisons including, maybe, a repeat tasting, the "best" selection votes were turned in to be tabulated. The election had a tie for first place.

Considerations for a tiebreaker included: arm wrestling, a foot race, Q & A about VLSC history, seniority vs youth. But it was discovered that one alumnus had not yet voted. Once his ballot came in, the tie was broken. Congratulations to the **2025 Chili Cookoff Contest** winners:

First Place Champion	John Burnfield
Second Place	Susan O'Brien
Third Place	Vann Barrett

Additional comments/appreciation go to:

Danny (s' 1968) Pritchard "HR" - for arriving early for tables, hall, etc. set up (and take down)

Dugg (s' 1969) Harrison "HR" - for coordination of the beverages

Tom (w' 1960) Byerly "HR" - our most senior member in attendance

Michael ("C" s' 2023) Chanatry - the newest member in attendance

Chris (w' 1992) Soulby "HR" - as winner of the 50/50, declining his portion of "the winnings"

A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean O'Brien, PC, w' 1975

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

February 28, 2025

The goal of this trip was to assist existing lifeguards on the beach of Ayampe for a busy holiday known as 'Carnavale'. After arriving at the Guayaquil Airport safely, we met Eli Phillips' friend, Eduardo, the taxi driver. He and his compadre drove us in the middle of night to Ayampe, where we met up with Eli and went straight to bed. We woke up the next morning and met with the two local lifeguards, Victor and Johnny. After a sweet whomping session, we put the beach out and began our work. The beach was nice, overcast, and not crowded.

- 2/28 8am: 0 people for attempted surf camp
10am: 2 hour shifts guarding
5pm: Stick and log cleanup with Mate Tirado
6pm: Guard pulled
- 3/1 6:45: Sunset on the beach with friends
9am: Breakfast cooked by Señor Beaver
10am: Surf camp/JR lifeguard with local kids
12:30pm: Lunch and place guard tower
1:43pm: Harper assist 2 bathers with Victor
6pm: Guard pulled
9pm: Attempted to clear beach by setting it ablaze



- 3/2 9:30am: Best fish soup ever created; "Encebollado"
10am: Start patrol
12pm: Fire fajitas at Eli's
2:41pm: Jolly preventative action
4:14pm: Turner preventative action
6:30pm: Guard pulled
- 3/3 10am: Put beach out
12pm: Fried potatoes and such for lunch
4pm: Surfing during off hours
4:15pm: Turner whistles at some bathers
6pm: Guard pulled

Roster of members who traveled were

Zane Harper, Liam Turner, Dylan Beaver, Garrett Tirado, and Steven Jolly.

Overall, we had a great trip that was full of learning experiences and teaching moments. We guarded all day every day, alongside our new friends Johnny and Victor. We had very hospitable hosts, Eli and Kelsi, who made sure we were hydrated and fed around the clock, much like a mother tending to a newborn. The connections made are those to be cherished and maintained for a long time, in hopes of returning frequently enough to be well known around town. Hopefully, we made an impact significant enough to be noticed now that our presence is absent once again.

Respectfully submitted,
Surfman Steven Jolly, cW'23

2025 Easter Egg Hunt

Adventure Landing, April 19, 2025

Curiosity got the better of me regarding the history of this annual Fund-Raising event.

Research shows that during the Spring of 2012, a non-profit group that had helped before could not ensure sufficient workers. To save the day, in steps the *VLSC*. Counting my bunny toes and fingers, that means this year's Egg Hunt marks the Corps' 14th consecutive year.

As before, individuals associated with the Corps helped set up the course, monitored the egg hunters, and actively participated in the live raffle after each of the three hunts.

As a result of this event, Adventure Landing was pleased to donate \$2,498.50 to our friends of the *Volunteer Life Saving Corps* to assist with their continued commitment of serving the community. Further and specifically, our appreciation goes to the following alphabetical list of the 16 volunteers helping this year.

Tom BYERLY,
Hank ISAACS,
Marty MANLEY,
Jimmy MOORE,
Danny PRITCHARD,

Mark DENNIS,
Joseph KOHLHAAS,
Marlee Manley
Sean O'BRIEN,
Jack SARES,

Mark HOLTSINGER,
Paul MacLEAN,
Paul McKINIRY,
Susan O'Brien,
Leslie Sares,
and Chris SOULBY

Respectfully,
Easter Bunny



SPRING TRAINING REPORT

Feb-April 2025

Getting all of the boys to agree on the same thing is always a challenge, so you can only imagine how difficult organizing training was. However, thanks to the support from the Instructor Department and the Mates, we were able to get everyone certified and ready to hit the beach.

This year, we even had access to the Fletcher Pool, which was a huge help to both the instructor and mate departments for our pool class. We ran a four-day EMR class taught by American Red Cross–certified instructors, which was paired with both beach and pool sessions.

A big thank you goes out to retired man Scotty MacDonald, past captain Dan Leonard, retired woman Garner-Kline, retired man Zach Proctor, and BOD member Danny Pulido for their help during spring training and for being incredibly flexible when working with the boys. It's because of these amazing alumni that we were able to build our backbone on the beach this year.

Respectfully submitted,
1st Mate Garrett Tirado

OPENING DAY AND BEACHES PARADE

April 27, 2025

Opening Day began with Roll Call and Inspection of the Guard by the Board of Directors and Special Guests from the City of Jax Beach. The Parade was held in the afternoon on a beautiful sunny Sunday.



Inspection of the Guard at 9am

Opening Day parade



WINTER 2025 RECRUIT CLASS

Oh, Winter Class, some might say the harder of the two Recruit Classes we annually run. (Nothing to do with the Instructor department both being winter class.) Winter 2025 began in early February, and shortly after, we were down to half a dozen recruits. And once the class really picked up, we were left with four making it to the last week.

Commodore Andres Garcia was chosen by his peers to lead the Winter Class through 12 freezing weeks, and boy, did the class choose well. Commodore Garcia is a true rarity even amongst other Commodores, as he stuck to it and was his class's ONLY Commodore, something we don't often see. And although I still question his choice of patient carries on graduation day, he did a wonderful job leading through the hardships of winter, holding the class together with a great attitude and a smile.

Recruit Yaseen Abdalla really had me worried at the start of the class. Coming off as a little timid with a 550 time of over 22 minutes, I had my doubts. However, they were quickly put to bed by Recruit Abdalla's drive and eagerness to learn, as by the end of the class he had taken well over 12 minutes off his time to pass his swim by pool test. Recruit Class is a mammoth of a challenge physically, mentally, and emotionally, and I can only imagine how much more difficult it is when you're fasting for half of it! I'm more than impressed.

Recruit Jordyn Knight provided the class with something we desperately needed: a swimmer. Like all swimmers, however, it was a process getting her to run. In addition to medical knowledge and physical fitness, over the course of this class we saw her learn a number of important life lessons, such as how to go through doors and to always lead with her hands. As the first female recruit we've had in a few years, she was a shining example of how girls can be one of the boyz <+> #GirlPower

Recruit Tyler Ciraldo or 'Cilantro' was by far the most inquisitive recruit I've had the pleasure of teaching. Always smiling, but also paying attention in the classroom, I could count on Ciraldo to help his class with medical knowledge and ask excellent questions that sent the classroom down a rabbit hole, albeit an important, educational rabbit hole. As for the nickname, I'm not entirely sure what happened at Pool Test... but some things just stick.

From the pool in the morning, to Training Committee in the evening, Recruit Class is a crucible to see if you are physically fit and medically competent enough to save someone's life. And while Winter '25 more than proved they can do this, I was far more impressed by how quickly and naturally these four came to embody the esprit de corps. I'm more than excited to see them continue to grow within the membership! <+>



Knight, Ciraldo, Garcia, Abdalla

Respectfully Submitted,

Assistant Instructor Ethan Newell W'19

27TH ANNUAL “FISHBAIT THOMPSON” CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

May 5, 2025, Hidden Hills Golf Club

Our 2025 tournament was a huge success. We raised \$19,000! Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and everyone who donated items for the Raffle and Silent Auction.

The **Hole in One Sponsor** was GEORGE MOORE CHEVROLET.

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Wait you say.. “What about the Golfers???”

What is there to say? We have the best Golfers – what fun!!

And the biggest Thank You goes to the Golf Committee...

- Perke and Bette Robinson,
- Danny Pritchard,
- Duggan Harrison,
- Cheryl Jolly,
- Bill Beckerleg

Your commitment is appreciated very much!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sperbeck, Honorary Member



MATE DAY

April 6 and July 6

Mate day is a chance for the recruits to see the practical use of all the classroom knowledge put to the test. In the morning, the classes were able to load up the trucks with the proper equipment for the guards to sit on the tower. They were also able to join in for the morning training hour which included a little medical training and then a run/swim/run. As the trucks went north and south to put out the beach, the recruits rode along to help put out condition flags and set up the towers. When they got back to the station, we went over beach rescues utilizing both passive and active assisted rescues in the ocean. This tested their approach to the victim, having to account for the long shore current, sloughs, and practicing dolphin diving and keeping their eyes on the victim while swimming out.

After lunch, we returned to practice scenarios on the lifeguard tower. Mock scenarios were created, to show them possible situations they might encounter while sitting their tower. We ran through tower etiquette, radio communication and arm waving, and signals. The practice training box was utilized to go over W1s, W2s and signal 8's. The recruits were then released to shadow the rest of the day with our guards since they had indicated their knowledge and confidence in their instructions.

Respectfully submitted,
1st Mate Garrett Tirado, W'2017

SPRING SOCIAL - 2025

May 10, 2025

Knights of Columbus Hall, Penman Road
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

One could say that this Saturday evening event was akin to icing on top of the cake.

- 21 days ago :: many VLSC members helped at the Adventure Landing Easter Egg Hunt
- 20 days ago :: Easter Sunday
- 13 days ago :: the 2025 season kicked off with Opening Day ceremonies at the Station
- 13 days ago :: the VLSC truck, surfboat, and spirited volunteers participated in the Parade
- 5 days ago :: Cinco de Mayo
- 5 days ago :: 27th annual "Fishbait" Thompson Charity Golf Classic held without a hiccup
- today :: VLSC's Spring Social

With a nod to the Mexican holiday, the nearly 90 guests in attendance enjoyed a meal of tacos filled with Carne Asada, Mexican beans, and spicy rice. There were no shortages of the stories of old. Along with some adult beverages to help cool down the spices – a fun time was had by all.

Esprit d' Corps <+> or, as the Spanish would say, 'Viva el cuerpo' (*long live the Corps*)

Thanks to HR Danny Pritchard for mastering the hall set up and food preparation.

Thanks to HR Dugg Harrison for arrangement of plentiful and properly chilled beverages.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean O'Brien PC

2025 FILL THE BUOY <+> FUND RAISER

The VLSC collected donations on two different Saturdays this year, as the COJB only grants a non-profit charity two ‘solicitation permits’ per year.

There are two critical factors necessary to make this event worthwhile. The first: weather (specifically rain, thunderstorms) is out of our control. The second: workers, is in our wheel house. Simply put, more workers = more exposure to possible donors. We could accommodate 28 helpers on each of the two work days.

On the 03-29-2025 collection date we had 14 workers & on 05-24-2025 we had 10 workers.

These notes were recorded over the two different collection days:

- a first for one of our helpers – a donation made by a bicyclist,
- a first – one of our helpers tripped and ended up with some scratches to his face,
- a first ?? – a true non-Corps member helped collect during one of the shifts,
- the March date was mostly overcast with a slight breeze (rained the next day),
- the May date had full sun but an east wind helped make it a little more bearable,
- after filling up at the gas station, a lady ran to the corner to make a donation in a Buoy,
- one helper had donations from sidewalk walkers three different times during his shift,
- one helper was asked by a female driver if she could take his picture,
- yes, we get loose change, but one donor gave us a Ziploc bag full (later it weighed in at 2.6 pounds),
- another gave us a full roll of quarters (\$10),
- the donation of a lottery card proved to be worth \$5,
- some of the helpers are in their 60’s with a handful aged over 70 years (that’s dedication),
- 2025 saw revised signs that showed Venmo & PayPal methods of payment (great idea)

Appreciation is extended to the following who gave up some personal time to help the VLSC again. Some boyz worked on both days: Dylan BEAVER w’2000, Alicia Bender, Randy BELYEW (twice) s’1965, Vince COURSEY (twice) w’1991, Rick FOSTER w’1996, Kris JOLLY “C” w’1996, Joe LARIZZA w’1980, Vance LeCLAIR (twice) w’1971, Ryan LYDON w’2024, Paul McKINIRY s’1969, Brian MURPHY 2s’1974, Pat NEVILLE 1s’1985, Chris SOULBY w’1992, David STEEG w’1978, Norm SULLIVAN w’1965, and Rick TARKINGTON (twice) w’1969.

The resulting 2025 deposit of coins, change, dollar bills, lottery cards, Venmo, and PayPal submissions totaled just over **\$ 5,440.00**. *(more people in 2026 would mean more revenue)* <+>

Respectfully submitted
Sean O’Brien w’ 1975, PC”



MENINAK OCEAN MARATHON REPORT

The Meninak Ocean Marathon began under a golden sunrise, and glassy seas. Spirits were high as a record-breaking crowd lined the shore, drawn by the historic moment of Sean O'Brian's 50th marathon swim. At 7:45 AM, the swimmers surged into the water, for a rare and early start, slicing through the calm with precision and grace. It was a picture-perfect start—until nature decided to rewrite the script.

About 2 hours into the race, the ocean turned. A wind rose from the north, unannounced and unrelenting. What began as a gentle breeze quickly escalated into a forceful headwind, churning the once-tranquil sea into a counter current. Swimmers who had been gliding effortlessly now fought for every stroke, their progress slowed by the relentless pushback of the elements. The change in conditions tested not just physical endurance but mental fortitude. Support crews kept a close watch.

🏆 Cleve Cooney emerged victoriously, claiming his 15th win, a testament to his unmatched resilience and tactical brilliance in open water.

🥈 Bill Horn powered through to secure second place, his performance marked by steady pacing and grit.

🥉 Laird Flint followed closely in third, navigating the waters with strategic finesse.

☀️ And of course, Sean O'Brian, the legend himself, completed his record-breaking 50th marathon, greeted by thunderous applause and emotional cheers from the crowd.

This year's Ocean Swim Marathon will be remembered not for its serene start, but for the northern wind that turned a race into a test of will. It was a reminder that in open water, the sea is never truly tamed—and that greatness often rises in the face of adversity.

92nd Meninak Ocean Marathon

July 26, 2025

Begins 7:45 at PV Red Roofs

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| 1. | *Cleve Cooney S'83 | 1:25:55 |
| 2. | *Bill Horn PC S'87 | 1:29:14 |
| 3. | Laird Flint W'24 | 1:34:42 |
| 4. | *Mike Lucas PC S'77 | 1:47:55 |
| 5. | *Patrick Neville | 1:50:11 |
| 6. | Jordyn Knight W'25 | 1:50:33 |
| 7. | *Mo Rudolph PC W'87 | 1:57:46 |
| 8. | *Andrew MacDonald W'12 | 1:57:54 |
| 9. | *Corey Wright PC W'97 | 1:58:04 |
| 10. | *Charlie Santana W'06 | 2:01:28 |
| 11. | Ryan Lydon W'24 | 2:08:54 |
| 12. | *Chris Soulby W'92 | 2:08:54 |
| 13. | *Jimi Palmer W'89 | 2:11:45 |
| 14. | Steven Jolly cW'24 | 2:16:23 |
| 15. | Tyler Ciraldo W'25 | 2:18:40 |
| 16. | Danny Pulido W'94 | 2:25:53 |
| 17. | *Anne Kline W'12 | 2:36:52 |
| 18. | Brian Garner W'83 | 2:42:11 |
| 19. | Jordan Barrow S'23 | 2:44:25 |
| 20. | *Sean O'Brien PC W'75 | 2:45:39 |
| 21. | *Doug Towson W'98 | 2:52:30 |
| 22. | Abdallah, Yaseen W'25 | 2:59:40 |
| 23. | *Jeff Goldstein S'68 | 3:33:16 |

*Retired

Respectfully submitted,
Past Captain Dan Leonard, Summer 2010, Period Sir!



Lining up to start the Ocean Marathon at the Red Roofs in Ponte Vedra



Meninak Swimmers Front Row L-R: Dave Bew safety kayak, Danny Pulido, Maurice Rudolph, Bill Horn, Charlie Santana, Andrew MacDonald Paz, Anne Kline, Chris Soulby, Valerie Gregg safety paddleboard, Tyler Ciraldo, Jimi Palmer, Sean O'Brien, Corey Wright. Back Row L-R: Brian Garner, Doug Towson, Yaseen Abdalla, Jordyn Knight, Mike Lucas, Cleve Cooney, Steven Jolly, Jeff Goldstein, Patrick Neville, Laird Flint, Ryan Lydon, Jordan Barrow



Finish line, finish trophies and key chain in honor of Sean's 50th swim.



Cleve Cooney coming out of the water in 1st place

Top 3 finishers
3rd Laird Flint
1st Cleve Cooney
2nd Bill Horn



Sean's fan club witnessing the historic 50th swim



SUMMER SOCIAL

July 26, 2025 – Knights of Columbus Hall (Penman Road)

Following the pattern of the last decade or so, the Meninak Ocean Marathon occurred earlier this morning. Then the Corps came together again in the evening to relax and enjoy good food and good times. Attendance was large with over 115 persons filling the hall.

During the event, speakers included:

- Pres. Emery – welcomed everyone and made special mention of Cleve Cooney winning his 15th Marathon, praised Jimi Palmer on joining the elite '*Quarter Century Club*' with his 25th swim that morning and gave a trophy to a member that completed his 50th Marathon swim earlier today.
- RM Dugg Harrison – presented a Golf Sponsorship award to RM Jeff Goldstein for his financial support at the 2025 Fishbait Thompson Golf Tournament held earlier this year.
- PC Bill Horn – introduced and thanked the three area politicians joining us tonight: Mayor Cori Bylund, Councilman Greg Sutton, and Councilman Bruce Wouters
- Alum Norm Sullivan – shared some words and a moment of silence on the passing this week of PC Carl McKenney, s' 1963.
- RM Gary Fiske (*with assistance from others*) – presented PC Sean O'Brien a wooden beach lifeguard chair in recognition of completing his 50th annual Meninak Ocean Marathon.
- PC Sean O'Brien – (*aided by Mark Del Pezzo's daughter, Gabi*) distributed fifteen or so door prizes and a 50/50 raffle drawing. Needless to say, I am overwhelmed by all the attention, well wishes, and the unexpected fabulous awards/gifts given to me today as I completed my 50th Marathon. I feel truly blessed.

Over twenty families provided varied food for the evening. With the exception of some Publix chicken wings & a 6' sandwich, everything was homemade. The "heavy appetizers" fare included:

shrimp taco bites with cilantro cream sauce
mexican bean dip
pork sliders
pizza rolls
fried chicken wings
fruit & cheese tray
cheese, salami, olives, etc. skewers
assorted sandwiches
fany pickles
brownies

a 6-foot-long Larry's Giant Sub sandwich
donated assortment of wines
beef/pork sliders
jalapeno poppers
Mardi Gras chicken
shrimp macaroni salad
meat balls
pork carnitas or tacos
egg roll in a bowl
homemade cake with Buoy design on top

Hats off to the most senior member in attendance: Perke Robinson, s' 1957.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean O'Brien, w' 1975, PC

SUMMER 2025 RECRUIT CLASS REPORT

Summer '25 started off in typical fashion on a rather toasty Sunday morning. However, due to the worst reasons, insurance reasons, summer class was unable to be cut down to an eight week class (Oh Boy!!!), and Summer '25 kicked off their 12 sweltering weeks. It was quite a rough start, beginning with a class of six and a whole lot of punctuality issues, but as the recruit class does, the six were quickly cut down to 2: the Commodore and a legacy.

Commodore Ben Jokisch, dragged out to the beaches from half way across town by his friends, was rather quickly thrust into the position of Commodore, and did a great job leading his class of two. Despite cruising through the first half of the class, the triathlete Commodore began to realize that having friends amongst the surfmen isn't always the best thing once he met them at the pool. A couple rescues later, and after a bit of really deep breathing, Commodore Jokisch dug his heels in and became one of the best recruits we've had in years. That being said "it's harder to stay in than get in"<+>

Recruit Lucia Pulido is the fourth Pulido we've had the pleasure of having at the VLSC, and the second I trained. Despite this, she still went through the entire class blissfully unaware that the entire membership knew that there was an ulterior motive involved in her participation. However, she still put in a great deal of effort and energy into both the physical and mental aspects of the class... except for struggling to watch the boat right up until graduation. Speaking of graduation, how are you smiling the ENTIRE class, except graduation? But hey, at the end of the day, I'm just happy she got off the bulkhead before dropping me.

Now, what makes me the proudest about Summer '25 isn't their effort, or fitness, it isn't even their esprit de corps, it's that in most years there is a clear argument for why Winter Class is harder (and better), being that it's 4 weeks longer. However, being full-length and swelteringly hot, a Summer Class now has a valid argument after over 100 years. ;)

Respectfully Submitted,
Assistant Instructor Ethan Newell W'19 <+>



WINTER & SUMMER RECRUIT TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cold weather, wind, and rough ocean conditions lingered into late Spring this year, giving us PERFECT conditions for Winter Class Training Committee. Although we did have to make sure we weren't going to lose recruits in the Nor'easters a few times. After a few weeks of introductory beach runs and special, closed-door boat room sessions for military calisthenics, the class shed several members. The remaining 4 members coalesced into a solid unit, and they picked up performance. They became very strong in the classroom material, which almost took the fun out of it. They were fortunate enough to participate in the Posch Run early on an April Saturday, where they were treated with encouragement and wisdom from PC Tim Kline and Billy Posch stories from PC Matt Duffy. They capped off their recruit experience on Test Sunday with a renewed tradition: a highly entertaining Recruit Skit that got in a couple good digs at the Instructors Newells and 2nd Mate Malak.

The Summer Class began as a class of two clearly different groups. One group always lagged behind the other, which made TC very difficult to run at higher intensity as the weeks went on. Though it was unfortunate that the class dropped to just two members, the baggage was shed from the class, and they were able to continue training at a high standard, led mostly by BOD Dr. Danny Pulido and RM Charlie Santana. The Posch Run for the Summer Class was on a hot and humid afternoon in late June. Generously led by PC Tim Kline again, we ran to the newly constructed Atlantic Beach Ocean Rescue Station. There, we were regaled with Billy Posch tales from ABOR Captain Phillips from when Billy worked there. Their training was complete on a Test Sunday in early July, albeit with a slight delay for Recruit Surfman Pulido to take a nice, long moment to contemplate her life decisions as she glided off the end of the pier at 6AM.

Congrats to the new Recruit Surfmen. A big thanks to 3rd Mate Andrew MacDonald for co-chairing TC with me, PC Tim Kline for leading the Posch Run and Test Sunday practicals, RM Charlie Santana and BOD Senior Surfman Danny Pulido for leading countless TCs in the Summer class, and the surfmen that assisted with TC this year, including but not limited to Surfmen Ryan Lydon, Nathan Arnold, Laird Flint, Ben Spinowitz, and Liam Turner.

Respectfully submitted,
2nd Registrar Alex Santana, W'05
Training Committee Co-Chairman



INTER-CREW SWIM MEETS

July 7 and August 4

The first inter-crew swim meet is underway, featuring 1st Mate Tirado, 2nd Mate Malak, and 3rd Mate MacDonald. The opening event was a fin-run relay race. Both crews split into halves, separated by about 50 yards. Wearing fins, they ran through the soft sand in front of Ole #2. Crew 1 landed a commanding victory over Crew 2.

The next event was beach flags, a team competition staple that promotes speed, competitiveness, and reaction time. As the number of flags decreased, so did the number of Crew 1 participants. This round ended in a Crew 2 victory, with two of their members advancing to the final round.

The final event was an all-beach relay. One member from each crew pulled their tower to the water's edge, then tagged a teammate carrying a buoy, sending them into the water to "rescue" a member of the opposing crew. Once the rescuer and "victim" returned to shore, they tagged another teammate, who then dragged the tower back up the beach. The final leg involved tagging a crew member to complete a cone race back to the station. Crew 2 pulled off a win in this event.

The second swim meet was also picture day, so everyone came in with high spirits. The first event was a paddleboard relay. With a large surf rolling in, the race really highlighted who was confident on the board. Some competitors gained a massive lead, while others lost their boards entirely and had to swim back in. Crew 1 held a commanding lead going into the next event.

Next up: a full inter-crew water polo match. With strong currents, the goals were drifting south quickly. Crew 1 secured a 2-0 win in under 10 minutes helped of course by the drift. The game was cut short due to lightning in the area.

The final event was a full-crew swim around a buoy, followed by a race back to shore for placements. As the members entered the ocean, the drift again played a huge role, putting surfmen's skill and adaptability to the test. Once back on shore, the crews lined up on the beach. Crew 1 delivered another dominant performance, securing a massive win over Crew 2 and solidifying their power and expertise.

To wrap things up, we held a social event, a "tiebreaker" to help Crew 2 feel better. We went to Beach Bowl and invited everyone to come out for a fun gathering. Crew 2 showed up in numbers and with the attitude of "we already know what we're going to do." Big thanks to BOD member Danny Pulido for covering the social and giving Crew 1 one last opportunity to assert their dominance this beach year.

Respectfully submitted,
1st Mate Garrett Tirdado W'2017



PICNIC GUARDS

There were two official Picnic Guard events this year, supporting swimmers in an open water swim and a lake triathlon.

The HammerHead Ocean Marathon (HOM) celebrated its 20th year as a fundraiser for the Competition Team and the Corps. Started in 2006 by RM Chrissy Wallis Henry c'S'98 and BOD Susan Wallis, this has grown to over 300 swimmers, choosing between three different distances. VLSC provides course set up, water safety during the swims, and course breakdown, along with helping at the post-race food tent and awards tent.



Over the past 20 years, more than \$60,000 has been donated to the Competition Team and the Corps from this popular event. This past year, conditions were good for all the swimmers.



The HammerHead Olympic Triathlon (HOT) brings triathletes to Camp Blanding for a swim in Kingsley Lake, a bike on the rolling hills of the base, and a hot run on an almost-closed course. The Corps provides water safety for this event that features either a 1k distance for the Olympic course or a 500m distance for the sprint course.

The main charities for this event are groups from the base: the Family Support Group, The Florida Youth Challenge Academy, and two high school Jr ROTC units. These groups provide the volunteers for the rest of the triathlon with manning the water/aid stations, post-race food stations, course set up and breakdown and transition area.

When the event brings in enough money, a small donation is made to the Corps.

Volunteers are necessary components at any event; without them, it would be impossible to put on the event. I appreciate the involvement of the VLSC helping me put on a successful open water swim and an Olympic/sprint triathlon.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallis



Hand-painted awards for the HOM



HOT water safety: Susan Wallis, Bill Horn, Mikey Atkins, Jared Newell, Ryan Lydon

COMPETITION TEAM 2025

Over the 2025 season, the Boyz and Girlz of Comp Team trained rigorously in preparation for the Ocean Deck Challenge in Daytona, as well as USLA South Atlantic Regional Competition. Most Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings were filled with waiting for Surfman Flint to arrive to practice on time. Training consisted of tons of running, swimming, and paddling, as well as surfing some “munster waves”.

On June 27, the Boyz sent a 6-person team to Daytona for the Ocean Deck challenge. After a weather delay and retiredwoman Garner tent fighting a losing battle to the wind, the abs and tan lines were revealed as the event kicked off. Pre-bulk Surfman Arnold dominated in beach flags (thanks to several questionable false starts), getting second overall; retiredwoman Garner and 3rd mate McDonald placed 3rd on the surf skis; while Surfman Flint, Surfman Turner, and Surfman Lydon secured the remaining points to get the team a 4th place finish out of 10 teams. The team scarfed down some food and headed back to good ol’ #2 that night to unload equipment. Big thanks to Volusia County for hosting this event.



L-R: Anne Kline, Laird Flint, Liam Turner, Nathan Arnold, Ryan Lydon, Andrew MacDonald



L-R Susan Wallis, Andrew MacDonald, Anne Kline, Bill Horn, Laird Flint, Liam Turner

On July 14th, Retiredwoman Garner worked through her extremely rational fear of towing trailers and took the competition team on a 15 hour trek to the Outer Banks for the USLA South Atlantic Regionals. It is clear that her skills in backing up a trailer have improved tremendously since the start of the summer. Thank you to Retiredman Matt Lydon and his wife, who allowed half the team to stay at their house on the way up to make the journey less torturous. Surfman Flint can attest that their baby is quite silent and taciturn. Even though the team was small, an alliance with Atlantic Beach Ocean Rescue and great team spirit kept morale

high throughout the duration of the competition. Due to extremely well thought out planning and unfortunate weather, only a single event was completed on the principal day of the event, the 90-meter sprint. Nevertheless, the team looked towards the coming 16-hour competition day 2 in high spirits. Surfman Turner displayed his running skills by setting the standard with a strong finish in the 2k run event, which took place at the ungodly hour of 6am. Both Surfman Flint and Turner participated in many paddle boarding events, where they were able to demonstrate how hard work pays off by placing top ten and better in multiple events. With the help of Atlantic Beach Ocean

Rescue, the team was able to place fourth in the Rescue Can Race. Retired woman Garner and 3rd Mate MacDonald were able to flex their skills on the surf skis and paddle boards during this competition, showing that they are, in fact, NOT washed. 3rd Mate MacDonald demonstrated his extreme endurance skills by completing the iron man not only once, but TWO TIMES IN A ROW!! The water conditions of Nags Head were absolutely lovely, for the water was a “perfect” 73 degrees, and jellyfish and sea nettles occupied every single square inch of water, making for a very non-itchy and comfortable competition. Past-Captain Bill Horn was not only able to exhibit his machine-like skills regarding every aspect of competing by placing top 3-5 in multiple events, but also suavely and selflessly saved the extremely valuable and important life of Surfman Flint, who now holds the envied record for the most nosebleeds in a single day and is definitely not writing this report. Honorary Member Susan Wallis once again carried the team by consistently placing well in her events, displaying her iron resolve and love for the sport and the Corps.

After a great day of competing, the team and ABOR ventured to the coup de gras of all tourist traps in the OBX, a place named Jurassic Putt. Despite Surfman Flint absolutely demolishing his opponents in Putt-Putt, he remained humble and allowed his opponents to revel in the bliss that is Jurassic Putt, signaling a fitting end to the Nags Head saga. Huge thank you to the Nags Head Ocean Rescue for hosting this event, and setting quite a lackadaisical bar for when Jacksonville Beach hosts 2026 regionals. Don’t forget: the more people we have who compete in age groups, the more points we reap!



Flint & Lydon (left), Turner & Garner (right) in Daytona



Turner and Flint in Nags Head at SALA regionals.

Successful trailer stacking!



Note: Susan Wallis attended USLA Nationals in Huntington Beach, CA in August as an official

DELIBOARD 2025

Thanks to Retiredman Danny Pritchard for organizing the deliboard for the Boyz again this year. There was a variety of menus and the active membership appreciated all the good food.

Voting for the best Deliboard takes place at the end of the season, with the winner claiming the title of **Golden Spoon**.

PC Bill Horn May 25
Teriyaki Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Red beans and rice



Susan Wallis BOD, May 26
Baked Lasagna and ziti, watermelon, oranges, muffins, brownie bites



Al Santana, BOD June 15
Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, red potato salad, chips, tea, lemonade, Gatorade, brownie dessert, assorted condiments
(No picture)

John Fernsler & Danny Pritchard July 4
Wings, potato salad, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies



Cayden Clancy June 22
Sub sandwiches, fried chicken wings, assorted fruits, iced tea, lemonade, cookies



PC Bill Horn & wife Karry July 6
Chicken thighs, mac and cheese,
green beans, red beans and rice



Winners of the GOLDEN SPOON!

Ryan Lydon and family Aug 4
Ribs, brisket, mac and cheese,
cake pops
(No picture)

Steven Jolly and mom Cheryl Aug 17
Chicken tacos with the fixin's, beans
and rice



Brian Garner Aug 11
Turkey and roast beef wraps,
shrimp salad, mixed fruit,
brownies, chips



Al Santana, BOD Aug 31
Homemade spaghetti and meatballs,
salad, garlic bread, brownies, orange
Gatorade, iced tea



Vance LeClair Aug 24
Ham and turkey sliders, Asian ramen
slaw, fruit salad, chips, cookies



3RD ANNUAL SONS AND SALTS OYSTER ROAST

September 27, 2025, at American Legion Post 129

The 3rd Annual Oyster Roast was a success. Together the VLSC and American Legion Post 129 hosted a fun and prosperous event for both our organizations. A big shout out to the American Legion for their continued support of the VLSC. This year multiple sponsors stepped forward in support of our organization.

Many thanks to those who donated beginning with John and Lolli Atkins and C&C Fisheries. Wilson Trailers-Randy Wilson, BR Surgical- Doug Barrow, Mark Delpezzo-CFP, Coastal Cash-Marty Manley and Teisha who kept it all moving and brought in volunteers who worked effortlessly with ticketing, raffles and silent auctions. Proceeds from this year's event exceeded the two previous years and will help to support VLSC's future endeavors.

A special thank you to all those involved in planning, organizing and boots on the ground to make this event a success.

VLSC MEMBERS: Dugg Harrison, Dan Corn, Mark Muraski, Brian Garner

BOD members: Barbara Sperbeck and friends on the chowder line.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Corn W'1975, HR

Grill Masters

Mark Muraski

Dan Corn

Paul (American
Legion)

Brian Garner



QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT REPORT

We had a good year in the Quartermaster department thanks to all the help and support from active members and alumni. I would like to thank RM Danny Pritchard for running deli board and for organizing alumni workdays to get the Alamo cleaned up and ready to use. I would also like to thank JBOR Captain Rob Emahiser for the use of tools and knowledge of the station. Finally, I would like to thank Captain Richard McDill for all his help and support with all the projects.

We had several projects that were completed this year. The first was to transform the old dorm into a new training room for our recruits and active members. The room was cleaned out, painted, and pictures were hung. Winter Recruit Project was to hang up some pictures and pack away the extra so they could be taken to the Chapter House for storage. The Summer Recruit Project was to detail the truck, clean the station, and hang some more pictures.

The Alamo was a major project this year. The truck and comp team equipment now have a safe storage facility near the station. This is a huge add. The biggest project of the year was the long-awaited hanging of PC Kline's picture in the club room. This created much fanfare on the Tuesday meeting after completion! It was a good year thanks to the many amazing members of this fantastic organization.

The Quartermaster department will be in good hands next year under the command of the new 1st QM Marco Pulido.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Barrow S'2023



REGISTRAR DEPARTMENT REPORT

1st Registrar Valerie Zevens-Gregg, W'96

2nd Registrar Alex Santana, W'05

While the Registrar department has seen a lot of turnovers in years past due to injury, military deployments, and the worst offender – college school leave, this year has stood out for how smoothly it went. It doesn't hurt that both of us Registrars are old salts that have served in the role in years past, but it is primarily the professionalism and institutional knowledge of 1st Registrar Valerie Zevens-Gregg and BOD member Susan Wallis that keeps the Registrar Department the well-oiled machine that it is. In particular, their exceptional preparation and organization in the offseason paid dividends all year long.

This year in the Registrar Department was marked by consolidating our cloud drives to one location, reenergizing the social media accounts (if we could just find the passwords somewhere), continuing to do all the jobs in the "Quarter-strar" tradition, wearing radios again, and bringing the ever-important Deliboard and stoke back to the Boatroom.

We were fortunate to have a capable and cohesive Staff and a group of quality surfmen that made our lives easier. The character of the surfmen these days is the highest I have ever seen, and it makes the extra hours worth it. To support the young men and women that sit the beach is truly rewarding, and though the Registrar position has changed considerably since I last served in 2007, that part has not.

Finally, I don't think we could have a Registrar Report without recognizing and thanking 1st Registrar Valerie Zevens-Gregg for dedicating continuous years of service on Staff so we can have a steady and consistent Registrar Department. She delivers far beyond the required scope of the Registrar due to her effectiveness and genuine spirit of service. We are beyond fortunate to have her in this organization. It has been an honor to support her so she can continue her legacy in the Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

Respectfully submitted,
2nd Registrar Alex Santana, W'05



Above picture: Ryan Lydon learning what it takes to become 2nd Registrar for 2025-26 season.

Picture on right: Your friendly neighborhood Registrar Department:
1st Reg Valerie Gregg and
2nd Reg Alex Santana



GIRLZ IN THE CORPS

**Honorably Retired*

1995 Winter	Bandi Morford, commodore Lianna Rothstein
1996 Winter	Valerie Zevens-Gregg
Summer	Tiffany Gardner-Sral
1998 Winter	Krissy Cerrato Kerri Dalpe
Summer	Chrissy Wallis-Henry*, commodore
2000 Winter	Lisa Golger
Summer	Abbi Furnas
2001 Winter	Jelisse Marrero *
2002 Winter	Allison Justice* Suzanne Willis
2003 Winter	Bonnie Brogdon Elise Brown Morgan Courtney Katie Engmann-Ghiotto* Louise Jakobsen Elizabeth Layfield Suzanne Martel
Summer	Jessica Czervionke
2004 Winter	Jessica Thompson
2005 Winter	Hannah Bloom Rachel Bryson
Summer	Bailee Hedstrom
2006 Winter	Inna Gudiyev Jenn Purcell Anastasia Vaccaro
Summer	Kaitlyn Shemenski *
2007 Winter	Alyssa Massaro
Summer	Olivia Creavy Stephanie Smith, commodore
2008 Winter	Kaitlyn Morris Monica Ruggerio * Catherine Woodcock
Summer	Allison Shemenski *
2010 Winter	Anna Porter Jodi Richmond Kaitlin Whited *
2011 Winter	Morgan Langley Eva Porter Martha Stolzenberg
2012 Winter	Lauren Badenhoop Nicole Emerson * Anne Garner *

Summer	Sam Peters * Miranda Powell, commodore
2013 Winter	Elise Byrd *
Summer	Olivia Pigg
2014 Winter	Gabrielle Porter
Summer	Alexis Wingate Flowers
2015 Winter	Macy Scott
Summer	Caroline Metcalf-Parker * Autumn Utech
2016 Winter	Abby Fleischmann * Emma Grenadier Katie Karnes* Chelsea Peters Cami Wight
2017 Winter	Faith Amerson Casey Hayford Luciana Nunez
1 st Summer	Danielle Baugh
2018 Winter	Kendall Allebach Jackson Jones Kaylen McMullin Eva Mowlam
Summer	Gabi Carter Mary Neligan
2019 Summer (first all-girls Class)	Christine Arrington Mia Carter, commodore Avery Shaver
2020 Winter	Savanna Coker Emily Miller, commodore Alma Yerkin
Summer	Amaris Daniels Faeryn Lee
2021 Winter	Kenzie Glenn Vireda Kerlin Arianna Phomvongsa
Summer	Anna Wilson
2025 Winter	Jordyn Knight
Summer	Lucia Pulido

BOLD = 2025 Active



VLSC CREWS

Crew 1

Captain Richard McDill
1st Mate Garrett Tirado
1st QM Jordan Barrow
1st Registrar Valerie Gregg
Surfman Steven Jolly
Surfman Laird Flint
Surfman Marco Pulido
Surfman Zane Harper

Crew 2

Lt Ryan Karish
2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak
2nd Registrar Alex Santana
Surfman Ben Spinowitz
Surfman Liam Turner
Surfman Nathan Arnold

Recruit Surfmen sit both crews

Yaseen Abdalla
Tyler Ciraldo
Andres Garcia
Ben Jokisch
Jordyn Knight
Lucia Pulido

Schedule

Date	Crew
4/27	1
5/4	2
5/11	1
5/18	2
5/25	1
5/26*	2
6/1	1
6/8	2
6/15	1
6/22	2
6/29	1
7/4	2
7/6	1
7/13	2
7/20	1
7/27	2
8/3	1
8/10	2
8/17	1
8/24	2
8/31	1
9/1*	2
9/7	1
9/14	2
9/21	1
9/28	2
10/5	1
10/12	2
10/19	1

*holiday

Crew 1



Crew 1 L-R 1st Registrar Valerie Gregg, 1st Mate Garrett Tirado, Surfman Steven Jolly, Surfman Zane Harper, Surfman Laird Flint, Surfman Marco Pulido, 1st QM Jarod Barrow, Captain Richard McDill

Crew 2



Crew 2: L-R 2nd Registrar Alex Santana, 2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak, Surfman Liam Turner, Surfman Ryan Lydon, Surfman Ben Spinowitz, Lt Ryan Karish

PICTURE DAY



Front row kneeling L-R: Recruit Surfmen – Andres Garcia, Yaseen Abdalla, Lucia Pulido, Jordyn Knight, Ben Jokisch, Tyler Ciraldo.

Second Row L-R: Sr Surfman Danny Pulido, STAFF - 2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak, 1st Mate Garrett Tirado, Ass't Instructor Ethan Newell, Instructor Jared Newell, Captain Richard McDill, Lt Ryan Karish, 1st Registrar Valerie Gregg, 2nd Registrar Alex Santana, 1st QM Jordan Barrow, PC Dan Leonard.

Third Row L-R: PC TK Kline, PC Mikey Atkins, Surfmen – Ben Spinowitz, Ryan Lydon, Laird Flint, Steven Jolly, Zane Harper, Marco Pulido, Liam Turner (Missing: 3rd Mate Andrew MacDonald Paz)



STAFF: 2nd Mate Joseph Abdel-Malak, 1st Mate Garrett Tirado, Ass't Instructor Ethan Newell, Instructor Jared Newell, Captain Richard McDill, Lt Ryan Karish, 1st Registrar Valerie Gregg, 2nd Registrar Alex Santana, 1st QM Jordan Barrow

Recruits with Instructors: L-R

Instructor Jared Newell, Yaseen Abdalla, Jordyn Knight, Andres Garcia, Tyler Ciraldo, Ben Jokisch, Lucia Pulido, Ass't Instructor Ethan Newell





Board of Directors

Board of Directors L-R (staggered line): Treasurer Sean O'Brien (PC), Michael Chanatry, Secretary Susan Wallis, RM Rick Foster, Al Santana, (back) Mark Holsinger, Valerie Gregg, Jason Marques, President Jim Emery (PC), Josh Roberts, Britt Sanders, Medical Director Danny Pulido, Greg Sutton, Captain Richard McDill.



Captain and the Girlz

Lucia, Captain, Valerie, Jordyn



A Family Affair

Ethan and Jared Newell; Marco, Lucia and Danny Pulido

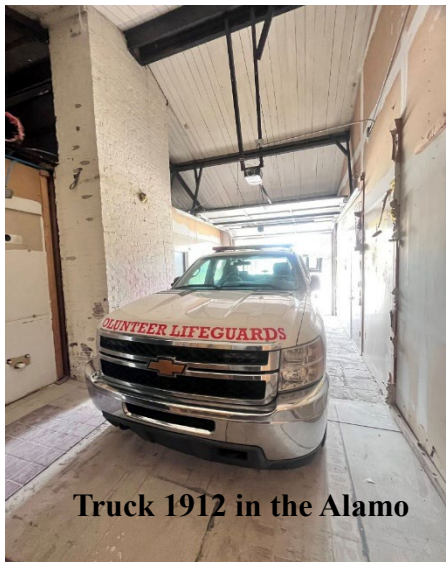


Retired Men

Kneeling: Sean O'Brien, Ryan Karish
Back Row: TK Kline, Joseph Abdel-Malak, Brian Murphy (wait; who took this picture?), Jim Emery, Richard McDill, Dan Leonard III, Rick Foster, Mikey Atkins, Newly Retired Jared Newell and Garrett Tirado

RANDOM Pictures from 2024-2025 Season





Truck 1912 in the Alamo



Lt Karish with new Corps Flag



Setting up Tower guard



Winter 2025 graduation

Abdalla, Inst Jared Newell, Jordyn, Cmdr Andres, Ass't Inst Ethan Newell, Tyler Ciraldo



Memorial Day Guard



Tower Pull, swim meet



Summer 2025 graduation



Cmdr Ben, Lucia

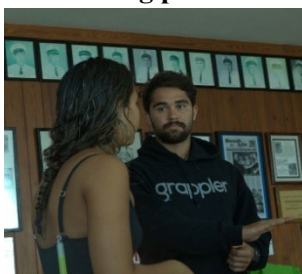


Memorial Service tradition



Opening Day

Lucia doing practicals



Ben doing practicals



GET OFF THE WALL and SWIM



Polar Plunge



Polar Plunge



Polar Plunge Crew



Opening Day Group Picture, April 27, 2025



Past Captains at Picture Day: L-R
Sean O'Brien, Timothy Kline, Jim Emery,
Dan Leonard III, Mikey Atkins

Look at the tan lines I got on the beach



Legendary Volunteers of the Life Saving Corps

In Corps Suit

Richard Riley W'1969
Honorably Retired
Twice Captain 1976 & 1989
Board President - 9 seasons, 1995-2003
RIP 2022

In street clothes

Gerry Wilson S'1961
Honorably Retired
Quadruple Captain 1961, 1963, 1970, 1971
Board Treasurer - 31 seasons, 1964-1994
RIP 2000



will YOU be the next legend?

Dear Lord, thank you.

Thank you for my involvement with the VLSC.

Thank you for the many lifelong friends the Corps has provided.

Thank you to my family and for good health allowing me to swim.

And thank you for the favorable seas during my 50th Marathon.

May God bless and continually watch over the Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

July 26, 2025



PC Sean O'Brien finishing his 50th Ocean Marathon

Blue Waters Society

A framed 1950 Opening Day photograph (borrowed from the hotel's hallway wall), depicting the very new three-year-old Station, together with the dunes at Casa Marina as our backdrop, 12 of the 18 members of the Blue Waters Society and their guests enjoyed an early morning fun filled, spirited gathering.

Esprit de Corps

August 5, 2025

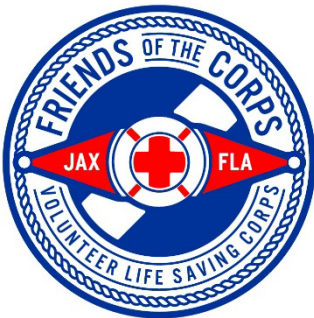


Kneeling L-R: Demian Harris c'W'2006 HR, Valerie Gregg W'1996, Sean O'Brien W'1975 PC HR, Tim Kline S'2006 PC HR

Standing L-R: Rich Morarity S'1973 HR, Joe Boyer W 1975 HR, Jim Emery S'1972 PC HR, Paul MacLean c'S'1975, John Burnfield W'1976 HR, Dylan Beaver W'2000 HR, Vann Barrett W'1986 HR, Brian Murphy 2nd S'1974 HR.

Missing: Bret Creech S'1980 HR, Josh Langley W'2004 HR, Andrew MacDonald W'2012 HR, Scott MacDonald W'1987 HR, Richard Stanford W'1997, Bryce McClure S'2006

MEET THE 2026 STAFF



The Volunteer Life Saving Corps has always been a cornerstone of safety and community service, driven by the dedication of our active members and Alumni. To further enhance our organizational reach and provide an avenue for broader community engagement, we have established: Friends of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps, abbreviated as Friends of the Corps (FOC).

Inspired by similar organizations, such as the “Friends of the Library” model, this new membership group would allow individuals who are passionate about supporting our mission to participate in our efforts without the strict physical and time commitments of active membership. The primary goal of introducing the Friends of the Corps membership category is to create a sustainable, flexible way for supporters to engage with and contribute to the Corps. This new group would serve as an extension of the Corps, offering a broad range of opportunities for involvement, financial support, and community outreach, all while maintaining a structure that ensures our active members can focus on their main responsibility: *Saving Lives*.

This is an exciting time for the VLSC. Community engagement and involvement will exponentially increase our impact. Stay tuned as this program expands in the coming months.

Economic Realities of New Members

Joining the *Volunteer Life Saving Corps*

\$ 75.00	obtaining & forwarding fingerprints to the State for background check
\$ 6.00	law enforcement fees for conducting background review/research
\$ 57.00	USLA's Lifeguard Training Manual
\$ 45.00	one pair of "DaFins" rescue swim fins
\$ 40.00	drug testing
\$ 23.00	ARC's certification card for EMR class completion
\$ 10.00	whistle
\$ 60.00	sun shirt (skin protection from excessive sun exposure)
\$ 50.00	uniform jackets
\$ 26.00	uniform bathing suit shorts
\$ 24.00	uniform bathing suit tops
\$ 45.00	winter wearing uniform apparel
\$ 35.00	end of the season's Appreciation Banquet and Awards Ceremony
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\$ 496.00	expenditures for each new member

