

Krewe of Bowlegs

2008



2009

"No Quarter Given"



Captain Dan Perri & Queen Bobbi Nelson



Message From Captain Billy 54



The 54th year of the Krewe of Bowlegs is now at an end and we look forward to welcoming Captain Billy 55 to continue the tradition. The past year serving as Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV has been humbling, exhilarating, and exhausting. It has been my privilege to work with all of the Krewe's committee chairmen, committee members, and all of their talent, energy, and effort that they extended in making the 54th year a wonderful ride for my Queen, First Mate and Mistress, my Honor Guard, my Lackeys, and me. All that hard work behind the scenes, at the Hut, at all of the party sites, and on the Blackhawk has produced many wonderful events for the Krewe and a wonderful show for the public. You have made my year a success. I am privileged to be fortunate enough to have each of you work on behalf of the Krewe and for me. My sincere thanks to all of you.

As Captain Billy 54 I take special pride in the contribution that the Krewe of Bowlegs makes each year to the Billy Bowlegs Festival sponsored by the City of Fort Walton Beach and the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. It has grown to be a large and successful festival and has become part of the fabric of the Emerald Coast. Tourists from all over the Southeast eagerly anticipate and participate in the Billy Bowlegs Festival each June. The festival is recognized as being one of the top festivals in the Southeast and I feel that the Krewe of Bowlegs' participation in the festival has been a key ingredient in making the Skirmish, the Landing and the Torchlight Parade such a success, such fun, and such entertainment each year.

"Team 54" has been a close, friendly, hard-working, fun-loving, hard-living group of pirates and wenches that has made my year a true delight. My Queen, Bobbi Nelson, was charming and beautiful and always on hand to assist me with good advice. My First Mate and Mistress, Ron and Judy Goodfellow, were the backbone of my year. I relied on them throughout the year, and, as all of you know, the key to a successful year depends upon the ability of the First Mate and Mistress and I was truly fortunate. The First Mate had to not only keep me advised, on time, and in line, but cracked the whip and kept the Honor Guard in line, on time, in the right costume, at the Hut, and taking care of the Blackhawk throughout the year. Lackey Dan Nelson always took good care of our Queen and always provided the levity that we all needed throughout the year in making the many decisions, commitments, and travel that is involved. My wife, Lackey Patricia Perri, who was Queen XLII during 1996 – 1997, provided tremendous advice and assistance to me throughout the year, put up with all of my shenanigans, my temper, and my constant time commitment away from home. What a wonderful wife.

The 54th Honor Guard has been a tight group. My true pleasure, and also one of my firm beliefs as to what makes the Krewe so worthwhile, was the development of the many friendships of the new individuals as well as old friends that were on the Honor Guard and watch all of them meld together into a unit that carried forth the good name of the Krewe of Bowlegs throughout the year, at all events, in town and out-of-town, but, most of all and most importantly, among themselves. I look forward to spending much time with "Team 54" as the years go by reminiscing about all the good times, the funny events, those special occurrences throughout the year that will always be remembered, their pirate attitude, and their "No Quarter Given" theme. What camaraderie! It has made my year.

I must give special recognition to certain members of the Krewe that have provided me with special advice and guidance throughout the year. As you know, a Captain Billy comes in as a rookie and goes out with some experience and almost knows what he is doing. By the time he may think he knows what he is doing the year is up. So, I have relied upon those Captains and members of the Krewe with much experience to provide me with guidance. I want to thank Ralph Fallin, who is from the same small town in Alabama as my mother, Bill Nelson, Phil Blumer, Johnny Johnson, Harry Barr, Tim Ray, Dick Roberts and Brock Fisher. I want to especially thank Gary McMorrow for the outstanding work in taking care of the Blackhawk, a special thanks to Gordon Starr for his continuing work on behalf of the Krewe in providing music that makes our parties and our parades such a success, and to Mike Wallace for his time-consuming work on preparing this brochure and maintaining the Krewe of Bowlegs website.

The goal of "Team 54" this year was to include as many members of the Krewe in all activities, whether in town or out-of-town. We wanted Krewe members at all events, right beside the Honor Guard, participating and celebrating in all that we do. I hope that "Team 54" was successful in this effort. Our motto for the year was "No Quarter Given", an historical reference to a pirate flag of the 1700's that spelled doom and disaster to all ships that failed to heed its warning. It was a "No Quarter Given" kind of year. With new friendships, new memories, hard work, and many laughs. I thank all of you sincerely for all that each of you did in making the year a success and for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV.

Now, the saga continues, with the incoming Captain Billy Bowlegs LV ready to lead the Krewe of Bowlegs into its 55th year. All I can say to you is to be true to the Krewe's tradition when you "Go Back To The Future!"

In Preservation of Piracy,

Daniel C. Perri

Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV



Daniel C. Perri

Captain Billy Bowlegs, 54

Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV, Daniel C. Perri, moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1956 at the age of 10. His parents, Vic and Agnes Perri, had opened Perri's Italian Restaurant on Eglin Parkway by Cinco Bayou Bridge. Dan had a wonderful childhood swimming, fishing, and waterskiing in Cinco Bayou and working in the restaurant helping his parents. Through the hard work of Dan's parents, the restaurant became a success and was an institution in Fort Walton Beach for many years. Friday nights at Perri's was a gathering of regular customers and friends with much table hopping. Many of those Friday night customers are now Dan's friends and members of the Krewe.

Dan obtained his undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, his law degree from American University, Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C., and his LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, Dan was a trial attorney in the Tax Division, United States Department of Justice for 5 years. He tried tax cases throughout the Southeast but primarily in Florida. Dan has been in the private practice of law since 1976. He practices in the areas of Wills, Trusts and Estates, Probate, Taxation, and Corporate and Business law.

Dan has been a member of the Krewe of Bowlegs for over 20 years. He served on the Honor Guard in 1991-1992 with Captain Billy XXXVII, Johnny Johnson and Queen Jeanie Blumer. Dan was fortunate to have such a wonderful Captain and Queen who showed him what it was to lead the Krewe. They were wonderful examples of what a good Captain and Queen can do. The Honor Guard was a memorable experience and Dan's introduction into the value and tradition of the Krewe.

Dan has served on the Board of Directors for various Captains over the years and recently assisted Captain Billy LIII, Brock Fisher, Captain Billy XLV, Dick Roberts, Captain Billy XXXVII, Johnny Johnson, Captain Billy XXXVIII, Harry Barr, Captain Billy XLVI, Phil Blumer, and Captain Billy LII, Mike Gates, along with Tom Conner and Steve Korn, in establishing the William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc. to preserve the history, artifacts, memorabilia, costumes, and other trinkets of the Krewe of Bowlegs, the Billy Bowlegs Festival, and other festivals in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Dan hopes that the establishment of the Museum will lead to a permanent site to house the collections from the Krewe, the Billy Bowlegs Festival and other historical artifacts from the Emerald Coast.

Over the years Dan has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the American Cancer Society, but his civic efforts have been devoted mostly to the YMCA. Dan has been a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA since the mid-1980's. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach branch of the YMCA for many years and served as Chairman. He then served as a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast for many years and also served as Chairman. Some of his most rewarding work was assisting the YMCA in successful fundraising activities and helping it to expand its operations to many locations in both Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

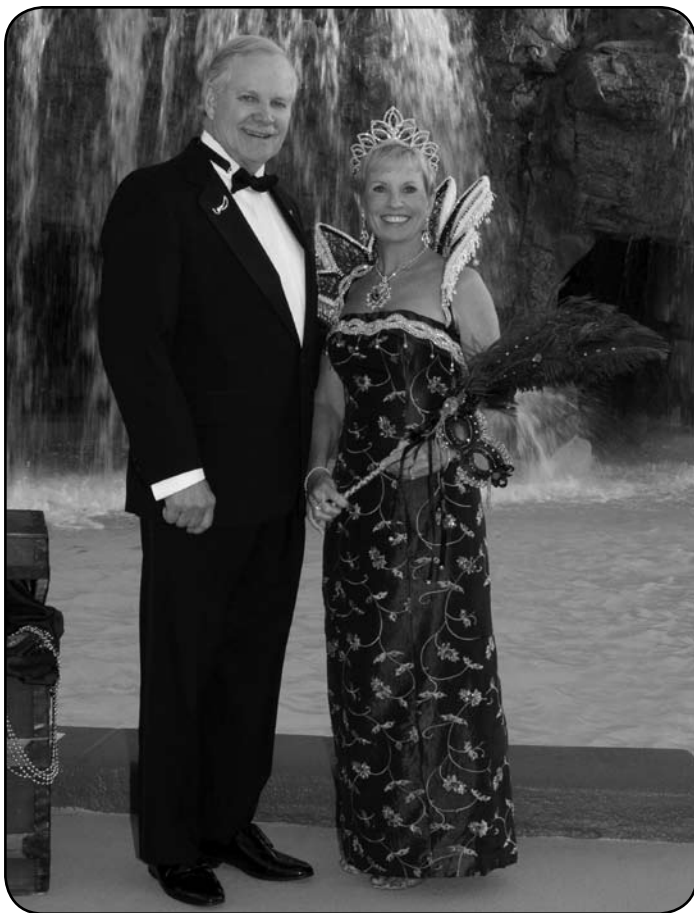
Dan's wife, Patricia Perri, was the Queen of Bowlegs with Captain Billy Bowlegs XLII, Greg Artabasy, in 1996 - 1997. After Dan's parents retired from Perri's Italian Restaurant, Patricia took over its management. Patricia was Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Host Council, in 1996 - 1997, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation. Currently Patricia is Treasurer of the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated, the State Treasurer of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, bookkeeper at Dan's law firm, and continues to have time to be a gourmet cook, a gracious hostess, and a wonderful wife. Patricia is from Pensacola, Florida, and graduated from the University of West Florida magna cum laude. She continues to be an active participant in the Society of Queens of the Krewe of Bowlegs. Dan and Patricia attend St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Walton Beach with Dan's mother.

Dan and Patricia have 2 children, Christina M. Perri and Michael P. Bouth. Christina attended St. Louis University in Madrid, Spain for two years then graduated from American University in Paris. She obtained her Master's Degree in Finance and International Business from Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris in June of 2008. As a result of her education and travel (at her Dad's expense) she is fluent in Spanish, French, and Italian and her Dad continues to work with her on her English. To the great relief of her Dad, she is now gainfully employed by a French investment bank in Paris. Patricia's son, Michael, has been in the United States Air Force for the last nine years. He has served in Germany, Afghanistan, and Dubai. Currently he is stationed at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida and will be deployed to Korea shortly. He is a meteorologist. Dan's daughter, Christina, was a Princess in the year 1999 - 2000 under Captain Billy XLV Dick Roberts and Patricia's son, Michael, was a Privateer in 1996 - 1997, at the same time that Patricia was Queen of Bowlegs.



Bobbi Nelson

Queen of Bowlegs, 54



Bobbi Nelson was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, to an Army Officer father who was often transferred around the United States, and the World. Of the many locations where her Dad's military career led Bobbi and her two brothers and sister, she actually remained in one place long enough to graduate from Fayetteville High School, NC. During the time her father served as an attaché in Denmark, she was a child extra in the film Hans Christian Anderson and she further expanded her movie experience when she performed as a double in the movie Jaws II. Bobbi is also a featured dancer on the back cover of a 1959 publication of Life magazine.

Bobbi earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Wake Forest University where she was a member of the Cheerleading Squad and Chi Omega sorority. After graduation, Bobbi moved to Dover, Delaware, and began teaching school. It was here that she met and married her husband, Dan.

After a wonderful four years in England, Bobbi relocated with Dan and their two British born children to Fort Walton Beach in 1975. It was after this that she completed her Masters Degree in Psychology at the University of West Florida and became a Certified School Psychologist. In 1979, while employed by the Guidance Clinic, later referred to as Bridgeway Center, Inc., the

Air Force assigned Dan to Germany for three years and Bobbi started another adventure.

Germany provided an opportunity for Bobbi to refine her snow skiing techniques and learn to drive 100 mph on the autobahns while occasionally hurrying to her full time job for the Department of Air Force. Civil Service proved appealing to her and she continued that profession after returning to Fort Walton Beach in 1982.

Upon Dan's Air Force retirement, she and Dan opened the first locally franchised Taco Bell restaurant in March, 1986. It was only after several years of agonizing over leaving her Civil Service position that Dan persuaded her to working only for their Taco Bell Company.

Bobbi loves golf, snow skiing, the stock market, travel, and can't get enough of any of them. She is a member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club, a sustaining member of The Junior League of the Emerald Coast, an Advisor to the Wake Forest Alumni in Admissions Program, and a member of the Shalimar United Methodist Church.

Dan and Bobbi served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy 38, Harry Barr and his Queen Pat Tringas, and under the direct tutelage of First Mate & Mistress, Sam and Lisa Burkett. Dan and Bobbi served as First Mate and Mistress for Captain Billy 48, Jeff McLinnis and his Queen Kathy Ray. Over the years, Bobbi has also been responsible for a number of the Krewe of Bowlegs Coronations.

Bobbi and Dan are proud parents of Ashley and Reed. Ashley is married to Mark Siner and they have three children, Cooper - 10, Bentley - 8 and McLaren - 1. Mark and Ashley served as First Mate and Mistress for Captain Billy 52, Mike Gates and his Queen Beverly Crews. Reed and his wife Kristina have a daughter Hallie - 2 and live in Jacksonville, FL. And, Reed and Ashley are now the new owners of the local Taco Bell stores and Bobbi is finally free to devote more of her attention to her much loved grandchildren.



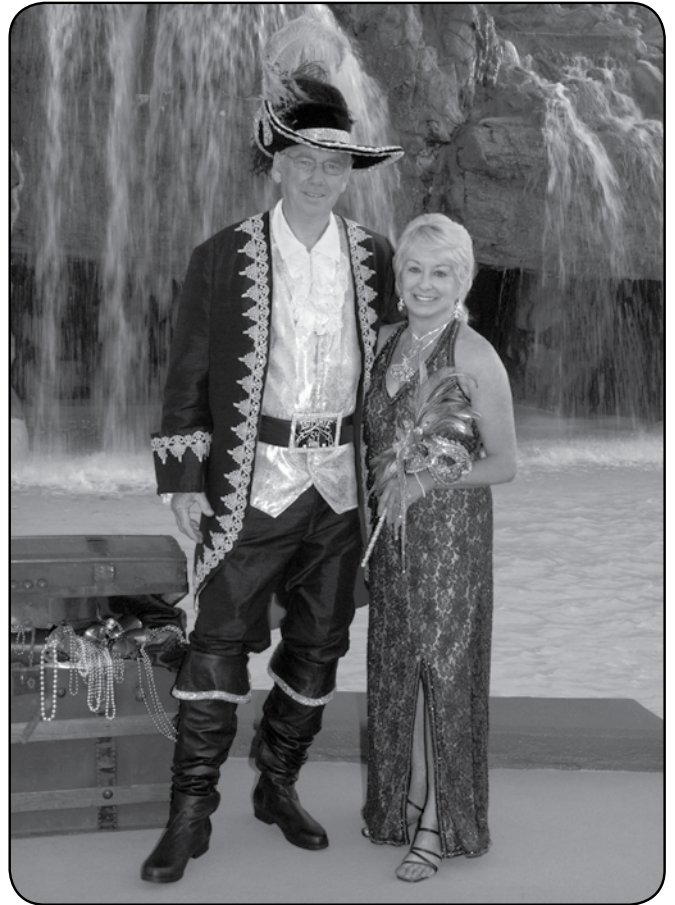
Ron & Judy Goodfellow

First Mate & First Mistress, 54

Faithfully serving their captain and queen as First Mate and Mistress are Ron and Judy Goodfellow, long time friends of Captain Billy XIV and his wife Patricia.

They joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2002, serving on the Honor Guard of XLIX Frank Robbins and Queen XLIX Alexis Tibbetts and many of the Krewe's various committees. As First Mate and Mistress they lead the Krewe in all of the organization's activities.

The high school sweethearts from upstate New York were married after Judy's graduation. Ron's enlistment into the Air Force the year before started him on his military career. He trained as an electronics technician. He was assigned to the SR-71 program at Beale AFB in California when he was selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program in 1966. He attended the University of Missouri, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon completing Officer's Training School, he was immediately assigned to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio to complete his education with a Master's Degree. In 1971, the couple was assigned to Hurlburt Field with the Bomarc Missile Squadron. It was during this time the couple fell in love with the area and wanted to make it their permanent home. They left briefly, from 1977 to 1980, when Ron was assigned to be Chief of Engineering for the Air Force's only space launch team at Vandenberg AFB, California. He returned to Eglin AFB in 1980 to work in research and development at the Armament Laboratory and a short time later he became lead engineer for Eglin's Strategic Defense Initiative Program. His military retirement in 1984 took him to work with Computer Science and Applications, where he was a program manager for 15 years.



In 1998, he joined his son David's company as President and CEO of Film South, Inc., a firm that specializes in the installation of window film for residential and commercial buildings for a five state region.

Along with serving for and supporting the Krewe of Bowlegs, he is also a member of the All Sports Association and Shalimar Pointe Golf Club.

Serving alongside Ron is the First Mistress Judy, who spent the early years of their marriage raising two children and pursuing her desire to be an artist. Judy's 35 year career has brought her regional and national recognition. Her work has shown at major art events throughout the Southeastern United States. She was honored by the Cultural Affairs Division of the State of Florida by having her give a three month one woman show in the Governor's Gallery adjacent to the Governor's office in Tallahassee. She was one of six Florida artists asked to create a special ornament for the National Christmas tree located in the White House. Her love of wildlife has dominated her paintings for the last seven years. Samples of Judy's artwork can be seen on the Krewe of Bowlegs website, which highlights her paintings of Florida and her commemorative painting of Bowlegs 50th year.

Ron and Judy have lived in Shalimar since 1988 after 18 years of residing in Mary Esther. They have two children: David, who resides in Columbus, Georgia with his wife Teri and four children, Megan, Drew, Mackenzie and Madeline. Their daughter Tina resides in Dallas, Texas with her son Christopher.

First Mistress Judy's dress was created by Karen Thornton of Mobile, Alabama. Karen Thornton has been designing formal attire for different Mardi Gras Krewes all over the Gulf Coast for many years. The gown features beaded nylon lace in a midnight blue tone, with trim around the neck and hem that accents a subdued red tone.

First Mate Ron is wearing a vest and outer coat of navy blue dupionni silk with trim of rhinestones and antique gold lace trim highlighting the outer jacket.

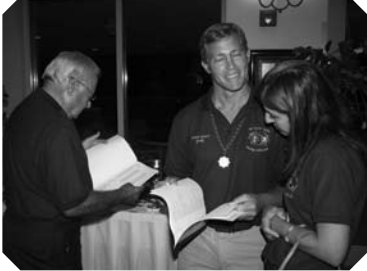
Krewe

Captain Billy Bowlegs

Queen of Bowlegs

1st Mate & 1st Mistress

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| 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. Malcom 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) Kruzel | 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 |
| 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. | Virgina Glynn Barr | Bill & Suzie Gross |
| XXXV | C. LeDon Anchors | Deborah L. Roberts | William & Katherine Dreadin |
| XXXVI | W. Herbet 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 |



54th Honor Guard



*Grady Burleson &
Vivian Perez*

Grady Burleson and Vivian Perez make their home in Fort Walton Beach, where they relocated about three years ago. Grady was born into a military family and grew up where the Army sent his family. He graduated from the University of Florida and is a former U.S. Army Special Forces team commander. He is now a U.S. Air Force flight surgeon and emergency room physician. He frequently coaches his children's sports and participates regularly in their activities.

Vivian is originally from Chicago and then from St. Petersburg, Fla. She also attended University of Florida, earning a bachelor's of science in business. She was the creator and owner of Tampa Bay's first coffee hangouts, Bean There Coffee House, which hosted live music and won Best Coffee House in Tampa for several years. The coffee houses also earned a feature in Southern Living magazine. Vivian is now a stay-at-home mother and considered the brains of the family operation. She volunteers at Saint Mary Catholic Church and the children's schools. The couple has three children: Kyle, 10, Luke, 7, and Sofia, 6. The family attends Saint Mary Catholic Church.

Brian is a native of Mobile, Ala., where he attended McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and later the University of South Alabama. During his time at South Alabama, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Brian completed his undergraduate studies at Auburn University, where he studied business management. He is operations manager for ServiceMaster Clean in Fort Walton Beach.

Bowlegs lineage runs deep in the family of Brian and Anna Giattina. Anna is the great-granddaughter of Capt. Billy VI Thomas Brooks. Anna's deep roots in Bowlegs history does not exclude her from living elsewhere. She is originally from Alexandria, Va., where she attended Bishop Ireton Catholic High School. She earned a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology from the University of Alabama, where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She works at Horizons as an Infant/Toddler Development Specialist. Brian and Anna reside in Mary Esther and attend Saint Mary Catholic Church.



Brian & Anna Giattina

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Todd Harrell spent the majority of his life in Tallahassee. He graduated from Florida State University, where he played baseball on scholarship as pitcher. He was drafted by the Yankees organization, but an injury while at FSU persuaded Todd to decline the offer. He moved to Okaloosa County, where he opened his business in 2002. Home Instead Senior Care allows elderly citizens to remain in their homes and remain independent.

Carly Harrell grew up in Fort Myers, and she lived in Tallahassee for seven years before moving to Destin in 2003. She graduated from Florida State University with a degree in marketing, and she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She works for Home Instead Senior Care as director of community services. Carly is also president of the Emerald Coast Health Organization. The couple married in 2006. They live in Shalimar and have twin boys, Brody Lee and Wade Aubrey born August 13, 2008.



Todd & Carly Harrell



Jimmy & Debbie Henderson

Jimmy and Debbie are both lifelong residents of Fort Walton Beach. Jimmy graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School, OWJC and Auburn University where he earned a B.S. degree in Building Science. At Auburn, Jimmy was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. In addition to being owner of his construction company, Jimmy has been active in the Building Industry Association where he has served as President and currently serves on the Okaloosa County Construction and Competency Board.

Debbie graduated from Choctawhatchee High School, OWJC, and The University of West Florida where she earned a B.S. degree in Interior Design. After graduation, Debbie started her own business, Deborah's Interiors. Debbie has been an active volunteer in her children's schools where she has been awarded Volunteer of the Year and has worked for the Okaloosa Schools system as a cheerleader coach.

Jimmy and Debbie have two children, Trey 18 and Erica 17. Jimmy and Debbie attend Saint Mary Catholic Church and are active members of the Emerald Coast Auburn Club.

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Larry & Whitney Hipsh

Larry H. Hipsh, III and his wife, Whitney Leigh Hipsh, grew up on the Emerald Coast; Larry is from Gulf Breeze and Whitney is from Destin. The Fort Walton Beach couple attended and met at the University of West Florida, where they earned their undergraduate degrees. They began dating in December, 1998 and married in March, 2002.

Larry earned his Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law, and is currently an attorney with the Law Office of Daniel C. Perri. Larry is a member of the FWB Rotary Club and FWB Chamber of Commerce, serves as Chair of the Fort Walton Beach Young Professionals, and is a board member of the Fort Walton Beach Family YMCA and the Emerald Coast Foundation.

Whitney earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Florida, and is currently an attorney with Fleet, Spencer & Kilpatrick, P.A. Whitney also belongs to the FWB Rotary Club and FWB Chamber of Commerce, serves as board Chair for the Emerald Coast Marine Institute, and is a graduate of Leadership Okaloosa.

They have 2-year-old daughter, Campbell Leigh Hipsh.

Jonathan and Lynnette Jay met and were married on the Emerald Coast in 1988 and returned to the area in 1995. Jonathan hails from Greenville, S.C. and received a B.A. in History from the University of Georgia and Masters in Business Management from Webster University. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Special Operations Pilot with more than twenty five years active service and now works for Lockheed Martin. Jonathan is an active member, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the All Sports Association and is a regional representative for the Wuerffel Trophy.

Lynnette is the owner of Jay Photography and has been an active volunteer supporting youth sports in this area. She has served as a Board Member for the Shalimar Athletic Association, Kenwood PTO, Pryor Booster Club, and is currently serving as a Board Member of the Choctawhatchee Touchdown Club. Jonathan and Lynnette have three sons: Justin 19, Cody 17 and David 10. The Jays are members of Shalimar United Methodist Church.



Jonathan & Lynnette Jay

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Rich Laird is a life-long resident of Fort Walton Beach, having graduated from Choctawhatchee High School. He left his home town briefly to earn a bachelor's of science degree in business management from Florida State University. Upon graduation, he returned to Fort Walton Beach, where he began his career in insurance. Currently, Rich is a catastrophe claims adjuster/ consultant working with Worley Catastrophe Services, an independent firm based in Hammond, La.

LaBeth's early years were spent in Fort Walton Beach. She left the area for a short time, with graduation from a high school in Williston, Fla. She then earned her bachelor's of science degree in marketing from the University of Maryland. LaBeth returned to Fort Walton Beach in 1997, when she and Rich met. They married soon after. She is now a Realtor with RE/MAX Southern Realty. Rich and LaBeth celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this year, and they have a daughter, Kristina Brooke, 6. They attend First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.



Rich & LaBeth Laird



Ken & Julie Smith

Ken moved to the area in 1984 after military service took the couple to many parts of the world.

Ken was born in Georgia and spent the early part of his life as an Army dependent. His family moved around the world, but he returned to Georgia to earn his degree from Georgia Tech. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He received a Masters Degree from Louisiana State University in Operations Research. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of artillery and a combat Vietnam veteran. He currently works for Tybrin Corporation.

Julie grew up in Atlanta. She graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She has worked at North Okaloosa Medical Center for more than 20 years. She is a member and former officer of the Fort Walton Beach PanHellenic, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Bridgeway Center, of which she served as president in 2005. She is on the Finance Committee of the FWYC, and is a member of the Okaloosa County Republican Women, Federated. She is a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church.

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Roger & Tanya Tucker

Roger Tucker was born in Southern Georgia. He is a graduate of Southern Technical Institute and Troy State University. Roger worked as an engineer for Minneapolis Honeywell until military service called. He spent 28 years in the US Air Force as a Fighter Pilot and in related activities, retiring with the rank of Colonel.

Roger and Tanya met in Ankara, Turkey and joined forces at Eglin AF Base. They have lived in Shalimar since 1987 after living in Saudi Arabia for five years. They attend Shalimar United Methodist Church.

Roger is a member of the Air Force Association, Daedalians, Military Officers Association, Command Bar Stool Association, Fort Walton Yacht Club and Shalimar Pointe.

Tanya, of White Russian descent, was born in Harbin, China. She grew up in Brisbane, Australia and worked in Canberra, its Capital. She also worked in Papua New Guinea, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Florida. She is a member FWB Chamber.

Matthew H. Zinke grew up in Shalimar and is a 1991 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He obtained his B.S. Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida in 1996 where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Matt is a registered Professional Engineer with Gustin, Cothorn and Tucker. He is involved with coaching PASA soccer and Little League baseball; a Cub Scout Leader with Pack 522; member of Shalimar United Methodist Church; and a graduate of Leadership Okaloosa.

Courtney Floyd Zinke, a native of Birmingham, was raised in Pensacola and graduated from B.T. Washington High School in 1992. After attending Birmingham-Southern College, where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Courtney transferred to the University of Florida and graduated in 1995 with a B.S. Degree in Public Relations. Presently, she is a stay-at-home mom, attempting to keep up with their three boys: Zack, 10, Colton, 8, and Reed, 6. Courtney is a sustaining member of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, serving on the Executive Board; member of the Elks Lodge 1795; American Heart Association volunteer; and member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Having met at UF, they are avid Gator boosters.



Matt & Courtney Zinke



Act 1

“NO QUARTER GIVEN”

EMCEE: Tom Connor

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LIV

Daniel C. Perri

QUEEN OF BOWLEGS

Bobbi Nelson

FIRST MATE AND FIRST MISTRESS

Ron And Judy Goodfellow

2008 - 2009 PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS

Brooks Brown
Shelby Paige Demyan
Brittany Nicole McGrail
Jason Carroll Mills
Devan Ann Seaton
Natalie Ann Sullivan

Bridget Lynn Cogley
James Hill Henderson III
Miller Ann McInnis
Eric Alexander Riggs
Bailey Elizabeth Shawbitz

2008 - 2009 CHILDREN OF THE COURT

Ian Bolger
Blake Chavez
Rachel McMullen
Annika Pattison
Cooper Siner

Talor Cason
Emily McGovern
Trace McMullen
Bentley Siner
Hadleigh Wright

2008 - 2009 HONOR GUARD

Grady Burluson & Vivian Perez
Todd & Carly Harrell
Larry & Whitney Hipsh
Rich & Labeth Laird
Roger & Tanya Tucker

Brian & Anna Giattina
Jimmy & Debbie Henderson
Jonathan & Lynnette Jay
Ken & Julie Smith
Matt & Courtney Zinke

Act 2

Introductions
By Act 1 Emcee

ACT II

“BACK TO THE FUTURE”

Emcee: Brock Fisher, Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII

Presentation of 2009 – 2010 Princesses and Privateers

Introduction of 2009 – 2010 Honor Guard

Introduction of 2009 – 2010 First Mate and Mistress

Departure of the 2008 – 2009 First Mate and Mistress

Introduction of Children of the Court

Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LV

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV and His Queen

Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs LV

Proclamation

Group Photography*

Recessional*

*Please Remain Seated Until After Recessional







54th Krewe of Bowlegs

54th Executive Board

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| First Mate..... | Ron Goodfellow |
| 1st Vice President..... | Ken Watson |
| 2nd Vice President..... | Ray McGovern |
| Secretary..... | Van Cogley |
| Treasurer..... | Kevin Bowyer |
| Lackey LIV..... | Dan Nelson |
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| Parlementarian..... | Johnny Johnson |
| SOB Liason..... | Harry Barr |
| First Mate Liason..... | Dan Nelson |
| Executive Secretary..... | Helen (and Bobby) Spencer |
| Krewe Historian..... | Rick Harris |
| Head of Transportation..... | Gary McMorrow |
| Minister of Music..... | Gordon Starr |
| Minister of Programming / Webmaster..... | Mike Wallace |

2008 - 2009 Board Members

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| Mark Balent | Tony Gilligan | Tim Perry |
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| Roger Bridges | Sean Goss | Charlie Potts |
| John Brown | Bruce Haught | Barry Riggs |
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| Buddy Carter | Rodney Huffman | Gene Smith |
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| George Cilek | Bill Kilpatrick | Marc Starr |
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| Andy Corbin | Kevin Loch | Tom Timothy |
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William Augustus Bowles Museum Liaison Committee

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| Dick Roberts (Chairman) | Phil Blumer | Johnny Johnson |
| Dan Perri (Co-Chair) | Tom Connor | Steve Korn |
| Harry Barr | Brock Fisher | Bruce Marshall |

Behind The Scenes of 54

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| Coronation Pageant Chairman..... | Tim Perry |
| Coronation Set Construction Chairman..... | George Cilek |
| Coronation Pageant Stage Director..... | Cristi Perry |
| Coronation Pageant Backstage Director..... | Charlie & Cindy Potts |
| Script..... | Dan Perri |
| Music..... | Gordon Starr |
| Coronation Program..... | Mike Wallace |
| NWF Arts Center Director..... | Dr. Clifford Herron |
| NWF Technical Director..... | Bob Whitaker |
| NWF Assistant Technical Director..... | Clint Mahle |

Krewe of Bowlegs 54 Acknowledgements

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| Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV Costume..... | Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL |
| Queen's Gown, Train & Collar..... | Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL |
| Queen's Crown, Medallion, & Earrings..... | Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL |
| First Mate and First Mistress LIV costumes..... | Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL |
| First Mistress Jewelry..... | Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL |
| Honor Guard Costumes..... | Ms. Chong Cromwell, Assibang Sewing, FWB, FL |
| Children of the Court Costumes..... | Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL |
| Other Supporting Businesses..... | Josettes, Biloxi, MS, Ely's Fabric Warehouse, Mobile, AL, Stagecrafters, Fine Fotos, Armstrong's Printing, A2Z Advertising, Simply Elegant; Stitch FX, all of FWB, FL |

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| Captain Billy Bowlegs LV Costume..... | Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX, FWB, FL |
| Queen's Gown..... | Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL |
| Queen's Crown, Medallion & Earrings..... | Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL |
| First Mate & First Mistress LV Costumes.... | Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX, FWB, FL |
| First Mistress Jewelry..... | Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL |
| Honor Guard Costumes..... | Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX, FWB, FL |
| Children of the Court Costumes..... | Samia's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX, FWB, FL |
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| DeLorean..... | Ben Brennan, Shalimar, FL |
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Princesses & Privateers



BROOKS BROWN, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, is the daughter of French and Cissy Brown, Captain Billy 44 and Queen 40, granddaughter of Charles and Lynne Mathews, First Mate 22 and Queen 16 and French and Sug Brown, Captain Billy 13 and Queen 11. She is the great granddaughter of Tom Brooks, the 6th Captain Billy.



BRIDGET LYNN COGLEY, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Van and Robyn Cogley.



SHELBY PAIGE DEMYAN, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Andrew and Deborah Demyan and granddaughter of Nick and Josephine Nicholson.



BRITTANY NICOLE McGRAIL, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, is the daughter of Mike and Sabrina McGrail.



MILLER ANN McINNIS, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Jeff McInnis, First Mate 43 and Captain Billy 48 and Katherine McInnis, First Mistress 43.



DEVAN ANN SEATON, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, is the daughter of Michael and Cynthia Seaton and granddaughter of Phyllis Seaton.



BAILEY ELIZABETH SHAWBITZ, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, is the daughter of Mickey and Patty Shawbitz.



NATALIE ANN SULLIVAN, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of John Sullivan and Susan Guentzel.

Princesses & Privateers



JASON CARROLL MILLS,
a graduate of Choctawhatchee
High School, is the son of
Randy and Lynn Mills.



ERIC ALEXANDER RIGGS,
A graduate of Northwest Florida
State Collegiate High School,
is the son of Barry and
Deborah Riggs.



JAMES HILL HENDERSON III
(TREY),
a graduate Choctawhatchee
High School, is the son of
Jimmy and Debbie Henderson.



Children of the Court



FRONT ROW – LEFT TO RIGHT

Talor Cason, daughter of Ted Cason and Amy Wormble and granddaughter of Noble and Cissy Wyninegar, is the Queen's feather bearer.

Annika Pattison, daughter of Mike and Terry Pattison and granddaughter of Don and Donna Pattison, is the Queen's pearl bearer.

Bentley Siner, daughter of Mark and Ashley Siner, First Mate and First Mistress LII, and granddaughter of Dan, First Mate XLVIII, and Bobbi Nelson, First Mistress XLVIII and Queen LIV, is the Queen's crown bearer.

Emily McGovern, daughter of Ray and Judy McGovern, is the Queen's medallion bearer.

Hadleigh Wright, daughter of Ronnie and Leigh Wright, is the Queen's train bearer.

BACK ROW – LEFT TO RIGHT

Blake Chavez, daughter of Dennis and Sherri Chavez, is the Queen's scepter bearer.

Rachel McMullen, daughter of Ed and Debbie McMullen, is the Queen's train bearer.

Ian Bolger, son of Todd and DeDe Bolger, is the Captain's medallion bearer

Cooper Siner, son of Mark and Ashley Siner, First Mate and First Mistress LII, and grandson of Dan, First Mate XLVIII, and Bobbi Nelson, First Mistress XLVIII and Queen LIV, is the Captain's sword bearer.

Trace McMullen, son of Ed and Debbie McMullen, is the Captain's proclamation bearer.

Bowlegs History



A hoy! Mateys, hear ye the tale of the pirate, Billy Bowlegs! William Augustus Bowles was a remarkable adventurer who possessed a boundless and ambitious vision equipped with a charming personality, leadership brilliance, and a superior strength of will. This young and handsome colonist was born on the Maryland frontier in 1763. He was raised a loyalist to the British crown, accepting an ensign commission as a British Naval Officer at the age of 16. He fought in the American Revolutionary War with distinction. Following the war, he was transferred to Jamaica, and then, on to a British regiment in Pensacola, Florida.

At this point in his young thrilling life, Bowles broke from traditional bonds and, forcefully, insulted a senior officer; disavowed the military life; and deserted. He sought refuge with the Creek Indians; adopted their culture and language; and married a chief's daughter. These times were consumed with a power struggle between England, Spain, and America for control of the Gulf coast and its access to the sea. Bowles envisioned great opportunity in this struggle for power and wealth. In 1781, he returned to Pensacola with a war party to aid the British in defending their garrison against the Spanish. The British lost and surrendered. Bowles survived and was evacuated to New York. This initiative gained him a British pardon. Bowles was then sent to the Bahamas where, because of his cultural and linguistic knowledge of the Creek Indians, he established a commercial relationship with the Bahamian governor, John Connolly. The commercial interest was to arm the Creek Indians to fight the Spanish. He returned to the Creeks, but did not give them all he had promised; used them along with his crew to sack warehouses at the Spanish fort at St. Marks; left the Creeks little; and departed with most of the booty. A bounty was immediately placed on his head by the Spanish. Seeking to negotiate the establishment of an independent Muscogee state, Bowles was invited to a meeting with the Spanish governor of Louisiana and West Florida in New Orleans, which was a trap. He was captured and remained in Spanish custody, being moved frequently: Havana, Madrid, and Manila. While being moved to another prison, wily "Billy Bowlegs" escaped to Sierra Leone, a British colony from where he reached London and was given a hero's welcome.

Billy Bowlegs (Bowles) returned for a third time to Northwest Florida in 1799. He was centrally instrumental in forming the Republic of Muscogee (1799 – 1803), simultaneously, pitted against the sovereignty of the United States and Spain. The location of the Republic encompassed the region of Northwest Florida to the Bay of Appalachia and the territory that surrounds Tallahassee. After his history with the Creeks, many mistrusted him. As leader of the Muscogee nation, Bowlegs declared war on Spain in 1800. Bowles again attacked, and this time conquered, the St. Mark's fort. This victory was short lived. The Spanish recaptured the fort and put a large bounty on Billy Bowlegs' head. He hid in the Muscogee lands. He gradually lost the confidence of the Creeks. He was finally 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. He was sent to El Morro Castle where he died in 1805, at the approximate age of 42. His legacy was one of adventure and daring excitement.

The memory of William Augustus Bowles rings true in the annual Billy Bowlegs' festival. To the Emerald Coast, Billy Bowlegs leaves us with exciting pirate lore, great adventure, and buried treasure.

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







Tribute to the Community



For 54 years the Krewe of Bowlegs has worked diligently to carry out its purpose of representing the City of Fort Walton Beach in the annual “Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival”. It has now grown from a small, local event into one of the best-known festivals in the Southeast.

The success of the “Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival” could only be accomplished through the close relationship, hard work, and support by the Krewe, by the City of Fort Walton Beach, by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and by many businesses, organizations and individuals. Each year the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival Skirmish on

Friday night, the Landing on Saturday afternoon and the Torchlight Parade on Monday evening of Festival Week becomes bigger, better, and draws enthusiastic crowds.

For 53 years the Krewe of Bowlegs pirates, although initially repelled by the City of Fort Walton Beach militia on Friday night, attack the City again on Saturday afternoon and always have been victorious. The Krewe promises a wild and forceful attack upon the City again this year for its 54th victory. I know that Mayor Mike Anderson is secretly planning to change the tide of victory but once again he and the City will be unsuccessful. The Krewe pirates shall prevail.

A special thanks to Mayor Mike Anderson for his leadership, humor, and good nature and to Ted Corcoran and his team at the Chamber of Commerce for their time, effort and support in making the Festival such an enjoyment for all that attend, from the pirates to the public.

All of the fun of the “Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival” is a result of the joint effort by the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Florida State College, the Northwest Florida Daily News, the Coast Guard, and our military friends at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field all working together to carry out a safe, fun-filled, and exciting festival.

On behalf of the Krewe of Bowlegs we want to thank all of you for your support. All of us, working together, make the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival a success and, in doing so, make our community a wonderful place in which to live, work and play. Thanks for the memories this year.

Being a pirate means having fun. Please do so!

In Preservation of Piracy,

Daniel C. Perri

Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV



Bowlegs 2008 - 2009



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