

# Krewe of Bowlegs

2014



2015

## No Mercy

Captain Todd Bolger & Queen Sue Laushine



Diamond Jubilee





# Message From Captain Billy LX

Welcome to the 60th Annual Krewe of Bowlegs Coronation Pageant. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the Krewe of Bowlegs as Captain Billy 60. Our "No Mercy!" Krewe are indeed the finest group of pirates and wenches to roam the Emerald Coast in quite some time. As this year was our Diamond Anniversary, I have made it a priority to focus on our heritage and commitment to promote the Emerald Coast as the premier vacation spot.

I am proud of our heritage and this year the KOB "No Mercy!" Krewe continued the tried and true traditions that made the Billy Bowlegs Festivals successful. This included a return to the traditional Bowlegs Torchlight Parade on Monday evening where Captain Billy and the Krewe rode victorious through the streets of Fort Walton Beach. Throughout this year, many of our previous Captain Billy's have joined us to help celebrate our 60th Diamond Anniversary including Captain Billy 13, French Brown Jr. and Captain Billy 14, Judge Irwin Fleet. The Krewe of Bowlegs has such a great heritage and this year has been a tribute to everyone and everything we've accomplished over the past 60 years.

Our Krewe had many major accomplishments this year which would not have been possible without having the support of the entire organization. We completed a major building renovation, established a multi-year strategic plan and set the foundation for future growth to support our mission and goals for the next 60 years. We did all this in addition to our normal busy schedule of parades, events and parties. This can only happen when all our Krewe members join in and make things happen. My personal thanks to each and every member for their support.

Our Queen of Bowlegs LX, Sue Laushine, is the true gem of our Krewe. Her energy, elegance and grace exemplifies what I looked for as my queen and Sue exceeded my expectations. She represented the Krewe well at our out-of-town events and I enjoyed our time atop the Blackhawk at all our parades. And a special thanks to Sue's Lackey, Steve, for his great support. Steve and I served together as USAF helicopter pilots with lots of old stories, but this year gives us some new stories to share with everyone.

I am blessed to have the best First Mate and First Mistress ever, James and Diane Baughman. Their contributions to this 'No Mercy!' year cannot be understated and I am eternally grateful for everything they both have done for me and the Krewe. My First Mate, James, has been a true partner, confidant, and leader for our team and I could not imagine spending this year with anyone else. Our First Mistress Diane exemplified all the great qualities I expected and needed as a part of our Top 6 Team. Never underestimate what the Baughman Team can contribute and they knocked it out of the park this year!

My 'No Mercy!' Honor Guard must be recognized as the best ever!! They initially met at a dinner prior to last year's Coronation and have bonded and partied together since. Ten great couples dedicated this year to represent the Krewe of Bowlegs and what a great job they did! I'm extremely proud of their participation in all our events and work parties and they made it all fun. We shared many special moments and will continue our friendship and common bond forever.

Most importantly, I want to recognize my wife, DeDe, for her support and encouragement during my preparation and time as Captain LX. DeDe's experiences as Queen LVII, knowledge of the Krewe, and most importantly, her innate perspective on how things must be done were essential to our success this year. To my love and my bride, my deepest and sincere thanks for all the support the past 18 months. I've enjoyed the ride and love how our experience has brought us more together.

The Captain is only as good as his Krewe that supports him and this year was no different. Eternal thanks to Vice Presidents Tom Connor and Jimmy Henderson for their valued support. I delegated many responsibilities and they responded with extreme professionalism and enthusiasm. To all my officers, advisors, committee chairmen and the entire Krewe, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve with the Krewe of Bowlegs!!

Our No Mercy! year now comes to an end along with our Diamond Anniversary for the Krewe. Since 1954 the Krewe of Bowlegs has formed a legacy of piracy and community support. I hope this continues for another 60 years. Thank you to all who helped make this such a special year and good luck to Captain Billy Bowlegs LXI and his Krewe as they set sail on their new adventure.



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# Todd Bolger

## Captain Billy Bowlegs LX

Captain Billy Bowlegs LX initially landed in Fort Walton Beach in 1982 as a visitor and quickly made it his goal to settle in this beautiful paradise. His plan came together in 1991 when he was stationed at Hurlburt Field. During that time he met the love of his life and married his bride, DeDe, who joined him on his journey across the globe. They both returned to Fort Walton Beach in 2003 with three children, Ian, Trace and Payton. Captain Billy accomplished his goal from 20 years before and now calls the Emerald Coast his home.

Todd was born and raised in a small rural town in Pennsylvania as one of six children in a tight knit family. He ventured off to college in Colorado where he attended the U.S. Air Force Academy and entered the Air Force in 1982. Todd spent over 21 years serving as an officer and helicopter pilot performing Special Missions, Combat

Rescue and Special Operations. He culminated his career as a Combat Rescue Squadron Commander leading rescue operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq from 2001 - 2003. Todd retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2003.

Since moving back to the area, Todd has served in the Krewe as a member since 2006, being selected for Honor Guard by Captain Billy LVIII, Brock Fisher and as the Queen LVII Lackey. He has worked for Leidos Corporation, formerly SAIC, for the past 12 years and is currently the Director of International Business Development. Todd also is a primary partner in DB Farms and oversees farming operations in western Tennessee.

Todd is a member of the Air Force Association Hurlburt Chapter where he has served as the Vice President for Awards. The AFA chapter supports the local Hurlburt Field airmen and promotes Aerospace Education in the local community. He is also on the Board of Directors for the That Others May Live Warrior Foundation (TOML) which supports AF Combat Rescue Warriors and raised funds to send children of fallen Rescue Warriors to college.

DeDe was born in Ridgely, Tennessee and is the daughter of Bruce and Sallye Dunlap. DeDe graduated from Lake County High School in 1983 and attended the University of Mississippi fondly known as Ole Miss. While at Ole Miss DeDe earned a degree in Communicative Disorders with a minor in Art. DeDe went on to further her education by getting a degree in Education for the Hearing Impaired at Mississippi College and a Masters in Audiology at the University of South Alabama. Both DeDe and Todd are active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. DeDe was the Krewe of Bowlegs Queen LVII for Captain Mark Siner.

Todd's children are active members of the community and their schools. Ian (15) was born in Iceland and now attends Choctaw HS as a member of the AP Program. Ian was on the Children of the Court for Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV Dan Perri and for Captain Billy Bowlegs LVII Mark Siner. Twins Trace and Payton (13) were born in Las Vegas, NV and now attend Meigs Middle School. Trace is on the golf team and is a member of the Youth Symphonia Orchestra. Payton is on the Meigs tennis team and jazz band, and is also a member of the Youth Symphonia Orchestra. Trace and Payton were on the Children of the Court for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and for Captain Billy Bowlegs LVII, Mark Siner.



# Sue Laushine

## Queen of Bowlegs, LX

**B**orn and raised in the frozen north of Wisconsin. Sue traded in her mukluks and snowshoes for flip flops and a paddle board!! She and Steve first landed on the Emerald Coast with the Air Force in 1991. After four years here over the years they finally landed permanently in 2004.

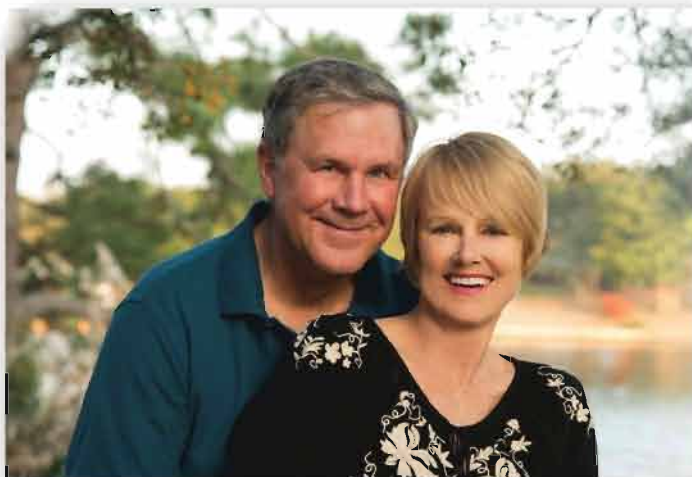
After high school, Sue entered the US Air Force Academy as part of the first class to admit women. After graduation, with a degree in Biological Sciences, she and fellow classmate, Steve, married and began their Air Force careers. Sue was a communications–electronics officer for 13 years of active duty and in Public Affairs for 11 years as a reservist. She holds a Masters Degree in International Relations. Together, she and Steve traveled the world and raised three children. No matter where they were, Sue was an avid volunteer in the community and schools. She’s been a PTO president, band parent president, leader of 4 Girl Scout troops, manager of a thrift store, children’s library reading coordinator, Sunday school instructor, volunteer sailing instructor, volunteer fitness instructor and manager of too many fund raisers to count. She chauffeured her children to countless baseball games, dance lessons, tennis matches, swim meets, soccer games, piano lessons, band competitions, etc. Currently, she is a realtor with Coastal Realty Services and really enjoys assisting first time home buyers. Her current passion is ballroom dancing.



Hailing from Massachusetts, Steve flew helicopters for the Air Force and has over 3500 hours of flying time in the UH-1N Huey helicopter flying Rescue and Recovery missions and the MH-60G Pavehawk helicopter flying Special Operations missions. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Boston University. His last assignment was as Inspector General for AFSOC at Hurlburt Field. He currently works for Leidos, formally SAIC, as a program manager for NATO training courses.

The couple loves spending time on the water; boating, kayaking, paddle boarding, and just enjoying the beach lifestyle. They enjoy having friends for dinner and a lively round of board or card games. At least once a year they return for their dose of winter and snow skiing in Colorado.

All three of their children graduated from Choctaw High School and consider FWB their home. Jessica graduated from the UF Rinker School of Building Construction and is currently a project manager for a large construction firm in West Palm Beach. Andrew, following his mom and dad’s footsteps, attended USAFA, went to helicopter training and is currently flying the UH-1N model helicopter in Washington D.C. Stephanie, a Bowlegs Princess under Captain Billy LVII, Mark Siner, is a junior at Troy University in Alabama working towards a degree in hospitality/tourism.



Steve and Sue joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2008 and served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy LV, Bruce Marshall. Sue is truly honored to represent the Krewe as Queen this year. She is so proud to be part of such an outstanding fraternity of friends that support each other and the community. She and Steve love their Bowlegs family.





# James & Diane Baughman

## First Mate & First Mistress LX

James and Diane Baughman are honored to have been selected as First Mate and First Mistress this year, and have tremendously enjoyed serving Captain Billy, the Queen, the Honor Guard, and the entire Krewe of Bowlegs during its 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary celebration.

James and Diane joined the Krewe in 2010 under Captain Billy LIV, Bruce Marshall, and were sponsored into the Krewe by Bruce, and Brock Fisher, Captain Billy LII. They feel fortunate to have served on the Honor Guard under Captain Billy LVII, Mark Siner. James was privileged to serve as Secretary under Rick Harris, Captain Billy LVIII.

James and Diane are both true Fort Walton Beach natives. The high school sweethearts met at a young age during their early years at Fort Walton Beach High School, and then both attended the University of South Alabama. After graduating from college, the couple married, and began their careers in Mobile, Alabama. They then spent eight years in St. Petersburg, Florida, before settling back in Fort Walton Beach in 1993.

James earned his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering, and has worked as a design engineer in both the commercial and military sectors. In 1991, he started his own electronics design consulting firm, Gulfview Research, with projects ranging from vending machines to thermal control experiments aboard the International Space Station. In addition to his work and Bowlegs duties, James currently serves on the Board of Directors for the William Augustus Bowles Museum & Historical Foundation and the Emerald Coast Science Center.

Diane graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Physical Therapy, and has had a long and rewarding career working in acute care, trauma center, home health, and outpatient clinic healthcare settings, later focusing primarily on geriatric rehabilitation. She is now "semi-retired" from Physical Therapy, and spends much of her time handling the financial operations and office management duties of Gulfview Research.



The couple prefers to spend most of their leisure time together. James enjoys picking up his electric guitar in his down-time, and Diane has recently begun learning the bass guitar. They are avid boaters, and especially enjoy taking off on their Harleys to destinations unknown. Their other hobbies include snow skiing and playing golf.

As the 60<sup>th</sup> First Mate and First Mistress, James and Diane have had an incredible year with the Top 6, the Honor Guard and the entire Krewe, showing "No Mercy!" wherever they went. They will be forever grateful to Todd Bolger, Captain Billy LX, for choosing them to join him and his Krewe on this grand adventure!

# Bowlegs History

**W**illiam Augustus Bowles, a notorious old boy and patron pirate of the Billy Bowlegs' Festival and the Krewe of Bowlegs, was born in 1763 on the Maryland frontier. He was raised a loyalist to the British Crown, and accepted an ensign commission as a British Naval Officer at the age of 16. After the war he rebelled against military life, insulted a British officer and went into hiding with the Creek Indians (so the legend goes). He adopted the Creek culture and language and married a chief's daughter. In 1781 he returned to Pensacola with a war party to aid the British in defending their garrison against the Spanish. Though the British lost, Bowles survived, and his initiative gained him a British pardon. During that time the British, Spanish, and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf Shores and its shipping lanes.

Believing himself destined to command instead of obey orders, Bowlegs gathered a force of a "couple of hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army, and white banditti". This rollicking, piratical crew grew to be the concern of all three of the powerful countries. Captain Billy created his own throne and the three nations considered everything from murder to a general's commission to get him on their side. Financed by loot from a Spanish ship and surrounded by a handful of Indians, Captain Billy invaded the British Society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of "English and Indian colors mixed", a silver pipe, a tomahawk, a chain of friendship, and trade supplies which he used to form the State of Muskogee. He was eventually captured by the Spanish and shipped to Madrid, Spain. While being shipped to the Philippines, he jumped ship and returned to his "state" and great deeds of piracy. Eventually he was betrayed and captured by a rival Creek faction in the swamps surrounding Choctawhatchee Bay, where tales and legends abound to this day of Billy Bowlegs' buried treasure. The Spanish imprisoned him in Cuba in the infamous Morro Castle where he died in 1805, at the approximate age of 42.

Two centuries later, the memory of William Augustus Bowles lives on in the annual Billy Bowlegs celebration. To the Emerald Coast, Captain Billy left a heritage of pirate tales, great adventure and buried treasure!

The Billy Bowlegs Festival started in 1953 as a water ski show sponsored by the Jaycees. It quickly grew to a weeklong festival and the 1957 Bowlegs Festival souvenir program lists the original Krewe membership as 75 men. Today, many Bowlegs members are second, and some are third, generation pirates. They carry on the tradition set forth by their pirate fathers.

As indicated by the Constitution & Bylaws, Krewe membership is limited to 170, plus the former Captains and honorary members. The Society of Bowlegs, affectionately known as the SOBs, limits membership to those who have served the Krewe as Captain Billy.

A new Captain Billy is selected each year from the Krewe membership by secret ballot. The past seven captains are solely responsible for the secret nominations. Once the new Billy is selected, he chooses his Queen, First Mate & Mistress, ten Honor Guard couples and the Children of the Court. The late Docie Bass, Captain Billy Bowlegs IV, was the first to select his Queen from the wives of the Krewe membership. Prior to that, the Queens were "captive wenches" and beauty contest winners. Krewe member's children and grandchildren, that are high school seniors during the year, represent the Krewe as Princesses and Privateers. The identities of the entire court are kept secret until the elaborate Coronation Pageant.

Krewe members and their wives (the wenches) spend many hours designing and creating float, stage, and ball decorations each year that celebrate the colors, theme, and emblem that is selected by the Billy. Elaborate costumes are custom made for each member of the court in the selected colors. The costumes are worn throughout the year as the court represents the Krewe in the local community and as they travel as ambassadors to other cities to participate in festivals and parades. The Krewe enjoys camaraderie with other crews as far away as St. Paul, Minnesota where they participate in the Winter Carnival.

The Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival is celebrated the first weekend in June each year. The community comes together to put on a colorful, but futile, display of bravery in defense of the city destined to be overrun by pirates. The Skirmish on Friday night is followed by a full-fledged invasion of over 300 pirates and wenches at the Landing on Saturday. The victory celebration is topped off with the Torchlight Parade on Monday evening where adults and children are showered with booty amassed during a full year of pillaging and plundering.

***We are the Krewe of Bowlegs and we live "In Preservation of Piracy"!***



# Krewe

Krewe	Captain Billy Bowlegs	Queen of Bowlegs	1st Mate & First Mistress
I	Nathan Fleet	Dian Sloat	
II	Roger Clary	Sheila Lewis	
III	John Cox	Mellie Jo Peacock	
IV	Docie Bass	Kathryn Tringas	
V	Finley Duncan	Alex Patton	
VI	Thomas Brooks	Bettye Williams	
VII	William Roberts	Jean Long	
VIII	Hilary Stewart	Agnes Bass	Bill Colvell
IX	Wilson Minger	Carol Duncan	Dr. Henry & Mary White
X	Dr. Henry White	Ella Clary	Dr. Malcom & Carolyn Crotzer
XI	Winston Walker	"Sug" Brown	James Booth
XII	Dr. Malcolm Crotzer	"Boota" Walker	Maurice & Tena McLaughlin
XIII	H. French Brown, Jr.	Carolyn Crotzer	Joe & Zelena Guidry
XIV	Judge Erwin Fleet	"Neen" (Gill) McHaney	Jim & Helen Kendrick
XV	Maurice McLaughlin	Mary Ellen Ricks	Gary & Connie Lee
XVI	Jim Kendrick	Lynne Mathews	James & Dot Buchanan
XVII	Clifford H. Long	Dot Buchanan	Robert & Sara Morrison
XVIII	Robert Morrison	Jo Fleet	Bob & Dot Blizzard
XIX	Joe Guidry	Helen Kendrick	William & Hazel Spain
XX	G.V. Pardue	Tena McLaughlin	Bill & Bunny Alford
XXI	Dr. William W. Thompson	Mickey Harbeson	LeDon & Annette Anchors
XXII	Roy L. Ricks	Betty (Eyrich) Kruzal	Charlie & Lynne Mathews
XXIII	William B. Harbeson, III	Kay Stokes	Charlie & Barbara Born
XXIV	William E. Spain	Sara (Brooks) Clemmons	Chris & Susan Johnson
XXV	Robert C. Blizzard	Blanche Brackin	Denzil & Merle Robbins
XXVI	C. Walt Ruckel	Donna Trum	Frank & Mary Fisher
XXVII	Thomas B. Ray	Joan Schweizer	Dr. David & Judy Arrowsmith
XXVIII	H. Gene Smith	Wava Ruckel	Bill & Tina Nelson
XXIX	Chris A. Johnson, Jr.	Adelaide Harris	Ralph & Barbara Fallin
XXX	Kenneth E. Williamson	Gloria Smith	Herb & Amaryllis Tinsley





# Lineage

Krewe	Captain Billy Bowlegs	Queen of Bowlegs	1st Mate & First Mistress
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson	Johnny & Marie Johnson
XXXII	Ralph D. Fallin	Martha Kilpatrick	Harry & Virginia Barr
XXXIII	James R. "Randy" Stokes	Beverly Anchors	Dr. Forrest & Sally Townsend
XXXIV	William D. Nelson, Sr.	Virginia Glynn Barr	Bill & Suzie Gross
XXXV	C. LeDon Anchors	Deborah L. Roberts	William & Katherine Dreadin
XXXVI	W. Herbert Tinsley	Carlee Foster	Ken & Jacqueline Mathiasmeier
XXXVII	James "Johnny" Johnson, III	Jean P. Blumer	Chuck & Gerry Ingram
XXXVIII	Harry Barr	Patricia B. Tringas	Sam & Lisa Burkett
XXXIX	Richard L. Manley	Lisa M. Burkett	Bart & Tracey Hudson
XL	Scotty Foster	Cissy Brown	Bob & Pam McTyeire
XLI	C.L. "Chuck" Ingram	Marie E. Johnson	Dr. Phil & Jeanie Blumer
XLII	Gregory A. Artabasy	Patricia P. Perri	Fred & Pam Cochran
XLIII	Samuel B. Burkett, III	Kathleen P. Dlabal	Jeff & Katherine McInnis
XLIV	H. French Brown, III	Lynn Crotzer Kimmel	Dr. Brad Keller & Toni Wurth
XLV	Richard A. "Dick" Roberts	Anita D. Gates	Brock & Cynthia Fisher
XLVI	Dr. Phil Blumer	Lynne Amiel	Steve & Lolly Korn
XLVII	Dr. Thomas "Tom" Dlabal	Jeannie Roberts	Frank & Jaciel Robbins
XLVIII	Jeff McInnis	Kathy Ray	Dan & Bobbi Nelson
XLIX	Frank Robbins	Alexis Tibbetts	Don & Karen Hutson
L	Tim Ray	Jaciel Robbins	French & Cissy Brown
LI	Dr. Keith Amiel	Debbie Buchanan	King & Cheryl Vaughan
LII	Michael Gates	Beverly Crews	Mark & Ashley Siner
LIII	Brock Fisher	Kim Battiste	Bruce & Debbie Marshall
LIV	Daniel C. Perri	Bobbi Nelson	Ron & Judy Goodfellow
LV	Bruce Marshall	Nyla Starr	Tim & Cristi Perry
LVI	Tony Gilligan	Charlotte Boyt	Ken & Nancy Watson
LVII	Mark C. Siner	DeDe Bolger	Charlie & Cindy Potts
LVIII	Rick Harris	Beth Chalker	Gary & Tracy McMorrow
LIX	Don Hutson	Cristi Perry	Gordon & Nyla Starr
LX	Todd Bolger	Sue Laushine	James & Diane Baughman





# 60th Honor Guard

**R**obert Anderson was born and raised in Andalusia AL. He grew up on a farm and was involved in agriculture until the mid 1990's. He earned his bachelor's degree from Auburn University at Montgomery. After passing the CPA exam he and his family moved to Florida. He has practiced as a CPA since then and currently owns his own practice with ten employees. Robert has three children, Bryan is 27 and married to Rose, Jonathan is 21, and Anna is 16. When tax season ends Robert likes to spend his weekends with friends on the boat. Diane McCoach was raised in Tucson, Arizona. She came to the area in 1996 with her family via a Hurlburt Field air force assignment. Prior to Hurlburt Field, Diane was at Spangdahlem Air Force base in Germany, Lakenheath AFB base in England and Nellis AFB in Nevada. Since 1997, Diane has been a real estate agent and is with Coldwell Banker United, Realtors in Fort Walton Beach. Diane's son, Shaun McCoach, is 26, and her daughter, Jennifer McCoach, is 24.



**Robert Anderson & Diane McCoach**



**Brad & Krista Bowman**

**B**rad Bowman is from a small town in Central Illinois and Krista is a Niceville High School graduate. Brad enlisted in the United States Marine Corps his senior year and in 1987 he met Krista in Waikiki Hawaii. After High School Krista moved to Ft. Worth Texas for a short time and from there she moved to Hawaii. She was working for American Hawaii Cruises at the time when Brad decided go to work on board the ships as well. After 4 great years of working onboard and attending school in Hawaii, they decided it was time to move back to the mainland and get serious. The Bowman's were both attending college in Illinois when they decided to open their first barbecue restaurant in 1995. Frequently visiting Krista's parents in this area, the Bowman's with their two boys made the big move to Florida in 2012. Opening their 8<sup>th</sup> restaurant in Mary Esther, Hickory River Smokehouse. Their oldest son Brady is graduating from Choctaw this year and their youngest son Jesse is finishing his freshman year in high school.

# 60th Honor Guard

Jim and Sharon Culotta have been in Gulf Breeze since 1989, yet still call Louisiana home. They return to New Orleans as often as possible to visit friends and family and to celebrate Mardi Gras. Jim earned his Bachelor of Science, Masters & Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Louisiana State University. Sharon received her Bachelor of Arts in Business & Marketing from Southeastern Louisiana University. They are the owners of Emerald Coast Animal Hospital and Canine Discovery Center, a doggy daycare and boarding facility. Their passion for animals is also evident in their personal lives. With a mixture of horses, goats, bunnies, peacocks, cats and dogs, something unexpected always awaits them at their farm, Jazzee Acres. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Kryket, 16 years old, and a son, Chase, 15 years old. Both attend Fort Walton Beach High School. Along with their dad, they enjoy training horses and excel in competitive riding. The family shares a mutual interest in nature, a love of the water, and a love of LSU football!



Jim & Sharon Culotta

“GEAUX TIGERS!” LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULEZ!!



Dan Flynn & Wendy Ruud

Dan Flynn was born in Alaska and grew up a military brat. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, he came to the Emerald Coast and immediately knew this area was where he wanted to live his life and was able to return in 2002. Dan retired from the Air Force Reserves last September after over 23 years as a special operations pilot and returned full time to Delta Airlines. Dan’s daughter graduated in May from Florida State University and his step-son will begin his sophomore year at Troy State University this Fall. Dan enjoys watching college football, the outdoors and just about anything to do with the water. Wendy Ruud, a native of Montgomery, AL, settled on the Emerald Coast in 2005 after leaving the fast pace of Atlanta, GA. Wendy began her career in the insurance industry over 20 years ago and works for one of the largest independently owned insurance agencies in the Florida Panhandle, Acentria Insurance. She is a Risk Manager specializing in multi-family and condo units. Wendy is an avid college football fan, “Roll Tide,” and in her free time enjoys the beach lifestyle on 30A.





# 60th Honor Guard

Andrew Gosnell moved to Fort Walton Beach in 2003 after growing up in Nashville and graduating from Auburn University with his Electrical and Computer Engineering degree. He later earned his Master of Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida. Andrew is an engineer at Eglin AFB. He is the past president of the local chapter of International Test and Evaluation Association and Emerald Coast Auburn Club. Mandi is a Destin native. She graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School and Auburn University where she received a Bachelor degree in Agriculture Business & Economics and Master in Business Administration. Mandi served as train bearer for Queen XXXVII, Jeanie Blumer and was a princess for Capt. Billy XLI, Chuck Ingram. Mandi is a Vice President at First City Bank. She volunteers with the United Way and Auburn University College of Agriculture Alumni Association Board of Directors. Andrew and Mandi Gosnell attend Fort Walton Beach First United Methodist Church where Mandi has volunteered with the youth and currently serves as a Trustee.



Andrew and Mandi Gosnell



Rique & Kelly Gwin

Rique Gwin grew up in Birmingham AL before turning to a life of piracy. He attended the University of Alabama where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering and later his Masters in Engineering. He met Kelly in Air Force ROTC at UA. Kelly hails from Atlanta, GA and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from UA. They first came to the Gulf Coast when the Air Force brought them to Hurlburt Field in 2000. Over the next 15 years they spent 11 years in the local area, interspersed with tours in the Pentagon and San Antonio. Kelly currently works as a Human Resources Specialist at Duke Field while Rique is a Strategic Planner at Hurlburt. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Lauren 18, who will attend the University of Alabama in the fall and Andrea 15, who is a rising sophomore at Fort Walton Beach High School. Together they enjoy snow skiing, Crimson Tide football, flying light aircraft, martial arts, and traveling.

# 60th Honor Guard

**B**rian John Harrison is a native resident of Fort Walton Beach Florida and graduated from Choctaw. He completed his education at the University of Mississippi. Brian is Vice President and partner of Global Technology Systems and cofounder of Salt Paddle Boards. His ideal weekends are spent sailing, boarding or fishing anywhere from Choctaw Bay to the Islands in the Abacos. Brooke Harrison is from the neighboring city of Pensacola. She completed her master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of West Florida. Fall of 2014 she opened her practice Lifestyle Counseling providing our community with a variety of mental health services. Her dedication to equip children and families began through volunteer work in Central America.

Brooke and Brian's passion for adventure has led to them living on a boat sailing around the Caribbean, climbing challenging mountain faces, and travelling to several countries. Both agree that their most rewarding adventure has been learning the ropes of parenting. This adventure commenced last May with the arrival of one of our youngest pirates Finn Merrick Harrison.



Brian & Brooke Harrison



Bear & Mitzi Henley

**C**rawford W. 'Bear' and Mitzi Prince Henley met at the University of Alabama, and moved to Ft. Walton Beach in 1983. A native of Talladega, AL, Bear holds a B.A. Degree in Advertising and completed his career in the US Army as a Major in Military Intelligence. He is owner/TL for the areas Sport Clips and President of Integrious Solutions. He enjoyed a long career as CPO for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast and in 2011 a facility was named in his honor. He was awarded the National Boys and Girls Clubs Distinguished Professional Award. He is a member of All Sports Association and the Ft. Walton Chamber of Commerce. Mitzi grew up in FWB, graduated from Choctaw High School and holds a B.S. Degree in Business. She is President of Wright Shopping Center and Sunset Point Development and enjoys a career in commercial development. She is a member of IMPACT 100 and was inducted to the Okaloosa County Women's Hall of Fame in 2009. Both have served on various B.O.Ds. Together they enjoy KOB, boating, hiking, and of course BAMA FOOTBALL. They love their family and are blessed to have three children, Lauren, Ford, and Jacklyn and one grandson, Taylen. They are active members of, First Baptist Church FWB.





# 60th Honor Guard

**M**atthew is a native of Fort Walton Beach and graduated from Rocky Bayou Christian School. He attended Vanderbilt University where he earned a bachelor of arts in economics. He was the medallion bearer for Captain Billy XLVI, Phil Blumer, and is a 3rd generation member of the Krewe. Matthew is a Vice President at First City Bank and the broker of Livin' Right Real Estate. He is a member of All Sports Association and volunteers for Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge. Courtney moved to Fort Walton in 2012 after growing up in Ohio and graduating from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science in psychology. She later earned her master of medical science as a physicians assistant from Mercer University. Courtney is a Physicians Assistant in Internal Medicine at Dr Bawa and Associates. When not working, Matthew enjoys competitive sailing and Courtney enjoys basketball. Together they like to travel and recently enjoyed time in Paris.



Matthew & Courtney McGee



Bill & Amy Wendel

**B**ill Wendel was born and raised in Kingston, PA. After high school, he joined the Navy, and traveled the world. Bill served in the US Navy for 24 for years as an Electrical Engineer and taught Nuclear Science in South Carolina at the Nuclear Power Training School. Upon his retirement, he and Amy purchased a family business that is located in New Orleans, LA. Amy vanCalsem Wendel was born in Downy, CA. She grew up in Pass Christian, MS, and now resides in Fort Walton Beach, FL and in New Orleans, LA. Amy is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Hove' Parfumeur, Ltd. A family business that was established in 1927 in New Orleans. Located in their family home in the historical French Quarter, she travels weekly back and forth between both cities to work. Amy has expanded her business and has a second small boutique that is located in Destin's HarborWalk Village. Both Bill and Amy enjoy spending time on their boat, going to the beach and being with their three children. Caroline who is 17, Jeremiah 15 and Morgan 13.

# 60th Krewe of Bowlegs

## Krewe of Bowlegs Officers

Captain Billy Bowlegs and President	Todd Bolger
Queen of Bowlegs 60	Sue Laushine
First Mate 60	James Baughman
First Mistress 60	Diane Baughman
Captain's Lackey	DeDe Bolger
Queen's Lackey	Steve Laushine
1st Vice President	Tom Conner
2nd Vice President	Jimmy Henderson
Treasurer	Jason Clark
Secretary	Jon Wesson
Executive Secretary	Helen & Bobby Spencer
Parliamentarian	Harry Barr

## Krewe Board Advisors

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# Act I

## NO MERCY!

Prelude—Music by the Sinfonia Youth Orchestra &  
Emerald Coast Symphonic Pops – Director Liz Aylor

Emcee: Tom Conner

### **CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LX**

Todd Bolger

### **QUEEN OF BOWLEGS LX**

Sue Laushine

### **FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS LX**

James & Diane Baughman

### **2014-2015 PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS**

Brady Bowman	Allison Herman	Dillon Wesson
Lauren Gwin	Robert McMorrow	Karly Ward
Jacklyn Henley	Haley McGrail	Virginia West
	Morgan McInnis	

### **2014-2015 CHILDREN OF THE COURT**

Ava Ayers	Arianna Bolt	Emilyn Kilpatrick
Ian Bolger	Brian Cordier	Ava Kramer
Trace Bolger	Sophia Edwards	Collier McBride
Payton Bolger		Tristyn Spencer

### **2014-2015 HONOR GUARD**

Robert Anderson & Diane McCoach	Rique & Kelly Gwin
Brad & Krista Bowman	Brian & Brooke Harrison
Jim & Sharon Culotta	Bear & Mitzi Henley
Dan Flynn & Wendy Ruud	Matthew & Courtney McGee
Andrew & Mandi Gosnell	Bill & Amy Wendel

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Captain's Lackey	Queen's Lackey
DeDe Bolger	Steve Laushine



# Act II

## BOMBS AWAY!

Emcee: Bill Kilpatrick

**Presentation of the 2015–2016 Princesses and Privateers**

**Introduction of the 2015–2016 Honor Guard**

**Introduction of the 2015–2016 First Mate and First Mistress**

**Departure of the 2014–2015 First Mate and First Mistress**

**Introduction of the Children of the Court**

**Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXI**

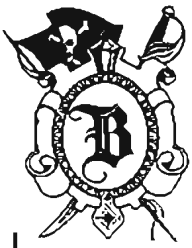
**Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs LX and his Queen**

**Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs LXI**

**Unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXI and his Queen**

**Proclamation**





# Behind the Scenes

## Pageant Acknowledgements

Coronation Pageant Chairman	Mike Stoltz
Coronation Pageant Assistant Chairman	Gary McCoy
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Coronation Pageant Backstage Director	Becky McCoy
Coronation Music	Bill Kleinhelter
Coronation Program	Becky & Gary McCoy
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NWFSC Mattie Kelly Arts Center Technical Director	Bob Whitaker

## Krewe of Bowlegs LX Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs 60 Costume	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
Queen's Gown , Train and Collar	Tim Ellzey, Cherianne Costuming, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, Earrings	Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
First Mate 60 Costume	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
First Mistress 60 Gown	Tim Ellzey, Bal Masqué Artwerks, Mobile, AL
First Mistress Landing Costume	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
First Mistress Jewelry	Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
Honor Guard Men's and Women's Costumes	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
Children of the Court Costumes	Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
Princess and Privateer Costumes	Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
B60 Hat Pins and Top 6 Pins	Ken Jernigan
60 Logo Design	Brian Rightley, Graphix Artist
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## Krewe of Bowlegs LXI Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs 61 Costume	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
Queen's Gown	Simply Elegant, FWB, FL
Queen's Train and Collar	Tim Ellzey, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, & Earrings	Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
Queen's Mask	Gypsy Renaissance NY, NY
First Mate Costume	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
First Mistress Costume	Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
Honor Guard Men's Costumes	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
Honor Guard Women's Costumes	Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
Children of the Court Costumes	Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
61 Logo Design	Captain Billy Bowlegs 61 and Brian Rightly
Captain Billy Bowlegs 61 Video	Mike "Gadget" Wallace
Photography	Gulf Reflections
Other Supporting Businesses	Josette's Biloxi, MS; Margie's Sew Much Fun, Crestview, FL; Stitch FX, FWB, FL; Armstrong's Printing, FWB, FL





# LX Princesses & Privateers



**Brady Bowman**  
Son of Brad & Krista  
Bowman, Honor Guard LX



**Lauren Gwin**  
Daughter of Rique & Kelly  
Gwin, Honor Guard LX



**Jacklyn Henley**  
Daughter of Crawford  
(Bear) & Mitzi Henley,  
Honor Guard LX



**Allison Herman**  
Daughter of T.C. Herman &  
Pam Herman, Honor Guard  
XLIX



**Robert McMorrow**  
Son of Gary & Tracy  
McMorrow, First Mate &  
First Mistress LVIII



**Haley McGrail**  
Daughter of Mike & Sabrina  
McGrail, Honor Guard XLV



**Morgan McInnis**  
Daughter of Jeff & Katherine  
McInnis, Captain Billy XLVIII  
and First Mistress XLIII

# LX Princesses & Privateers



**Dillon Wesson**  
Son of Jon & Amanda  
Wesson, Honor Guard LV



**Karly Ward**  
Granddaughter of James &  
Carolyn Ward



**Virginia West**  
Daughter of Charles & Lynn  
West, Honor Guards XLV  
and L



# Children of the Court



**Ian Bolger, Trace Bolger,  
and Payton Bolger,**

Children of Todd and DeDe  
Bolger, Captain Billy LX and  
Queen of Bowlegs LVII



## *Front Row*

**Ava Kramer**, - Daughter of Kevin &

Deana Kramer, Honor Guard LVII

**Arianna Bolt** - Granddaughter of  
Tom & Kathy Dlabal, Billy Bowlegs  
XLVII and Queen XLIII

**Ava Ayers** - Granddaughter of Doug  
& Julie Ayers, Honor Guard LI

## *Back Row*

**Collier McBride** - Son of Bobby &  
Amy McBride, Honor Guard LVII

**Emilyn Kilpatrick** - Daughter of Bill  
& Christina Kilpatrick, Honor  
Guard LII

**Brian Cordier** - Son of Bob & Debbie  
Cordier, Honor Guard LVII

**Sophia Edwards** - Daughter of Andy  
& Kristie Edwards, Honor Guard  
LVII

**Tristyn Spencer** - Great-Grandson  
of Bobby & Helen Spencer













# In Memoriam

**Robert W. Gates** – August 9, 2014 – Honorary Krewe member

**James C. Whatley** – November 23, 2014 – Honorary Krewe member

**John R. Cox** – December 22, 2014 – Captain Billy III

**William D. Nelson** – March 11, 2015 – Captain Billy XXXIV

**Franklin L. Fisher** – April 8, 2015 – First Mate XXVI

**Chris A. Johnson** – April 21, 2015 – Captain Billy XXIX

## Tribute to the Community



The original purpose of the Krewe of Bowlegs was to promote tourism in the Fort Walton Beach area. For the past 60 years, we have continued to fulfill that objective along with the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and other supporting organizations. As a result, the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival has grown to become one of the largest and best known festivals in the Southeast. The Friday night Skirmish and Saturday Pirate Landing are so well known that they attract thousands of spectators both on the water as well as on the land. Like the past 59 years, the Krewe of Bowlegs was once again successful in taking over the City of Fort Walton Beach. The Mayor and his militia put up a good fight but were ultimately defeated by the 'No Mercy Krewe' along with our out-of-town Krewe allies. Great fun was had by all in the process. The Krewe of Bowlegs is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this spectacular festival and commends the organizations that make it all happen. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, led by its president, Ted Corcoran, along with the Bowlegs Pirate Festival Committee, and the entire Chamber staff are the major contributors to the success of the festival. Thanks to the City of Fort Walton

Beach and Mayor Mike Anderson, for participating in and supporting the festival. We would also like to thank all the emergency management and law enforcement agencies, including the FWB Police Department, the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Coast Guard (and Auxiliary) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for all their hard work to maintain safety during the festival. A special thanks to the Northwest Florida State College and the staff at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center for providing first-class facilities which enable us to put on such a great coronation pageant. Lastly, the Krewe of Bowlegs would like to thank the community of Fort Walton Beach and all the out-of-town visitors who attended the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival. We hope you enjoyed it and look forward to your return for next year's festival.



In Preservation of Piracy,

**Todd Bolger**

Captain Billy Bowlegs LX



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