

# *Krewe of Bowlegs*

presents

## **"Back to the Future"**

2009



2010



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North West Florida Arts Center





# Message From Captain Billy

It has been a great trip "Back to the Future" with the Bowlegs Krewe of 55! The year as Captain Billy Bowlegs 55 has been special in many ways. As the year draws to a close and we reflect on the year I think we have accomplished our objectives of carrying on the traditions of the past while establishing new traditions of our own. The Krewe is energized with many new members who have enthusiastically embraced the heritage of the Krewe as a brotherhood of fun loving pirates who care for each other in the good times and the bad. Additionally, they have assisted in the pursuit of enhancing community relations and promoting tourism to the Emerald Coast. The combination of Fun and Friendship while promoting the community encompass the tenets of the Krewe of Bowlegs. The local appearances for civic and charity organizations, reading to the children in our schools, and funding the Skirmish and Landing which attracts in excess of 30,000 visitors to our area are, worthy causes for the Krewe. I am extremely proud of the Krewe and their contributions to the community and their care for other Krewe members.

My travels to other festivals from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bradenton, Tallahassee, Mobile, and Pensacola have provided special memories of great times good friendships and tons of fun, not just for me, but also for all of those who traveled with us.

Personally, my tour as Captain Billy Bowlegs 55 has been a great experience. The Krewe, in keeping with tradition, has been extremely supportive and the levels of participation have been unprecedented. My sincere thanks to all the committee chairmen, co-chairs, committee members, and officers. I hope it has been as rewarding and as much fun for you as it has been for me. In addition to these folks, there are others who need to be thanked for their support - please see the list of acknowledgements for the individuals and businesses that have assisted in making this year a success.

There is a special group that really deserves my sincere appreciation – the other members of the Top 6 and the Honor Guard. This group is the backbone of all that happens within the Krewe each year, but like most of my predecessors, I'm sure – I think my group is the best ever! First of all, thanks to my Lackey – Debbie, without whom there would not be the great innovative ideas that we executed during the year (like float decorations that resulted in 4 first place trophies). Without her love, support and partnership, behind the scenes organization and general know-how-to get-things-done, the year could not have been successful.

Queen 55, Nyla, has represented the Krewe at many events both on the Emerald Coast and to the many festivals to which we have traveled. She has been gracious, charming, and dedicated to making this year one full of great memories. I can't leave out the Queen's Lackey Gordon who was always there to take great care of the float and the music. The additions of cannons and smoke to our float this year have made it a true pirate ship. Thanks for your friendship and support.

The First Mate and Mistress, Tim and Cristi, have been sparkplugs, as advertised. They have energized the Honor Guard, distributed 'bling' for trading, organized great dinners for the wenches, and kept the Honor Guard and Krewe informed which led to the great participation we have experienced this year. Thanks for your support and participation.

The Honor Guard – THE BEST EVER! You are a great group – supportive, bonded, innovative, always ready to help and always there – for every trip and at every event. Thanks for the memories and all you have done this year. I look forward to many years of friendship and partying with each of you.

Finally, thanks to Dick and Jeannie Roberts and Brock Fisher for their counsel and support. They are part of my legacy in Bowlegs and have been invaluable as we have planned and executed the Back to the Future year. A special thanks to Mert Wagner, for his continuing photography – he is the Best; Charlie Potts, 1st VP, Mike Wallace, 2nd VP for their ideas, hard work and continuing support; and Les Fleischer, Minister of Intoxicology for his innovative drink ideas. There are many others that could be thanked, but space just doesn't permit.

I extend to Captain Billy LVI, his Queen, First Mate and Mistress, and Honor Guard, my sincere best wishes and support for a fun filled year of friendship as you carry on the traditions of the Krewe of Bowlegs.



In Preservation of Piracy,

*Bruce Marshall*

Captain Billy Bowlegs LV





# Bruce E. Marshall

## Captain Billy Bowlegs, 55

Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall, grew up on a farm in Illinois raising corn, soy beans and hogs. Never having a desire to be a farmer, Bruce attended Arizona State University where he graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and received his commission through Air Force ROTC. His 24 year Air Force career brought him to Florida for the first time in the early 70s to get his MBA from the University of Central Florida and culminated in Florida in 1990 – 1993 as the Air Base Wing Commander at Eglin AFB. During his tour as commander, Bruce and Debbie enjoyed many Bowlegs parties and the ensuing friendships that grew from the association. After 24 years of moving the family around the country, Bruce and Debbie chose to make their home on the Emerald Coast. He has continued working in the defense business since his retirement and is currently President of Marshall Enterprises, a management and consulting company. Bruce has been involved in the local community both on active duty and since retirement. He has served on the Boards of United Way, The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Chairman in 2006, and the Air Force Armament Museum. He also served on the Board of the Mental Health Association and was President in 2001 – 2004. He has been active in the Air Force Association serving as Region / State President in 2002 – 2004 and on the National Board from 2004 – 2007.



Bruce joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 1996 and served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy XLV, Dick Roberts in 1999-2000. He has served on the Krewe's Board of Directors every year since being on the Honor Guard and has chaired or co-chaired many of the major events. He and his wife Debbie served as First Mate and Mistress for Captain Billy LIII, Brock Fisher in 2007 -2008.

Debbie was born and raised in Ft. Washington, MD. She has been in local real estate for the past 13 years. She is a sales agent with Pelican Real Estate and Development Company. Debbie has been a volunteer in support of school activities and various other charities. Debbie currently serves on the Board of the William Augustus Bowles MUSEUM and Historical Foundation. In their spare time they like to play on the water in the summer and snow ski in Colorado in the winter.

Bruce and Debbie have 4 sons and 7 grandchildren; Barry and his wife Michelle live in Manila, Philippines with their three children Stevii, Davis and Jaron; Brad and his two children Julian and Ellie in Newton, KS; Jason and his wife Kay with their son Gates and daughter Delaney live in Westminster, CO; and Neil and his wife Erin, live in Broomfield, CO. Pictured with Bruce and Debbie is Grandson, Gates Marshall who played the role of a "mini Captain" - back in time for the "Back to the Future" 55th Coronation. Bruce and Debbie live in Shalimar.

# Nyla Starr

## Queen of Bowlegs, 55



Nyla Starr is the daughter of Richard “Ed” and Ethel Edwards of Niceville and grew up in the Air Force traveling around the world. She first moved to the area in the late 60’s when her dad was stationed at Eglin. She is a graduate of Niceville High School and attended Okaloosa Walton Community College.

She met her husband Gordon, “Slackey” in 1976 when he was just a young Airman. Nyla and Gordon married in 1977 and raised 2 children, Marc and Kara.

Nyla enjoys the “friendship and fun” of Bowlegs, a phrase coined by Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVI, Dr. Phil Blumer, when she and Gordon first joined the Krewe. She’s formed many new friendships in the Krewe this year, but most of all, getting to know the 10 wonderful couples of the 55th Honor Guard has been her Bowlegs treasure!

“Slackey” Gordon came to Eglin in 1975 while in the Air Force. In 1980, he accepted a position with Hughes Aircraft Company

and later Raytheon Missile Systems Company as a Senior Systems Engineer working on the Advanced Medium Range Air-To-Air Missile (AMRAAM) program. For over 25 years he supported the AMRAAM and Raytheon Small Diameter Bomb (SDB-II) programs and is now retired. In the late 60’s and early 70’s, he played guitar and tenor sax in several club bands and in 1978 became a professional disc jockey in radio and nightclubs. He has provided the music for over one thousand parties and weddings in our local area. Gordon’s first experience with the Krewe of Bowlegs was as a DJ for many of their parties.

Gordon and Nyla joined the Krewe in 2000, and had the rare pleasure of serving on the Honor Guard twice; the first time for Captain Billy 47, Dr. Tom Dlabal, and again for Captain Billy 50, Tim Ray. Gordon served as First Vice President for Captain Billy 51, Dr. Keith Amiel, and has been on the Board since their first Honor Guard year.

Marc is a graduate of Niceville High School and The University of West Florida. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and has owned several businesses in the area. He and his wife Tara are the proud parents of baby Kealy. Marc and Tara are also members of the Krewe of Bowlegs and served on the Honor Guard for Captain Billy 53, Brock Fisher. Marc is also partners with his dad in the DJ business.

Kara also graduated from Niceville High School and attended OWCC. She continued her education at Arizona State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice Studies. Go Sun Devils! Kara is now a Legal Assistant with the law firm of Wesley, McGrail, and Wesley.

Queen Nyla designed her gown and engaged the perfect seamstress for the challenge. Samai of Samai’s Sewing and Alterations of Fort Walton Beach created a beautiful one of a kind creation made of a silky Charmeuse solid red fabric with a sheer glitter chiffon overlay and hand applied Swarovski crystals.

Nyla’s 12 foot red velvet train was designed and crafted by Nyla and Gordon with the help of some very close friends; Roger and Millie Bridges. Nyla embroidered the crown, her initials, and the 5 small stars. Sean and Than from StitchFX embroidered the Bowlegs logos. Gordon designed and built the electronics, and wrote the software for the imbedded computer that controls the 250 LED’s. Gordon and Roger installed all of the electronics and the 300 feet of wiring that light the train while Nyla and Millie hand stitched the logos, stars, borders and trim. It’s the only train known to have its own USB port for software updates!

Nyla’s custom made silver crown and Queen’s medallion were designed by Mr. Tommy at the Dynasty Collection in Mobile. Her collar was custom designed and built by Gordon.



# Tim & Cristi Perry

First Mate & First Mistress, 55

Here to serve the Krewe as First Mate and Mistress is Tim and Cristi Perry.

Tim & Cristi joined the Krewe in 2001 and had the pleasure of being on the Honor Guard for Jeff McInnis, Capt Billy XLVIII.

Tim graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Cristi graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in European History and Dance at Colorado Women's College in Denver. They married in 1983 while Tim was in pilot training and have been happily married for over 26 "wonderful" years.

Tim and Cristi first moved to Niceville in 1993; Tim serving as an Air Force Special Operations MC-130P Evaluator Pilot in the USAF. Tim made the transition to the USAF Reserves at Duke Field in 1995 and also worked as a Software Test Engineer for Tybrin Corp in FWB. He has flown numerous combat missions in Desert Storm and in the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Tim finally retired as a Command Pilot from the Reserves in 2003. He joined Delta Air Lines in 1997 and now flies the long range B767ER to Europe and beyond with over 13,000 flight hours in 12 different aircraft. Both Tim & Cristi enjoy mountain biking at Timber Lakes, target shooting, tennis, scuba, and snow skiing--Cristi is better than Tim in at least one of those!

Cristi has expressed her wonderful creativity through dance and theater. She has performed with companies in Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, and England. While stationed in England, she studied with the Imperial Society for Teachers of Dancing and attained 5 Major Professional Dance Exam certifications. Cristi teaches dance at Northwest Florida Ballet in FWB and has both danced and been a guest choreographer for Dance Facets at NWF State College for the past 9 years. She enjoyed working with the late Dr. Steve Doheny for 14 years. She is a member of The Choctawhatchee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Mardi Gras Club of FWB.

Their family includes "PAWS puppies"- Andy and Gypsy, "PAWS kitties"-Rumpleteaser and Mungojerri, and thieving pirate ferret-Trebouchet.





Krewe	Captain Billy Bowlegs	Queen of Bowlegs	1st Mate & 1st 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. 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) 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
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. 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
LV	Bruce Marshall	Nyla Starr	Tim & Cristi Perry





# 55th Honor Guard



*Jason & Sandy Boole*

Jason Boole was born in Santa Cruz, California and moved to Florida the first chance he had during high school. Jason and Sandy (born in Miami) met in 1990 in their first semester of college. Jason graduated Florida International University with a major in Chemistry, attended medical school at the University of Miami graduating in 1998, joined the Army and served for 9 years. His specialty training consisted of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Allergy and Sleep Medicine. His last duty assignment was as an assistant clinical professor at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. His first opportunity to return to Florida was in 2007 when he joined White Wilson Medical Center. Jason and Sandy have been married for 19 years and are blessed with two children, Katie, 10 and Calvin, 7.

Sandy is a native of Miami, Fla. and has a BS degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She is now a full time mom, serves on the board of the parent teacher organization, and has been with the Junior League for 9 years in four different states. The family lives in Fort Walton Beach and loves fishing, boating and everything on the water, if they are not home, the boat's probably gone.

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Roger and Millie returned to NW Florida in 1999 to continue his job employing weapon systems for the U.S. Air Force. Roger originally hails from North Carolina. After spending four years in the USAF, he began his current career working with bombs and missiles. Early in his career he became a systems engineer working in Atlanta designing and developing weapon systems for Rockwell International. Later, he became a logistics engineer and traveled the world serving as a field instructor. He became a member of the flight test team at Eglin and remains in approximately the same role.

Millie is truly a Georgia Peach. Though she misses her family near Atlanta, she is more than content to stay and play in Florida. After working in the "destruction" business, she changed careers going into the medical profession. Millie is now a Medical Assistant working in Destin. They spend their time remodeling their house. They enjoy their friends, traveling to spend time with their three children and six grandchildren, and doting on Princess Phoebe, their Maltese.



*Roger & Millie Bridges*



# 55th Honor Guard

**D**amian and Leigh Curtis are both natives of the Emerald Coast. They were high school sweethearts at Fort Walton Beach High School and remained friends throughout their educational journeys. Damian graduated from the University of Florida's Building Science Program in 1999. He worked with Doster Construction in Birmingham, AL before heading to New York City to receive his Masters in Construction Management. He is a general contractor and proud owner of D.L. Curtis Construction.

Leigh Bayer Curtis received her bachelor's degree from Clemson University and her Doctoral of Dental Medicine and Masters in Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her orthodontic residency was completed at New York University. Practicing orthodontics is not her job, it's her passion.

Damian and Leigh have two beautiful daughters, Hayden (5) and Martha Rylee (2 1/2). They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church and enjoy family time, the woods and the beach.



*Damon & Leigh Curtis*



*John & Tamala Cusumano*

**J**ohn Cusumano is a native of Southern California. He attended BYU, where he played football. John owns and operates Lawn Services Unlimited, Inc., a company that specializes in the design, installation and maintenance of commercial and residential landscapes. Recently, he has branched into the green movement with Natural Fertigation, a revolutionary new idea in micro-dosing organic matter through irrigation systems. John is a member of the Ft. Walton Beach Sailfish Club and Elks Lodge No. 1795.

Tamala, a Fort Walton Beach native, is a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School and the University of Georgia, where she received a Bachelors of Fine Art. She enjoys teaching for the Okaloosa County school system and painting. The family lives in Shalimar with their daughters, Maya, age 8; and Bowlegs princess, Laila Anglin, age 16.



# 55th Honor Guard



*John & Keri Holguin*

John Holguin is a life-long resident of Fort Walton Beach. He is the Assistant Tax Collector for Okaloosa County. John is President-elect of the Florida Association of Business Tax Officials. He is a member of the Northwest Florida All Sports Association, mentor for the Okaloosa County School system, board member of the Liza Jackson Preparatory School Foundation, and graduate of Leadership Okaloosa. When not coaching his children's sports, John can be found hunting or fishing.

Keri grew up in Destin and graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School. She was a Princess under Captain Billy XXXVIII. Keri attended University of Florida, where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and earned a bachelor's of science in business administration. Presently, she is the Assistant Director of Finance for Operations with the Okaloosa County Tax Collector's Office. Keri is a graduate of Leadership Okaloosa and stays involved with their children's school and activities.

The couple resides with their two children, Johnny, 9, and Kelly, 7, in Fort Walton Beach.

Steve Laushine hails from Westford, MA. He played hockey at the US Air Force Academy and graduated from there, as did Sue, in 1980. He and Sue married in December of 1980 and shared many adventures in Utah, New Mexico, Germany, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and , of course, Ft. Walton Bch, FL where they arrived in 1991. Steve retired as an AF helicopter pilot in 2007 after 27 years of active service. He currently works for SAIC in business development.

Sue was born and raised in Wisconsin. She retired from the Air Force reserves in 2008. She's held many volunteer positions in area schools and the community. She is currently a realtor with Coastal Realty Services. Steve and Sue have three children – Jessica, a recent graduate of UF working in Orlando; Andrew, a senior at USAFA, headed to flight training in Texas; and Stephanie, a sophomore at Choctaw. They enjoy many outdoor activities. Steve and Sue have had an awesome Honor Guard year and look forward to many more great times with the Krewe!



*Steve & Sue Laushine*



# 55th Honor Guard

**G**ary McCoy is a native of Bangor, Maine. He has resided in Fort Walton Beach for the past 36 years. Gary worked in retail management for the last 30 years and is currently looking for a second career. He is a long time member of the All Sports Association and is the Conference USA Regional Representative for the Wuerful Trophy Award.

Gary's wife of 29 years is Becky, a native of Fort Walton Beach. She is the Travel Administrator for Chromalloy and is currently seeking a Bioinformation Technology degree from the University of West Florida. The couple enjoys snowboarding, whitewater rafting, kayaking, boating, and spending time with family. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Lauren. Jennifer is 24, and is a Pharmacy student at Mercer University. Lauren is 21, and attends Florida State University.



*Gary & Becky McCoy*



*Harry McNutt & Sharon  
Moulse*

**H**arry McNutt, a longtime pirate, originally from Cleveland, Ohio moved to paradise in 1995. After serving in the Air Force, Harry joined then Hughes Aircraft and is currently a Senior Technical Engineer for Raytheon at Eglin AFB supporting various missile programs at home and abroad. He has two grown children, Lee and Heather who both live in Ohio with his 5 grandchildren. He named his boat, the KyleeMadison, after the oldest granddaughters and enjoys winding up the grandchildren then giving them back at every opportunity. Harry met his partner and first mate, Sharon several years ago. Coming from a military family, Sharon served in the Air Force and is currently an Integrated Systems Technician at the Precision Measurement Laboratory, 46 Test Wing, Eglin AFB.

She is owned by Gracie, her Jack Russell and is her main play toy when she is not trying to keep up with Harry's escapades. They are both active supporters of the Relay for Life of Okaloosa County. In their pursuit of practicing for retirement they both enjoy scuba diving, cruising and are anxiously awaiting their next adventure, hopefully a piratical one. Harry and Sharon became members of the Krewe in 2007 and have since served on the Board for Captain 54, Dan Perri.



# 55th Honor Guard



*Bob & Marijo Strauss*

**B**orn in Pensacola and the son of a Navy chief, Bob Strauss is born to all things nautical, especially Krewe piracy. Following numerous moves, he found himself in the Pacific Northwest in Vancouver, Wash. He attended Clark Community College and spent many years working in the wood products industry as a salesman. His career took him to Louisiana, where he became interested in racing and Cajun cooking. His hobby of 25 years became a career when he began racing a top fuel dragster. Upon retiring from the racing circuit, Bob took up sport fishing, participating in local and international tournaments. He now spends days on the golf course.

Marijo, a Georgia native, is from Atlanta. She attended Clemson University and retired from Lucent Technologies, formerly AT&T, after 31 years. Marijo takes an active role in local politics and volunteers in numerous organizations in the community, including serving on the Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College. The couple has two sons, Rob and Art and two grandchildren, Emil and Marissa.

**J**on Wesson was born in Little Rock, AR. Jon moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1991, where he graduated from Choctawhatchee High School. Jon attended the University of Florida for a degree in Computer Science and then attended continuing education in Key West, FL. Jon returned to Ft. Walton Beach in 2000 to start his business, Lightning Technologies, Inc., where he currently has continuing contracts with Prentice Thomas and Associates, Inc. and Eglin AFB. He also does computer maintenance/setup for other businesses in the local area.

Amanda was born in Madrid Spain and moved to Ft. Walton Beach in 1982. She graduated from the University of West Florida with a Bachelor in Social Work and pursued a Master in Business Administration. The couple resides in Fort Walton Beach with their children, Dillon, 12, Aiden, 4 and third child due in August 2010. Both Jon and Amanda are involved in many local organizations and charities.



*Jon & Amanda Wesson*



# Act 1

## BACK TO THE FUTURE

Prelude -- Pictures from the LV year

Emcee: *Brock Fisher, Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII*

**Captain Billy Bowlegs LV**  
*Bruce Marshall*

**Queen of Bowlegs LV**  
*Nyla Starr*

**First Mate & First Mistress LV**  
*Tim & Cristi Perry*

### 2007 – 2008 Children of the Court

*Peyton Bolger*  
*Trace Bolger*  
*Lilly Bowyer*

*Caroline Hutchinson*  
*David Jay*  
*Gates Marshall*

*Bella Hutchison*

### 2009 – 2010 Honor Guard

*Jason & Sandy Boole*  
*Roger & Millie Bridges*  
*Damian & Leigh Curtis*  
*John & Tamala Cusumano*  
*John & Keri Holguin*

*Steve & Sue Laushine*  
*Gary & Becky McCoy*  
*Harry McNutt & Sharon Moulse*  
*Bob & Marijo Strauss*  
*Jon & Amanda Wesson*

### Special Thank You

**Captain's Lackey**  
*Debbie Marshall*

**Queen's Lackey**  
*Gordon Starr*



# Act 2

## Introductions

By Brock Fisher, Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII

### DISCOVERING EMERALD ISLAND

Emcee: Mike Gates, Captain Billy Bowlegs LII

Presentation of the 2010 – 2011 Princesses and Privateers

Introduction of the 2010 – 2011 Honor Guard

Introduction of the 2010 – 2011 First Mate and First Mistress

Departure of the 2009 – 2010 First Mate and First Mistress

Introduction of the Children of the Court

Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LVI

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs LV and his Queen

Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs LVI

The Unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs LVI and his Queen

Proclamation

Group Photography \*

Recessional \*

\* Please remain Seated Until After Recessional









# 55th Krewe of Bowlegs

## 55th Executive Board

President – Captain Billy 55.....Bruce Marshall  
 First Mate.....Tim Perry  
 1st Vice President.....Charlie Potts  
 2nd Vice President.....Mike Wallace  
 Secretary.....Mark Balent  
 Treasurer.....Andy Corbin  
 Lackey LV.....Gordon Starr  
 Ex-Officio.....Dan Perri (Captain Billy 54)

Parliamentarian.....Phil Blumer  
 SOB Liaison.....Brock Fisher  
 First Mate Liaison.....Mark Siner  
 Executive Secretary.....Helen (and Bobby) Spencer  
 Krewe Historian.....Rick Harris  
 Krewe Photographer.....Mert Wagner  
 Webmaster.....Mike Wallace  
 Minister of Transportation.....Marc Starr  
 Minister of Music.....Gordon Starr  
 Minister of Programming.....Mike Wallace  
 Minister of Intoxicology.....Les Fleischer

## 2009 - 2010 Board Members

### General Board

Aaron Deal  
 Jack Godwin  
 Bill Kilpatrick  
 Gary McMorrow

Bob McTyeire  
 Tony Gilligan  
 Don Hutson

Randy Mills  
 Gene Smith  
 Ken Watson

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 Bob Vayda  
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 Del Dunn  
 Larry Hipsh  
 Brad Keller  
 John Mead  
 Jamie Smith  
 Tom Timothy  
 Charles West  
 Matt Zinke

George Cilek  
 Jim Fish  
 Todd Harrell  
 Rich Laird  
 Kevin O'Brien  
 Ken Smith  
 Roger Tucker  
 Danny Wright

## William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation Committee

Dick Roberts, Chairman  
 Brock Fisher, Treasure  
 Bruce Marshall -(Ex-Officio)  
 Noble Wynineger

Harry Barr  
 Rick Harris  
 Dan Perri, Secretary

Phil Blumer  
 Debbie Marshall  
 Bobbi Nelson

# Behind The Scenes

## Behind The Scenes of 55

Coronation Pageant Chairman.....	Charlie Potts
Cononation Set Construction Chairman.....	Jim Roberson
Coronation Pageant Stage Director.....	Cindy Potts
Coronation Pageant Backstage Director.....	Gary & Tracy McMorrow
Script.....	Krewe of 55 Top 6
Music.....	Gordon Starr
Program.....	Mike Wallace, Krewe of 55 Top 6
OWC Arts Center Director.....	Dr. Cliff Herron
OWC Technical Director.....	Bob Whitaker

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Captain Billy Bowlegs 55 Costume.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
Queen's Gown.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
Queen's Train.....	Gordon & Nyla Starr and Roger & Millie Bridges
Queen's Mask & Collar.....	Nyla and Gordon Starr
Queen's Crown, Medallion and Earrings.....	Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
First Mate Costume.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
First Mistress Costume.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
Honor Guard Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
First Mistress, Honor Guard Ladies and COC Jewelry.....	Dynasty Collections, Mobile,AL
Children of the Court Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Stitch FX FWB, FL
55 Logo Design.....	Brian Rightley, FWB, FL
Program.....	Mike Wallace
Program Printing.....	Image Printing, FWB, FL
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Daughter of John and Tamala  
Cusumano, Honor Guard LV



**William Patton Boyt**  
Son of Ben and Charlotte Boyt,  
Honor Guard LII



**Frederick T. Carter**  
Son of Buddy and Cindy Carter,  
Honor Guard XLIII



**Megan McCrae Conner**  
Daughter of Tom and Tracy  
Conner, Honor Guard XLI



**Claire Corbin**  
Daughter of Andy and Therese  
Corbin, Honor Guard XLV



**Abby Rae Crews**  
Daughter of Ray and Judy  
McGovern, Honor Guard XLVIII



**Kathryn Elizabeth Dawson**  
Daughter of Ken Dawson,  
Honor Guard LI



**Sarah Angela Gates**  
Daughter of Mike Gates,  
Captain Billy LII & Anita Gates,  
Queen of Bowlegs XLV



# Princesses & Privateers



**Erica Adela Henderson**  
Daughter of Jimmy and Debbie  
Henderson, Honor Guard LIV



**Catherine "Kate" Lee Henderson**  
Daughter of Jody and Cheryl  
Henderson, Honor Guard XL



**Cody Peyden Jay**  
Son of Jonathan and Lynette  
Jay, Honor Guard LIV



**Kassandra Lynn Pattison**  
Daughter of Mike and Terry  
Pattison, Honor Guard LI  
Granddaughter of Don and  
Donna Pattison



**Nicole Elise Ray**  
Daughter of Tim and Kathy Ray,  
Captain Billy L and Queen of Bow-  
legs, XLVIII, Granddaughter of  
Tommy and Margret Ray,  
Captain Billy XXVII



**Jacob Allyn Roberson**  
Son of Jim and Amy Roberson,  
Honor Guard XLVII and  
Honor Guard L



**Rachel Catherine Saxer**  
Daughter of Amy Saxer and the  
late Chris Saxer,  
Honor Guard XLIV



# Children of the Court



**Trace Dunlap Bolger**  
Son on Todd and DeDe Bolger,  
Honor Guard LIII,  
*Captain's Snow Ski Bearer*



**Lillie Marie Bowyer**  
Daughter of Kevin and Tammie  
Bowyer, Honor Guard XLVIII  
*Queen's Spare Battery Bearer*



**Payton Easley Bolger**  
Daughter of Todd and DeDe  
Bolger,, Honor Guard LIII,  
*Queen's Fire Extinguisher  
Bearer*



**Isabella Maria Hutchison**  
Daughter of Mike and Valerie  
Hutchison, Granddaughter of  
Dick and Jeannie Roberts,  
Captain Billy XLV and Queen of  
Bowlegs XLVII  
*Queen's Crown Bearer*



**David Michael Jay**  
Son of Jonathan and Lynette  
Jay, Honor Guard LIV  
*Captain's Sword Bearer*



**Caroline Elise Hutchison**  
Daughter of Mike and Valerie  
Hutchison, Granddaughter of  
Dick and Jeannie Roberts,  
Captain Billy XLV and Queen of  
Bowlegs XLVII,  
*Queen's Medallion Bearer*



**Darrington "Gates" Marshall**  
Son of Jason and Kay Marshall  
Grandson of Bruce and Debbie Marshall  
Captain Billy LV and First Mistress LIII,  
*Captain's Medallion 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

55 years of successfully capturing the City of Fort Walton Beach – in a good way! That is the legacy of the Krewe of Bowlegs. But, what does it really mean? It means that the Krewe has continuously given generously of their time and money to help promote tourism and bring visitors to the area. It means that the Krewe has worked closely with the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce to enhance the Billy Bowlegs Festival and make it an even more inviting tourist attraction. It means that this fun-loving group of civic minded Krewe members continues to be involved in the community while enjoying the camaraderie and friendship that the Krewe provides.

But wait – it is really not about the Krewe! None of this could be accomplished without the involvement of the Chamber, the Mayor, the local businesses and community organizations – all of which are a vital part of making the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival one of the very best and largest festivals in the Southeast. The Festival is growing thanks to the continuing interest of our community. This is a great event where everyone benefits. The 30,000 plus visitors to the festival bring an obvious boost to the local economy, not only for the festival, but many will return for vacations at other times throughout the year. The new William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation, aims to soon provide a true Pirate Museum which will attract even more tourists.

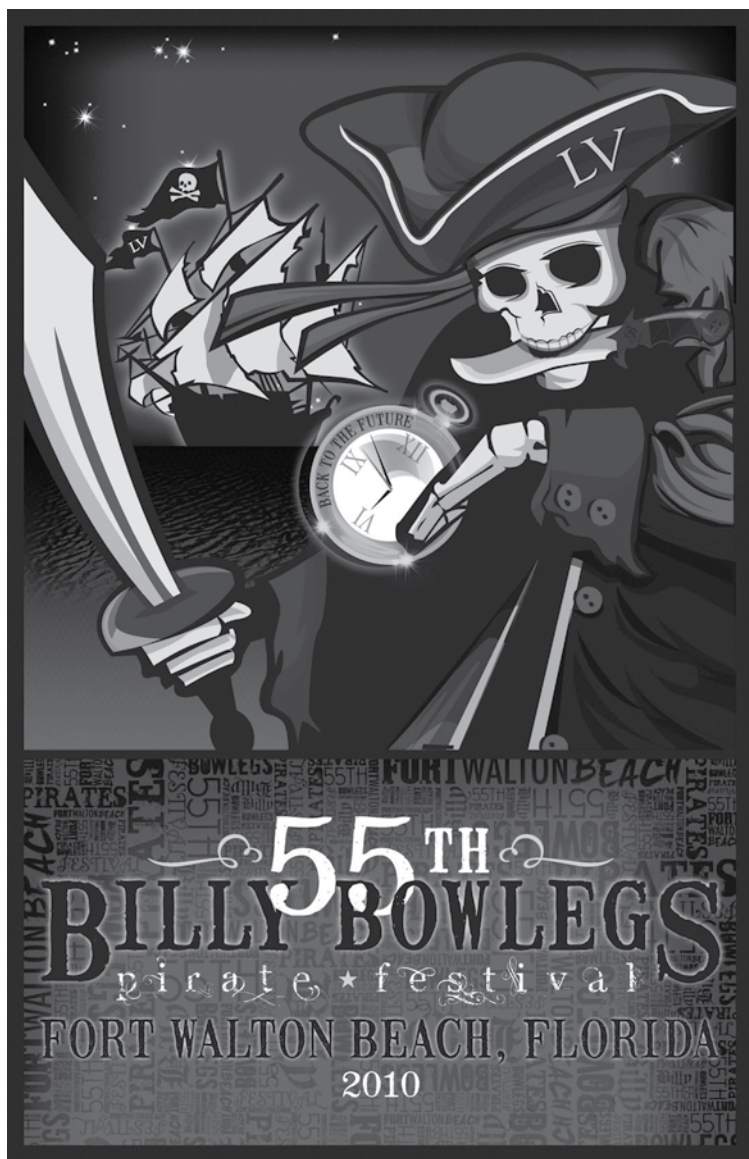
So, THANK YOU to the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Mike Anderson, the Fort Walton Beach Police, the County Sheriff, the Coast Guard, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, all of whom work together to make this festival a success. This is just another example of what makes our community on the beautiful Emerald Coast a great place to live.

Thank you for joining with our Krewe of pirates to be part of the festival. I hope each of you have a great time and enjoy being a pirate, if even for just a short period of time.

In Preservation of Piracy,

*Bruce Marshall*

Captain Billy Bowlegs LV









# Back to the Future

