

KREWE OF BOWLEGS

2015

2016

BOMBS AWAY!



CAPTAIN KEN WATSON & QUEEN SHERRY LOCHT



# A MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN BILLY LXI

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Captain for this 61<sup>st</sup> year. This year's "Bombs Away" theme has made its debut in numerous events and parties throughout the 2015-2016 year. Although forged from our area's rich military weapons heritage, the theme for this year surfaced many times in "bombs" taking the form of fireworks seen lighting up the skies and thrilling the crowds on several occasions. I was surprised by the beauty of the first ever "Island Party" fireworks glistening over the intra-coastal waterway, and later in September hearing the BOOM-BOOM of mortar blasts over the Crab Island Cantina during the "Honor Guard Party", and who can forget our recent "End of the Year Party" with the rip of those machine gun like fireworks cracking in the sky in the middle of Cinco Bayou, coincidentally right in the same location as those Bowlegs water ski shows over 61 years ago.

As Captain, I believe the talents, leadership and willingness to contribute are our strengths that bond this Krewe together like family. It's that work hard, play hard attitude we so frequently live by during the abundance of good times, and the selfless giving we see from Krewe members in moments of crisis. It's the friendliness and openness of the people you meet here, and their willingness to share with you and treat you as they would their own. There's a lot to like about this Krewe.

There are many people who deserve my thanks for their special efforts this year. There are more than I can list here, and your names and pictures are shown throughout this program and in the credits.

To Queen Sherry, your ability to make time to do most anything amazes me even to this day. You're energetic, cheerful and beautiful in so many ways! To "QBT" Kevin, what can I say about the man who knows everyone, and just about everything? You're amazing. To FM Castleberry and FMS Tonya, you two are the busiest couple I've known. Between kids, jobs, house, Krewe, Hut, HG, life, sports, etc., and oh yeah...sleep. You guys are dedicated to doing it all, and you made it happen this year without a hitch! To my "CEC" Nancy, you are gorgeous, fun and caring in everything you do. You've been there for it all, and I couldn't have done it without you! To the 61 Honor Guard, you pirates and wenches worked hard all year long and made sure every event went flawless. Your bonding parties were outstanding! I still have an orange Mohawk wig in my bedroom just waiting for the next Molly Ringwald concert.

To "Gadget" Mike Wallace, you're the go-to-guy for video, audio tracks and movies that you seem to whip out and orchestrate together in seconds. Always top notch work! To Buddy "Boom Boom" Carter, you were there selflessly bombing away countless fireworks at so many events. Spectacular shows! To "Big Jim" Roberson, your welding skills are unmatched by anyone else on the Krewe. You can build or fix anything made of metal. Thanks for the best gift I received this year, my propane cannon! I take it with me everywhere. To Bill Kleinhalter, you are an audio wiz! Your ability to fix a stereo or rebuild an amplifier is unmatched! Thanks for tending to the Blackhawk sound systems over the year. To Kent and Mary Tinsley, you're my money guys. Kent takes all the credit, but we know Mary does all the work. Ha! To Roger Bridges, you helped me schedule volunteers for "Bomb Theme" videos at Board meetings. Many months when I didn't have the time to do it, you had it covered



and it went great! To Jack and Sharon Godwin, your news letters are phenomenal! You captured great pictures and wrote informative articles that covered all the events. To Denise Smith, thanks for spending many long hot evenings making one huge, extremely glittery Fly-In Logo. Awesome!

To my worthy successor, Captain Billy Bowlegs 62, his Queen, their Lackeys, the First Mate and Mistress, Honor Guard, Children of the Court, Princesses and Privateers, and especially all my friends in the Krewe of Bowlegs, my best wishes for another year of smooth sailing and outrageous fun!



# KEN WATSON

## CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LXI

Ken's journey in the Krewe began 17 years ago in 1999. The following year he and Nancy served on the 46<sup>th</sup> Honor Guard, and ten years later they were the First Mate and Mistress for the 56<sup>th</sup> Krewe. The theme for the current 61<sup>st</sup> year is "Bombs Away" due to Ken's background in weapons development at Eglin Air Force Base. He has enjoyed his leadership role as the 61<sup>st</sup> Captain for the Krewe and is continually amazed at the great people, diverse talent and unrivaled camaraderie within the Krewe's membership.

Ken was raised in Bethel, CT. Nancy was raised in Daytona Beach, FL. They met during college at a Publix supermarket and have been married since 1982. Ken earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida. He is now a senior leader at Eglin Air Force Base, and currently serves as Chief, Armament Systems Development Division. He has

served over 33 years at Eglin, working in the Air Force Research Laboratory, and Air Armament Center developing cutting edge weapons, where his jobs included Chief Engineer for a variety of munitions programs, and Technical Director for both Air-to-Surface and Air-to-Air missiles. His most recent positions have included program management in weapon systems that include design, development, test and production of state of the art combat technology used by the Air Force, Navy and our allied warfighters.

Nancy holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting from Stetson University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of West Florida. A Certified Public Accountant, Nancy is a partner in local accounting firm Watson & Mann, CPAs LLC in Shalimar.

Nancy's volunteer service has included being President of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, Treasurer of the Emerald Coast Science Center and Treasurer of the United Way of Okaloosa-Walton Counties. Nancy volunteers for the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge, and she was recently selected to serve as the Honorary Commander for the 16<sup>th</sup> Electronic Warfare Squadron on Eglin AFB. Both Ken and Nancy are members of Shalimar's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Ken and Nancy have one daughter, Shawna (25), a Choctawhatchee High School IB alumna. She served as Crown Bearer for Queen 49, Alexis Tibbetts and was a Krewe of Bowlegs Princess on the court of Captain Billy 52, Mike Gates. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health Sciences and a minor in Business Administration. Shawna just started her fourth year of medical school at Florida Atlantic University. She recently completed a year of medical research in Orthopedics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Shawna plans to pursue an academic career in Orthopedic Surgery.

Ken and Nancy love life on the Emerald coast. They enjoy boating, riding motorcycles, traveling and Gator football. Joining the Krewe of Bowlegs was a great decision for them. The fun, memories and friends gained over the years have truly been rewarding.

This has been an amazing year they will remember and cherish forever.

**BOMBS AWAY!!**



# SHERRY LOCHT

## QUEEN OF BOWLEGS, LXI

Sherry is a true local. Although born in Pensacola, Florida she grew up primarily in Fort Walton Beach. She attended the now closed Ocean City Elementary School, Pryor Middle School and Choctawhatchee High School. She has been a licensed Health, Life and Annuity Insurance Agent since 1995, along with her husband Kevin Locht. Together, Kevin and Sherry own two companies based here in Fort Walton Beach: Corporate Benefits, an employee benefits insurance company, and S & K Storage, an RV storage facility. Sherry serves on the Student Advisory Council (SAC) board at Choctawhatchee High School and is also a member of IMPACT 100.

Kevin and Sherry are very involved in the local military; volunteering and supporting their community is very important to them. Each year at Thanksgiving, Sherry builds baskets full of Turkey and all the trimmings and personally delivers them to needy families. At Christmas the Locht family sponsors several families in the local area, by buying and wrapping and donating Christmas gifts.

For fun and relaxation, Sherry and her family enjoy spending time on the water, whether it be on a boat, paddle board, kayak, or wave runners. She also appreciates going on the RV especially to tailgate in Gainesville, while watching their Florida Gators!

Sherry has three children. Josh Daily, (25) Krewe of Bowlegs Privateer for Captain Billy Bowlegs LII, Mike Gates, graduated Cum Laude in 2008 from Choctawhatchee High School. In 2011, he attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, where he attained the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science in 2011 and 2013, respectively. Josh now lives in Baton Rouge, LA, working as an Air Traffic Controller. Josh and his wife Rheanna blessed Sherry with a grandbaby girl, Molly, this past February.

Huston Locht, (16) attends Choctawhatchee High School as a member of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Huston was awarded Indian Scholar for the past two school years and was inducted into the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the Choctaw Sailing Team where he competes nationally against other high schools and yacht clubs. Huston was on the children of the court for Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII, Brock Fisher.

Madison Locht, (14) attends Choctawhatchee High School as a member of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program and was awarded Indian Scholar for 2015-2016 school year. Madison plays softball and enjoys all outdoor activities.

Madison was on the children of the court for Captain Billy Bowlegs LVI, Tony Gilligan and was the Queen's Train Bearer for her mother, Queen LXI, Sherry Locht for Captain Billy Bowlegs LXI, Ken Watson.

The Lochts joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2004 and served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, Keith Amiel. Sherry has been truly honored to represent the Krewe as Queen this year. She is so proud to be a part of such an outstanding fraternity of friends who support each other and the community. She and Kevin love their Bowlegs Family.





# MICHAEL & TONYA CASTLEBERRY FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS LXI

**M**ichael and Tonya Castleberry met in 1994 while hanging out with mutual friends in Mandeville, Louisiana. Michael was a pit boss for Harrah's Casino and Tonya was a full-time nanny and part-time college student. They later married in November of 1996.

After traveling for a few years opening casinos in Kansas City and St Louis, they were enticed to move to Gulfport, Mississippi, where Tonya was a high-end blackjack dealer and Michael became a Golf Club Pro.

In June 1998, Tonya told Michael it was time to find a place to settle down and start a family. They sat down with an Atlas and decided Fort Walton Beach was the next journey. In less than 2 weeks, they sold their house, bought a house and moved. This adventure was truly meant to be. Now they live on the water with Nicholas, (15), Amanda, (14), their black and yellow labs, and have settled in for the long haul.

Michael is the branch manager for Bank of England Mortgage in Fort Walton Beach, which is out of Little Rock, AK. Michael has concentrated for 15 years on helping Veterans and their families buy a home using VA mortgages. Michael coached baseball for many years in Niceville and Shalimar and currently coaches football for the city league of Fort Walton Beach. Michael is on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association of Okaloosa & Walton Counties where he also enjoys being Santa Claus every year at the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee. Michael is a past Honorary Commander for the 96<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron on Eglin Air Force Base.

Tonya is a Physical Therapist Assistant and is currently taking the summer off to enjoy with their kids. While the kids were younger Tonya took care of them, went to college full-time, taught fitness classes, volunteered for Junior League, and was the team mom for many sporting teams.

Their true accomplishments are their children. Nicholas will be a sophomore at Fort Walton Beach High School, most would say a good looking, young man and a true gentleman; the type of kid you can drop off anywhere and leave knowing everyone. Nicholas hopes to attend UCF and study Engineering. Amanda, their volleyball princess, who will be a freshman at Fort Walton Beach High School, enjoys school, travel and beach volleyball, and hanging with her friends. Amanda hopes to play volleyball for LSU while studying to be a Physical Therapist.

Michael and Tonya joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2009 and were on Honor Guard 56 (2010) for Captain Tony Gilligan and Queen Charlotte Boyt. Michael has chaired and co-chaired various committees for the Krewe and they have enjoyed making lifelong



friendships. Anyone that knows the Castleberrys also know they enjoy spending time with friends and family and are always the ones to count on.

Being selected as the 61<sup>st</sup> First Mate and First Mistress for the Krewe of Bowlegs has been one of the most incredible things Michael and Tonya have ever been asked to do. They are honored to have represented the Krewe and its members during all of the out of town functions. The friendships they have developed with fellow Krewe members mean the world to them. Being in the Krewe is more than being a member of a social group, for the Castleberrys, it's a way of life.



# BOWLEGS HISTORY

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William 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.

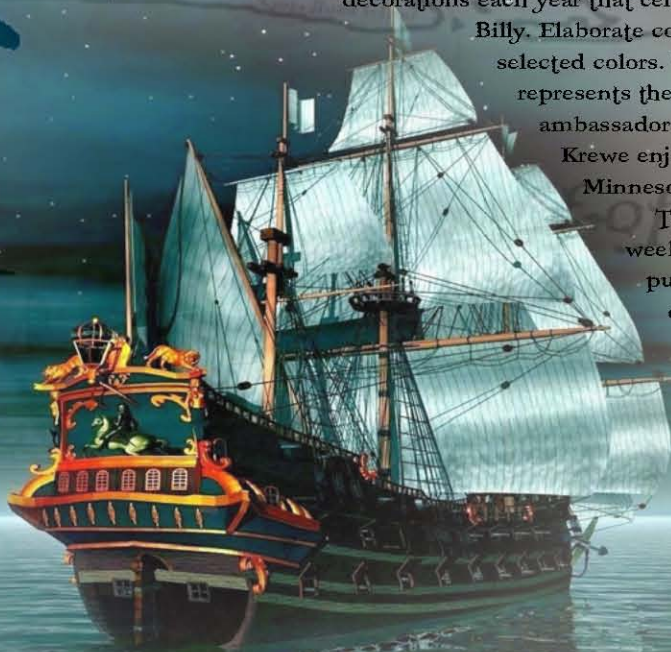
A new Captain Billy is selected each year from the Krewe membership by secret ballot. The past seven captains are solely responsible for the secret nominations. Once the new Billy is selected, he chooses his Queen, First Mate & Mistress, ten Honor Guard couples and the Children of the Court. The late 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
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson	Johnny & Marie Johnson





# LINEAGE

Krewe	Captain Billy Bowlegs	Queen of Bowlegs	1st Mate & First Mistress
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
LXI	Ken Watson	Sherry Loch	Michael and Tonya Castleberry





## 61ST HONOR GUARD

**P**eter Barys and Lynda Barr are natives of Illinois where they met at Augustana College in Rock Island and earned their Bachelors of Arts degrees. Peter earned his BA in Geology, Geography, Chemistry, Biology and Physics. From there he continued his studies at Southern Illinois University where he pursued his Master's Degree in Geological Sciences. Lynda earned her BA degree in Finance and Accounting and her MBA from Northwestern University. They both began their careers in Chicago and by way of Daphne, Alabama, and Wilmington, North Carolina, they finally settled in Fort Walton Beach, Florida in 2009. Peter has worked in the environmental consulting and civil engineering industries for most of his career. Lynda has worked in accounting and finance, recently as CFO for Edwin Watts Golf, and now is a Financial Director at Riverside Company private equity firm based out of Cleveland, Ohio. Married for 21 years, they have two sons Peter Michael (20), who is currently a junior at University of South Florida and Shane (17) who is graduating #1 at Choctaw and will be attending Boston College in the fall. As a family they enjoy boating, fishing, scuba diving, snow skiing, hiking and anything that has to do with the outdoors.



LINDA BARR & PETER BARYS



DENISE AND DAVID CHAPMAN

**D**avid Chapman grew up in a very small town in Southern Illinois. He graduated from Ole Miss with a Bachelor of Science. Denise hailed from a very small town in South Georgia. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing from Georgia Southwestern State University. The couple met on a blind date 32 years ago in Fort Lauderdale. It was love at first sight and they just celebrated 30 years of marriage in May. David and Denise migrated to the Emerald Coast in 2001 to pursue a business venture. They are the owners of Gulf Coast Wilbert, Gulf Coast Monuments, Live Oak Memorial Park and Resthaven Memorial Gardens. They are proud to serve the military in six states where their company sandblasts the upright white marble headstones in VA National Cemeteries. David and Denise raised their two children in Destin. Their son, Darren, age 27 and daughter, Daryl, 24, both graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School and Ole Miss and University of Georgia respectively. Darren currently resides in St. Louis and Daryl in Atlanta. David and Denise both enjoy traveling, boating, golfing and SEC football (especially Ole Miss and Georgia)! David and Denise are honored to have served on Honor Guard 61 this year and have tremendously enjoyed representing the Krewe of Bowlegs.

# 61ST HONOR GUARD

**B**ryan Foster is from Bartlett, Tennessee, while Lauren is a true Fort Walton Beach native. Bryan moved to the Gulf Coast 10 years ago to enjoy his passion for boating and fishing. He owns Bryan Foster Construction Inc., specializing in custom home remodels, and he is currently pursuing his Certified Building Contractor's license. Lauren returned to the beautiful Emerald Coast after graduating from Florida State University. She now works as an Orthopaedic Surgery Coordinator. The two met at a Blue Angels Air Show and were married last year. They enjoy being out on their boat any chance they get either fishing or just spending a relaxing day at Crab Island with friends and family.



LAUREN & BRYAN FOSTER



JAN & MICHAEL HAMBY

**M**ichael and Jan Hamby are from Birmingham, Alabama and they moved to Crestview, Florida the summer of 2010 to be closer to the wonderful beaches and amazing fishing. Michael is an attorney with Chesser & Barr, P.A. and Jan is an OB/GYN with North Okaloosa Hospital. Michael enjoys spearfishing and Jan enjoys reading, but both love to dine at our local restaurants and play fetch with their German Shepherd dog, Nola. Michael and Jan are proud to be a part of the 61<sup>st</sup> Honor Guard.





## 61ST HONOR GUARD

Jonathan and Ashley Needler are serving the community in the medical field as a physician assistant at the Spine Institute on the Emerald Coast and an Assistant Rehab Director at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. From Anderson, Indiana and Slidell, Louisiana, they are loving life with daughter Ella and mini yorkie Zander. They love to travel to new places and enjoy the pirate life style on the open seas. When Jonathan and Ashley met they found the most important treasure of all...each other. They are honored to serve the Krewe of Bowlegs in its 61st year with the tremendous top 26 Krewe. Argh!!!



ASHLEY & JONATHON NEEDLER



TONIA & BRIAN PETERSON

Brian is a Florida native and graduated from Choctaw High School. He attended U.W.F earning his B.S.B.A. degree. He has been in medical sales with Johnson and Johnson for 14 years. Tonia is from Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and earned a degree in Dental Hygiene at L.S.U. She now practices in Destin, and is president of the local Hygiene Association. They met in 2004 and have a cat named Cali. In their free time they enjoy friends, family, boating, travel, and college football. They say this year has been a blast serving on the 61 Honor Guard, meeting so many new people, and making some awesome new friends. It has been a great time partying with the Top 26 and other Krewe of Bowlegs members. It was a fun filled year traveling to meet other Krewes and they look forward to many more years of pirating! Bombs Away!

# 61ST HONOR GUARD

**T**om and Shirley are originally from Key West. Tom retired in 2004 from the Air Force. Shirley is a Civil Service employee on Eglin and Tom is a Government Contractor. Tom & Shirley enjoy fishing, boating, trips to Biloxi and New Orleans (their favorite), and spending time with their family which includes their daughters, Kristina 28, Ashley 25, Tiffany 23, their grandchildren, Mason 9 and Nevaeh 4. They live in Fort Walton Beach and visit Key West every year.



SHIRLEY & TOM RUPON



ELIZABETH & JIM VANN

**J**im and Elizabeth both grew up in Huntsville, AL where they were high school sweethearts. After graduating from Auburn University with a BS degree in Building Science Jim started JTV General Contractors, Inc. in Atlanta, GA. The company specialized in commercial design/build projects. Elizabeth also graduated from Auburn University with a BS degree in Business Economics. She worked as a bank branch manager until she joined Jim as the Vice President of JTV General where she managed human resources and accounting. The Vann's owned a vacation home for years on the Gulf Coast and knew this was where they wanted to retire. After 20 plus years building for everyone else, they are excited about starting construction on their new home in Fort Walton Beach. Jim and Elizabeth are the proud parents of two children, Hampton, 24 and Allison, 21. Jim's passion is fishing, traveling in his boat and just about anything on the water, while Elizabeth enjoys playing tennis and volunteering. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends, cheering on their Auburn Tigers and are enjoying the next chapter in their life here on the beautiful Emerald Coast.





## 61ST HONOR GUARD

**A**lthough born in New Orleans, Scott grew up in Niceville and is a graduate of Niceville High School. He holds a BS in Information Technology from Excelsior College and is currently a Senior IT Director for an Arlington, VA based defense contractor. Stacy was born and raised in a small Illinois town. The Air Force brought her to Northwest Florida in 1990 where she served on active duty. She holds a BA in Business Management and a MBA from Colorado Technical University. She currently works for the Department of the Air Force as an acquisition program manager on Eglin Air Force Base. Scott and Stacy were married in 2002 and currently reside in Fort Walton Beach. They have two children, Maddison 16 and Ryan 25 and will soon be grandparents as Ryan and his wife Marissa are expecting their first child later this summer. Scott and Stacy attend Fort Walton Beach First United Methodist Church and have served in many volunteer roles over the years with involvement in youth sports, parent teacher associations and other service organizations. They love spending their spare time on the water with family and friends.



STACY & SCOTT WINBURN



TADE & SCOTT WOLFE

**S**cott has New Orleans roots, but was raised in Picayune, MS. He graduated from the Air Force Academy with a degree in General Engineering and has an MBA from Trident University. After graduating from Pilot Training, Scott went on to be an AFSOC MC-130 pilot and was in Special Ops his entire Air Force career. He retired in May 2016 after serving 25 years. Tade is originally from Eufaula, AL. She graduated from the University of Alabama where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Tade then went to the University of Memphis and graduated with a MA in Speech Language Pathology. She works part time at Magnolia Pediatric Therapy. Scott and Tade have lived in the Fort Walton Beach area off and on since 1991 and now make Niceville their home. They have two boys, Will, 15 and Owen, 13. The Wolfe family enjoys boating, spending time at their camp and watching SEC football.

# 61ST KREWE OF BOWLEGS

## KREWE OF BOWLEGS OFFICERS

*Captain Billy Bowlegs 61 and President*

*Queen of Bowlegs 61*

*First Mate 61*

*First Mistress 61*

*Captain's Lackey*

*Queen's Lackey*

*1st Vice President*

*2nd Vice President*

*Treasurer*

*Secretary*

*Executive Secretary*

*Parliamentarian*

*Ken Watson*

*Shery Locht*

*Michael Castleberry*

*Tonya Castleberry*

*Nancy Watson*

*Kevin Locht*

*Randy Mills*

*Matt Ritter*

*Kent Tinsley*

*Jim Fish*

*Helen & Bobby Spencer*

*Phil Blumer*

## KREWE BOARD ADVISORS

*Captain Ex-Officio*

*SOB Liaison*

*FM Liaison*

*Webmaster-Historian*

*Legal Advisor*

*Vessels*

*Transportation*

*Parades*

*Photography 1*

*Photography 2*

*Newsletter*

*WAB Museum Liaison*

*Todd Bolger*

*Tony Gilligan*

*Gary McMorrow*

*Mike Wallace*

*Bill Kilpatrick*

*Jim Roberson*

*Tater Langley*

*Bob Strauss*

*Gary McCoy*

*Mert Wagner*

*Jack Godwin*

*Rick Harris*

## 61ST BOWLEGS BOARD

*Keith Amiel*

*Mike Amiel*

*Robert Anderson*

*Rob Ard*

*Doug Ayers*

*Mark Balent*

*Harry Barr*

*Jason Boole*

*Charles Born*

*Brad Bowman*

*Roger Bridges*

*John Burt*

*Bob Carter*

*Buddy Carter*

*Eddie Chambless*

*Jason Clark*

*Andy Corbin*

*Bob Cordier*

*Andy Edwards*

*Ralph Fallin*

*Les Fleischer*

*Basil Fossum*

*Joe Garvie*

*Andrew Gosnell*

*John Graczyk*

*Rique "Rick" Gwin*

*Bob Halverson*

*Jim Harris*

*Brian Harrison*

*Jimmy Henderson*

*T.C. Herman*

*John Holquin*

*Bill Kleinhelter*

*John Koks*

*Kevin Kramer*

*Mike Lee*

*Bobby McBride*

*Matt McGee*

*Ray McGovern*

*Mike McGrail*

*Harry McNutt*

*Bob Mcyeire*

*Mike Raim*

*Tim Ray*

*Dick Reinie*

*Mickey Shawbitz*

*Sam Shelton*

*Ken Smith*

*Rob Smith*

*Scott Smith*

*Mark Starr*

*Mike Stoltz*

*John Sullivan*

*Daniel "Buff" Tibbets*

*Matt Turpin*

*Charles West*

*Jack Williams*

*Noble Wyrinegar*





# ACT I BOMBS AWAY!

*Prelude - Dance Performance by the Liza Jackson Dance Team &*

*Color Guard - Director Cathy Dewrell*

*Emcee: Bill Kilpatrick*

## **CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LXI**

*Ken Watson*

## **QUEEN OF BOWLEGS LXI**

*Sherry Loch*

## **FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS LXI**

*Michael and Tonya Castleberry*

## **LACKEYS LXI**

*CEC - Nancy Watson*

*QBT - Kevin Loch*

## **2015-2016 PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS**

*Shane Barys*

*Caroline Wendel*

*Loren Burkett*

*Kyle Burleson*

*Kryket Culotta*

*Evan Conner*

*Gabriele Huffman*

*Legend Davis*

## **2015-2016 CHILDREN OF THE COURT**

*Clark Curtis*

*Skylar Grindland*

*Land Mead*

*Penelope Gordon*

*Leo Mykicz*

*Alexis Roberts*

*Alex Parker*

*Stella Leibold*

*Madison Loch*

*Amanda Castleberry*

## **2015-2016 HONOR GUARD**

*Peter Barys & Linda Barr*

*Brian & Tonia Peterson*

*David & Denise Chapman*

*Tom & Shirley Rupon*

*Bryan & Lauren Foster*

*Jim & Elizabeth Vann*

*Michael & Jan Hamby*

*Scott & Stacy Winburn*

*Jonathon & Ashley Needler*

*Scott & Tade Wolfe*



# **ACT II**

## **Seize & Conquer**

*Emcee: Bill Kilpatrick*

***Presentation of the 2016-2017  
Princesses and Privateers***

***Introduction of the 2016-2017 Honor Guard***

***Introduction of the 2016-2017  
First Mate and First Mistress***

***Departure of the 2015-2016  
First Mate and First Mistress***

***Introduction of the Children of the Court***

***Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXII***

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

***Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs LXII***

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

***Proclamation***





# BEHIND THE SCENES

## PAGEANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Coronation Pageant Chairman  
Coronation Pageant Assistant Chairman  
Coronation Pageant Stage Director  
Coronation Music  
Coronation Program  
Mattie Kelly Arts Center Director  
Mattie Kelly Arts Center Technical Director

Mike Stoltz  
Gary McCoy  
Allyson Stoltz  
Bill Kleinhelter  
Becky McCoy  
Jeanette Shires  
Bob Whitaker

## KREWE OF BOWLEGS LXI ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Captain Billy Bowlegs 61 Costume  
Queen's Gown  
Queen's Train and Collar  
Queen's Mask  
First Mate 61 Costume  
First Mistress 61 Costume  
Honor Guard Men's Costumes  
Honor Guard Women's Costumes  
Children of the Court Costumes  
Princess and Privateer Costumes  
61 Logo Design  
Captain Billy LXI Video  
Cover Photo Editing  
Photography  
Other Supporting Businesses

Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL  
Simply Elegant, FWB, FL  
Tim Ellzey, Bal Masqué Artwerks, Mobile, AL  
Gypsy Renaissance, NY, NY  
Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL  
Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL  
Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL  
Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL  
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## KREWE OF BOWLEGS LXII ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Captain Billy Bowlegs 62 Costume  
Captain Billy Bowlegs Hat Pin  
Queen's Gown  
Queen's Train, Collar, Shoes and Mask  
Queen's Crown and Medallion  
Queen's Escort  
First Mate Costume  
First Mate's Hat Pin  
First Mistress Costume  
First Mistress Medallion  
Honor Guard Men's Costumes  
Honor Guard Ladies' Costumes  
Children of the Court Costumes  
62 Logo Design  
Photography  
Honor Guard Picture Day Hosts  
Videography  
Other Supporting Businesses

Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL  
Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collection, Mobile, AL  
Delores Shear (Queen's Mother), Crestview, FL  
Tim Ellzey, Mobile, AL  
Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collection, Mobile, AL  
Frank Robbins, Captain XLIX  
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Toomey's, Mobile, AL





# LXI PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS



**Shane Barys**  
Son of Peter & Linda Barys,  
Honor Guard LXI



**Loren Burkett**  
Daughter of Samuel B.  
Burkett, Captain Billy XLIII  
and Lisa Mason Burkett,  
Queen XXXIX



**Kyle Burleson**  
Son of Grady Burleson &  
Vivian Perez, Honor Guard  
LIV



**Evan Connor**  
Son of Tom & Tracy  
Conner, Honor Guard XLI



**Kryket Culotta**  
Daughter of Jim & Sharon  
Culotta, Honor Guard LX



**Legend Davis**  
Grandson of Tom & Nancy  
Church, Honor Guard XXIV



**Gabriele Huffman**  
Daughter of Rodney and  
Kerry Huffman, Honor Guard  
XLVIII



**Caroline Wendel**  
Daughter of Bill and Amy  
Wendel, Honor Guard LX

# LXI PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS





# CHILDREN OF THE COURT



## QUEEN'S TRAIN BEARERS

**Madison Locht**  
Daughter of Kevin & Sherry  
Locht, Queen of Bowlegs LXI

&

**Amanda Castleberry**  
Daughter of Mike and Tonya  
Castleberry, First Mate & First  
Mistress LXI



### *Front Row*

**Leo Mykicz** - Nephew of Ken and Nancy Watson, Captain Billy Bowlegs LXI and First Mate & Mistress LVI

**Clark Curtis** - Son of Damian & Leigh Curtis, Honor Guard LV

**Penelope Gordon** - Daughter of Ben & Amanda Gordon, Honor Guard LVIII

**Stella Leibold** - Daughter of Kevin and Andrea Leibold, Honor Guard LVIII

**Land Mead** - Son of John & Shelly Mead, Honor Guard LII

### *Back Row*

**Skylar Grindland** - Daughter of Mark & Mollie Grindland, Honor Guard LIX

**Alex Parker** - Son of Alan & Polly Parker, Honor Guard LIX

**Alexis Roberts** - Son of Bud & Andrea Roberts, Honor Guard LVIII













## IN MEMORIAM

**Kenneth Williamson** - November 8, 2015 - Captain Billy XXX  
**Barbara Ann Cilek** - December 5, 2015 - Wife of George Cilek, Honorary Krewe Member  
**Randy Stokes** - December 8, 2015 - Captain Billy XXXIII  
**Chuck "Pirate" Shoff** - December 11, 2015 - Honorary Krewe Member  
**Barbara Born** - December 13, 2015 - First Mistress XXIII  
**Jeannie Roberts** - February 23, 2016 - Queen XLVII  
**Roger Tucker** - March 30, 2016 - Honor Guard XIV  
**Bob "Pegleg" Carter** - April 21, 2016 - Honor Guard XVII  
**Danny Wright** - May 22, 2016 - Honorary Krewe Member  
**Rick Harris** - May 26, 2016 - Captain Billy LVIII

## TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

The original purpose of the Krewe of Bowlegs was to promote tourism in the local Fort Walton Beach area. For 61 years now we have continued to honor that long tradition. Each year the celebration seems to grow bigger as more and more out of town guests visit the city. The Billy Bowlegs festival is now one of the largest events in the southeast! Visitors come by car and by boat, taking in family festivities down at the Landing, or taking to the high seas to enjoy the intra-coastal waterway. There is truly something for everyone at the Billy Bowlegs pirate festival.



The Krewe of Bowlegs once again this year was successful in capturing the Mayor of Fort Walton Beach in a "Bombs Away" celebration in the name of Captain Billy 61 and his pirate Krewe! The Mayor and his militia were no match for the Captain and Krewe this year, as they were well equipped with an arsenal of 61 Smart Bomb "secret weapons" and the largest turnout of out-of-town guests ever! Bowlegs conquered the Mayor by force, with an armada of four ships and over 400 pirates and wenches bearing treasured beads, cups, toy swords and coins for the city to enjoy!

This festival is so successful each year due to support from the greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, led by its President, Ted Corcoran, along with the Krewe of Bowlegs Pirate Festival Committee, and the entire FWB Chamber staff. Thanks to the City of Fort Walton Beach and Mayor Mike Anderson for participating in fun filled festive rivalries played out in skits and civic events. We would also like to thank emergency management and law enforcement agencies; including the FWB Police Department, the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office, the USCG, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for their assistance during the festival. A special thanks to the Mattie Kelly Arts Center for their outstanding facilities and pageant stage support. Finally, the

Krewe of Bowlegs would like to thank our guests and Krewe VIPs that travel far to join us each year. We hope you've enjoyed all the festival activities, and come back again each year!

IN PRESERVATION OF PIRACY,

**KEN WATSON**

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LXI





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# Bombs Away!

