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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

Welcome to the 63rd Annual Krewe of Bowlegs Coronation Pageant. The Krewe of 62 "Pistol Packing Pirates" have "Seized & Conquered" ample booty across the Emerald Coast as well as Ports of Call in distant lands. We now await a new Captain to take command and lead the Krewe of Bowlegs to new adventures and fun-filled escapades.

It has been a wild ride serving as Captain of this marvelous Krewe. It's something I never knew I would have the opportunity to do and have enjoyed it immensely. Since joining the Krewe back in 1999, Beth and I have truly appreciated every adventure, work assignment, and party of the Krewe. Now, it's time for Captain 63 to take charge and continue the Krewe's business. None of the successes we have enjoyed would have been possible without the hard working Pirates that make this Krewe successful. It's the Krewe members that take charge and make things happen. It's not about me, the Captain, it's about the Krewe.

I want to especially recognize the "Jewel" of our Krewe, Queen of Bowlegs LXII, Tracy McMorrow. She is a beautiful, wonderful person and it has been a true pleasure having her by my side. I thank the Queen's Lackey, Gary McMorrow for all his support and he has dutifully performed a wonderful job of assisting the Queen as well as our entire Top Twenty-Six.

I now want to acknowledge and express my appreciation to my First Mate and First Mistress, Kevin and Andrea Leibold. They have stepped up and performed an admirable job all the while taking care of work and family and now they are expecting a new baby shortly after this ceremony so, indeed, they have performed! Kevin and Andrea's devotion to the Krewe is second to none and they really kept the Honor Guard and even the Top Six, informed and developed a strong bond with them. It has been a pleasure to have them as my right hand!

And now I am delighted to say we have ten brave couples that stepped up and accepted our invitation to serve as our Honor Guard. We are so happy and fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve with them, to party with them and to travel with them. They were always up to the challenge, whether it was cleaning the Blackhawk, getting up early, or staying late to get whatever needed done, done; they did it! I am really going to enjoy their friendships for years to come!!

Most importantly I must thank my Lackey, my true love, Beth for her dedication and hard work in helping me, helping us, get things done; remembering to pack my hat, get ready for meetings, and countless other things that, without her assistance, would not have turned out so well. She was an outstanding Queen (58) and her knowledge and guidance was crucial to our success!

Our year of "Seize and Conquer" has been filled with joy, desperation, tears, and laughter, one filled with memories that will last a lifetime. To quote Gus in the movie *Lonesome Dove* – By golly Woodrow, it's been quite a party!

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GERRY CHALKER

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS, LXII

Gerry was born in Opelika, Alabama (1949) and moved to Shalimar, Florida in 1997 due to a job transfer with Regions Financial Corporation. Gerry began his career in the banking and financial services industry in 1971 after completion of his education at Auburn University with a B.S in Business Administration. He joined TSA Consulting Group, Inc., a provider of retirement plan compliance and administration services to 403(b) and 457(b) eligible employers, in May 2008 as a

Program Consultant and recently retired, December 31, 2016.

Gerry has been married to Beth Chalker for 29 years and they have one child, Rebecca Chalker. Rebecca is a graduate of Florida State University and now works for Payroll Management Incorporated in Fort Walton Beach Florida.

Gerry graduated from Auburn University in 1971 and is an avid Auburn fan. After graduation, he was commissioned an Infantry officer in the U. S. Army and served 13 years in the U. S. Army Reserves. He is active in the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club, has served the Emerald Coast Auburn Club, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast.

Gerry and Beth joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2000 serving Captain Billy "XLVI" Phil Blumer and Queen Lynne Amiel as Honor Guard. For the Fiftieth year of Bowlegs, they were asked to serve again as Honor Guard for Captain Billy "L" Tim Ray and Queen Jaciel Robbins. In 2012, Beth was honored to serve as Queen for Captain Billy "LVIII" Rick Harris. They have served in various capacities on the Boards of all Captains since joining the Krewe. Rebecca served on the Children of the Court for Captain Billy "XLVII" Tom Dlabal and Queen Jeannie Roberts. She also served as a Princess for Captain Billy "LIII" Brock Fisher and Queen Kim Battiste.



TRACY MCMORROW

QUEEN OF BOWLEGS, LXII

Tracy is an Okaloosa County native having grown up in Crestview and graduated from Crestview High School in 1986. She attended the University of Florida where she was an active member in Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Little Sister, Kappa Epsilon Pharmacy Sorority, Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Fraternity and various other campus organizations while obtaining her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1992. Needless to say, she bleeds orange and blue!

Tracy owns her own long-term care pharmacy business that services assisted living facilities and group homes throughout the panhandle of Florida and the state of Alabama since 1998. She and her husband, Gary, live in Shalimar where they raised their 2 sons, Robert, 20, and James, 17. The boys have grown up in the Krewe and don't know life without playing a pirate! Both have served on Children of Court twice and as Privateers during their senior year's of high school.



The McMorrow's have served the Krewe of Bowlegs on Honor Guard XLIX, under Captain Billy Frank Robbins and Queen Alexis Tibbets, and also as First Mate and Mistress LVIII, under Captain Billy Rick Harris and Queen Beth Chalker. They are charter members of William Augustus Bowles Museum, in which Gary serves on the Executive Board. The family is active members of St. Mary Catholic Church in Fort Walton Beach, where both boys also attended school through the 8th grade. Tracy is a proud charter member of Impact 100, an avid supporter of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and most recently, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the ARC of the Emerald Coast. The McMorrow's whole-heartedly believe in giving back to the community.

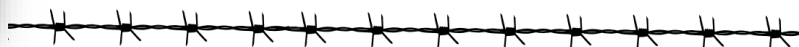
The Queen's dress was handmade with love by her mother, Delores Shear, of Crestview. It is an elegant sheath made of Navy Crepe Back Satin that compliments the Captain's Navy and Silver Brocade Pirate's coat and vest. The dress was exquisitely adorned by costume designer, Tim Ellzey of Mobile, Alabama with navy and black lace, then layered overall with gunmetal and clear Swarovski crystals to add just the right amount of sparkle for the occasion. The queen's jacket with ¾ length sleeves was created from the same dress fabric by Mr. Ellzey to complement the dress and add a royal collar fit for a queen!



As a breast cancer survivor and advocate for women's health, the queen's 15 foot train, also designed by Mr. Ellzey, is fashioned in the subtle shape of a breast cancer ribbon using the Navy and Silver Brocade worn by the Captain, a cancer survivor himself. A beaded cross adorns the top of the train and "Celebrate Life" is scrolled along the bottom of the train to represent the queen's deep appreciation for life after cancer. The entire train is framed with imitation black fur to add a royal touch.

Her beautiful crown was customized by Dynasty Collection of Mobile, Alabama. It features pear-shaped and round AB Swarovski crystals that complement the same jewels surrounding her medallion. Let's not forget the customized shoe embellishments upon Navy Patton pumps, which completes the outfit. She has also been known to kick the dust up with a pair of navy sparkle cowboy boots every now and then for the right occasion!

Tracy would like to express her sincere thanks to the members of the Krewe, and all those who helped make her magical year come to life! She is honored to have served and has thoroughly enjoyed her reign as this year's queen and wouldn't trade the experience or the many memories she has made for anything!





KEVIN & ANDREA LEIBOLD

FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS LXII

Kevin was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi but he grew up in Fort Walton Beach. After he graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School he continued studying at Florida State University, graduating in 1999 with a Bachelors of Science degree. Upon graduation, Kevin worked for a short period of time in Tallahassee but could not wait to move back to the Emerald Coast. He returned to Destin and started First Choice Appraisals, a real estate appraisal business which he currently owns and operates. First Choice Appraisals services a 4 county market area; Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay. Kevin is a member of the The Appraisal Institute, National Association of Realtors, Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, the Masters Swimming Association, and The Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation where he serves as a board member. Kevin has enjoyed volunteering as a baseball coach for the Destin Little League and his hobbies include swimming, golfing, and surfing. He looks forward to his annual surfing trips to Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Andrea was born in Miami but grew up in Winter Haven, Florida and is a graduate of Winter Haven High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design from Florida State University in 2000. Andrea was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, organizing and handling the design of numerous social events. Upon graduation, she returned to central Florida where she began her career in interior design and was honored to have been chosen to design the American Cancer Society house of Polk County. Her time in central Florida was short lived and she followed her heart to the Emerald Coast in 2002. She continued her design work at Resort Interiors, but ultimately decided to start her own interior design company, AnLei Designs Inc., in 2007. Andrea is an allied member of the American Society of Interior designers and is enjoying the freedom of being self employed. She loves supporting numerous local charities and volunteers for the United Way, Destin Elementary School, and with her children at Food For Thought Outreach, packing bags and delivering food to hungry children in our area.

Kevin and Andrea met in 1998 while attending FSU and were married in October of 2004. They have 2 children, Roman 10 and Stella 8, who are both honor roll students at Destin Elementary. Roman enjoys baseball, boating, and surfing with his dad while Stella loves dance, piano, voice, and composing music. Together the family attend Destin United Methodist Church. Their kids keep them very busy and they wouldn't have it any other way.



Kevin and Andrea First joined the Krewe in 2010 and served on Honor Guard LVIII under Captain Rick Harris and Queen Beth Chalker. The couple enjoys staying busy and on the go so their involvement in the Krewe has been a pleasure. Their son Roman served on Children of the Court LIX under Captain Don Hutson and Queen Cristi Perry and Stella served on Children of the Court LXI under Captain Ken Watson and Queen Sherry Locht. Both were lucky enough to serve on the court with their parents again this year; Roman as Captain Gerry Chalker's proclamation bearer and Stella as Queen Tracy McMorrow's crown bearer.

Kevin and Andrea were incredibly honored to have been chosen to serve as First Mate and Mistress this year and have thoroughly enjoyed representing the Krewe through all of their functions, near and far. Their 62nd Honor Guard made them very proud and they have enjoyed all the fun and memories made with the entire Top 26. Kevin and Andrea would like to thank all of their friends and fellow Krewe members for their unwavering support throughout the year. As their year comes to a close, the couple will continue the Queen's theme, "Celebrate Life", as they are expecting the arrival of a new baby wench in July! What a year!



BOWLEGS HISTORY

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.

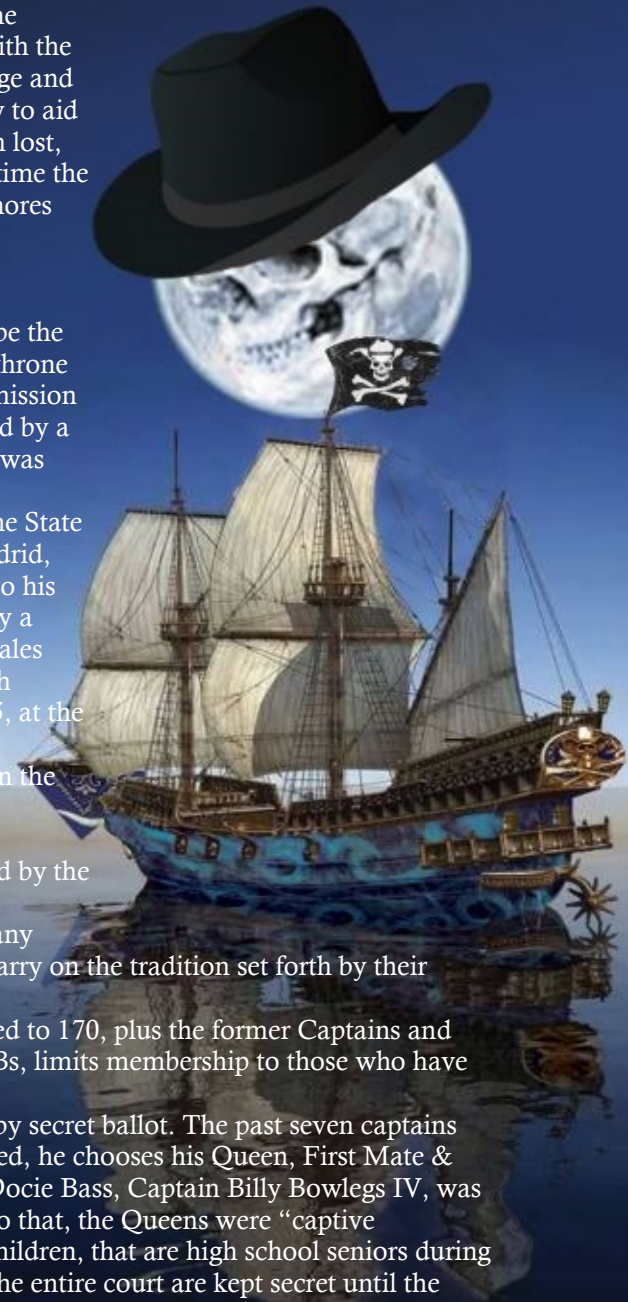
As indicated by the Constitution & Bylaws, Krewe membership is limited to 170, plus the former Captains and honorary members. The Society of Bowlegs, affectionately known as the SOBs, limits membership to those who have served the Krewe as Captain Billy.

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. 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
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
LXII	Gerry Chalker	Tracy McMorrow	Kevin & Andrea Leibold





62ND HONOR GUARD

Brodie Bowman, his wife Adriana, and son Gavin, moved to Ft Walton Beach in 2013.

Dr. Bowman, a native of Ft Walton Beach, served on active duty as an Orthodontist in the USAF where he met Adriana in Tokyo, Japan. Once Dr. Brodie fulfilled his USAF commitment, the couple settled next to the slopes in Denver, Colorado. After practicing in Denver for 5 years, Dr. Bowman returned home to transition with Dr. Roger Grace and is currently the owner of Brodie Bowman Orthodontics. Adriana, originally from Europe and fluent in four languages, is an entrepreneur and founder of AB+ Production, an Affiliate Marketing company, and is an active Realtor working towards opening her own Brokerage company, ab+Real Estate. Gavin is an active second grader, plays in the FWB city soccer league, enjoys skateboarding and water sports. Gavin's future aspirations include becoming a pilot so he can travel the world, and take his parents with him!



BRODIE AND ADRIANA BOWMAN



STEPHEN AND HOLLY CLARNO

Stephen and Holly Clarno are natives of the Okaloosa County area. Stephen has been employed for the past 14 years as a contractor on Eglin Air Force Base. Holly is a Gemological Institute of America Accredited Jewelry Professional and has worked in the jewelry industry for the past 20 years. Stephen and Holly met 8 years ago through mutual friends. The two married a year later. They currently reside in Laurel Hill, Florida with their 5 year old son Maddox.

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JT and Allison Edwards met in New Orleans. In 2012, they decided to make Fort Walton Beach their home and start a family. They have a 4 year old son, Jackson, and 1 year old daughter, Avery. Allison recently obtained her Master's degree in Nursing from the University of South Alabama and is working for Primary Care House Calls as an Adult Geriatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. JT is the owner of Edwards Landscape Management, a certified private pilot, and tenured member of the Rotary Club of FWB and has 7 percent body fat. Most recently, he was selected to participate in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.



JT AND ALLISON EDWARDS



ROSS AND BRIANNE LE BLANC

Ross and Brianne LeBlanc are both natives of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Ross graduated from the University of West Florida and is now a partner at Warren Averett, LLC. Brianne is a teacher for the Okaloosa County School District and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida. They have two little girls, Ryann and Penelope. Ross is an active member of the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club, All-Sports Association, and the Emerald Coast Foundation.





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Originally from Pittsburgh, Jim first arrived in Fort Walton Beach in 1991 as an Airman and spent over 17 of his 26 years in the USAF between Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB. Jim currently works as a DoD consultant on Hurlburt Field. Tucker is a University of Tennessee graduate hailing from Memphis, TN. Having met in 2006 at a mutual friend's wedding in Florida, they married in 2007 and now permanently reside on the waterfront in Fort Walton Beach. As part of Honor Guard 62, they have proudly represented their Top 6 and Krewe as the Pistol Packing Pirates.



JIM AND TUCKER MCPHERSON



TOM MASON AND CATHERINE VELEZ

Tom moved to the area in 1992 from California, Catherine relocated here in 2006 from Guam. Tom is a program manager for 7th Special Forces Group at Eglin AFB, Catherine is a contractor on Eglin in foreign military sales and also holds a degree in interior design. Both retired from the Air Force Reserve. Catherine served 23 years and retired as an Intel analyst at Hurlburt Field, Tom served 33 years and retired as the command chief, 919th Special Operations Wing. Tom has three children, Tommy is a graduate of Embry Riddle with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Andy graduated from the University of Florida as an Electrical Engineer and his daughter who is a stay at home Mom raising his two grandchildren. Tom and Catherine currently live in Fort Walton Beach and enjoy Scuba diving, racing Hobie Cats and time spent with family and friends.

62ND HONOR GUARD

Don and Jennifer Schweikert have been married seven years. They met through a mutual friend in Panama City where Jennifer was born and raised. Don says he knew she was "the one" from the minute he met her. They were married one year later and have two beautiful girls, Jillian who's 12yrs old and Rory who's 4yrs old. We also have 2 furry babies named Daisy & Penny. Jennifer is a 2nd generation State Farm agent and graduated from Florida State University. Don is from Steamboat Springs, CO and graduated from Daytona State College. He was an underground coal miner for 7 years and now works with Jennifer at State Farm. Their agency celebrated its three-year anniversary in April! They moved to Fort Walton Beach three years ago, and live in Shalimar. Their family loves to be on the water. Don is an avid surfer and fisherman. They are looking forward to stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, and boating this summer with their girls! It's a crazy busy life, but we wouldn't trade it for a second!



DON AND JENNIFER SCHWEIKERT



JOHN SULLIVAN AND PEGGY KING

John is originally from Key West, Florida, and has lived in Fort Walton Beach since 1992. Peggy is from Dallas, Texas, but has been a Florida resident since 1995. John is the owner of American Mold and Fiberglass Works, which specializes in marine repairs, yacht restorations, and custom fabrications. He is also one of the original builders of the Krewe of Bowlegs parade float, the Blackhawk. Peggy studied at the University of Paris, in Paris France, and is a graduate of the University of Texas Dallas. She is the Marketing and Public Relations director for the Sunrise Marine stores both here and in Daphne, AL. She is also the Vice President of the Emerald Coast Foundation. John is an active member of the Coastal Conservation Association, and volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House. John's two daughters were past Children of the Court, and Princesses of the Court. Amanda just graduated with her Juris Doctor degree, and Natalie with her Masters in Microbiology. John and Peggy love to play outdoors and live in Fort Walton Beach with their beloved three-legged beagle, Miss Judy.





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Ken was a Navy fighter pilot and was active during the Vietnam conflict. He was born and raised on a farm in Missouri and attended Wentworth Military Academy and the University of Missouri. During his military career, Ken flew a total of 42 different types of aircraft and helicopters. After military service, Ken worked for and retired from Flight Safety International where he served as Director of Programs for all Cessna Corporate Aircraft. He has 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Five years ago Ken moved to Florida where he met and married his wife, Rachel. Rachel was born in Birmingham, AL and graduated from the University of Alabama. Her career was spent in Sales and Marketing and she is now also retired. Rachel has three step-daughters, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ken serves on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton counties and is a volunteer with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department.



KEN AND RACHEL VANLANDINGHAM



BOB AND DEBBIE WEST

Bob and Debbie West are both longtime residents of Fort Walton Beach, FL. Bob arrived in 1974 as Eglin AFB was his first assignment and Debbie was born and raised in Fort Walton Beach. Together they founded and have operated *Simply Elegant Bridal* (wedding gowns, tuxedos and prom/special occasion) for 31 years. Recently they opened *Simply Elegant Couture Bridal* in Pensacola and are planning to open a wedding/event venue overlooking Don's Bayou on the adjacent property to their current location (formerly Upper Crust Restaurant) on Racetrack Road.

62ND KREWE OF BOWLEGS

KREWE OF BOWLEGS OFFICERS

Captain Billy Bowlegs 62 and President	Gerry Chalker
Queen of Bowlegs 62	Tracy McMorrow
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First Mistress 62	Andrea Leibold
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Queen's Lackey	Gary McMorrow
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Emcee: Tom Connor

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2016-2017 "PISTOL PACKING PIRATES" HONOR GUARD

Brody & Ada Bowman

Jim & Tucker McPherson

Stephan & Holly Clarno

Don & Jennifer Schweikert

JT & Allison Edwards

John Sullivan & Peggy King

Ross & Brianne LeBlanc

Ken & Rachel VanLandingham

Tom Mason & Catherine Velez

Bob & Debbie West



Act II

Only Guidelines

Emcee: Mike Gates

Presentation of the 2017-2018
Princesses and Privateers LXIII

Introduction of the 2017-2018 Honor Guard LXIII

Introduction of the 2017-2018
First Mate and First Mistress LXIII

Departure of the 2016-2017
First Mate and First Mistress LXII

Introduction of the Children of the Court LXIII

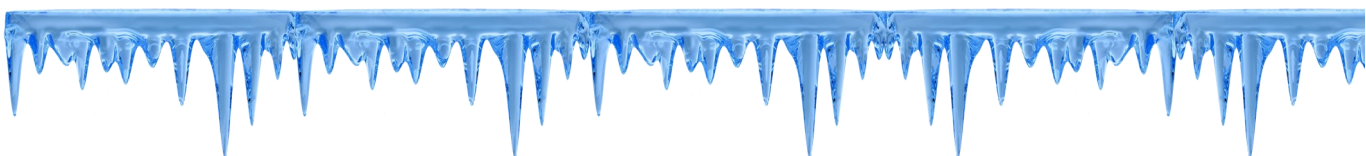
Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXIII

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXII
and his Queen

Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs LXIII

Unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs LXIII
and his Queen

Proclamation





PAGEANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

Gary McCoy
 Bobby McBride
 Becky McCoy
 Amy McBride
 Bill Kleinhelter
 Becky McCoy
 Jeanette Shires
 Bob Whitaker

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
 Princess and Privateer Costumes
 62 Logo Design
 Photography
 Honor Guard Picture Day Hosts
 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
 Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
 Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collection, Mobile, AL
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 Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collection, Mobile, AL
 Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
 Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, FWB, FL
 Samai's Sewing and Alterations, FWB, FL
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 Derek Makekau, 20/30 North Studios, SRB, FL
 Gulf Reflections, FWB, FL
 Tim & Kathy Ray, FWB, FL

A&E Fabrics, Pensacola, FL; Armstrong's Printing, FWB, FL;
 Ely's Fabrics, Mobile, AL; GTM Enterprises, Crestview, FL;
 Jeff Jones Catering, Crestview, FL; Simply Elegant, FWB, FL;
 Stitch FX, FWB, FL; The Barn at Water Oaks Farm, Laurel Hill, FL;
 Toomey's, Mobile, AL; Becky McCoy, FWB, FL

KREWE OF BOWLEGS LXIII ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Captain Billy Bowlegs 63 Costume
 Queen's Gown design
 Queen's Train, Collar and Dress Embellishments
 Queen's Crown, Medallion, Earrings
 First Mate 63 Costume
 First Mistress 63 Costume
 First Mistress Jewelry
 Honor Guard Men's Costumes
 Honor Guard Women's Costumes
 Children of the Court Costumes
 63 Logo Design
 Captain Billy LXIII Video
 Other Supporting Businesses

Ms. Debi Thacker, Destin, FL; Big Nose Kate and Coco
 Mrs. Pam McTyeire, FL
 Mr. Tim Ellzey, Fairhope, AL
 Mr. Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
 Ms. Debi Thacker, Destin, FL
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 Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
 Samai's Sewing and Paradise Alterations, FWB, FL
 Ms. Patti Ferguson, Niceville, FL
 Ms. Stephanie Swisher, Navarre, FL
 Becky McCoy, FWB, FL

Clyde
 Josette's, Biloxi, MS; Becky McCoy; Fine Photos; Stitch FX;
 Gulf Reflections; Armstrong's Printing; Simply Elegant;
 Gail K Fabrics Atlanta; Ken Jernigan, Pensacola;
 FASTSIGNS, Fort Walton Beach; Northwest Florida State College;
 TSP Printing, Niceville; Northwest Florida Daily News;
 Signs Bros., Athens, GA; all of Fort Walton Beach





LXII PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS



Jonathan Connor Balent
Son of Mark and Angela Balent, Honor Guard LI. Jonathan served on Children of the Court LIII.



Ian Ewing Bolger
Son of Todd Bolger, Captain Billy LX, and DeDe Bolger, Queen LVII, who served on Honor Guard LIII Ian served on Children of the Court LIV, LVII, and LX.



Katherine Lauren Boole
Daughter of Jason and Sandra Boole, Honor Guard LV. Katie served on Children of the Court LVI.



Courtney Ann Cason
Daughter of MSgt. Ted Cason and Amy Womble, granddaughter of Noble and Cissy Wyninegar, Honor Guard XLI, great granddaughter of Docie Bass, Captain Billy IV and Agnes Bass, Queen VII



Robert Cordier
Son of Bob and Debbie Cordier, Honor Guard LVII.



Cole Joseph Crews
Son of Joey Crews and Beverly Crews, Queen LII.



Chase James Culotta
Son of Jim and Sharon Culotta, Honor Guard LX.



James Michael McMorow
Son of Gary McMorow, Lackey LXII and Tracy McMorow, Queen LXII, who served as First Mate and First Mistress LVIII and on Honor Guard XLIX. James served on Children of the Court LI and LVIII.



John Tyler (JT) Parker
Son of Alan and Polly Parker, Honor Guard LIX.

LXII PRINCESSES & PRIVATEERS



Sarah Alissa Stevenson
Daughter of Sean and Lisa Trum
Stevenson and granddaughter of
Dr. Alex Trum, Captain Billy
XXXI, and Donna Jean Trum,
Queen XXVI. Her mother was a
Princess for Captain Billy XXX.



Maddison Shay Thigpen
Daughter of Scott and Stacy
Winburn, Honor Guard LXI.



Jeremiah Wesley Wendel
Son of Bill and Amy Wendel,
Honor Guard LX.





CHILDREN OF THE COURT

Stella Leibold
Queen's Crown Bearer

&

Roman Leibold
Captain's Proclamation Bearer

Daughter and Son of Kevin and Andrea
Leibold

First Mate and First Mistress LXII

&

Honor Guard LVIII



Seated

Elle Reiker

Daughter of Josh and Illy Reiker, Honor Guard LII. Granddaughter of David and Nancy Simpkins, Honor Guard LI and granddaughter of the late Ken Reiker, Honor Guard XLII

Brody Smith

Son of Rob Smith and Stacy Smith, Honor Guard LIX

Callie Cotton

Daughter of Byron and Julie Cotton, Honor Guard LII

Parker (PK) Kokis

Son of John & Ronnie Kokis, Honor Guard LVIII

Elle Grace Brannon

Daughter of Dr. Shea and Holly Brannon, Honor Guard LVII

Standing

Leo Gordon

Son of Ben & Amanda Gordon Honor Guard LVIII

Campbell Hipsh

Daughter of Scott and Whitney Smith (LIV), Honor Guard LVIII, and Lawrence Hipsh III, Honor Guard LIV, step-grand daughter of Keith Amiel, Captain Billy LI, and Pam Amiel

Wade Harrell

Son of Todd and Carly Harrell, Honor Guard LIV

Maryn Roberts

Daughter of Bud & Andrea Roberts, Honor Guard LVIII

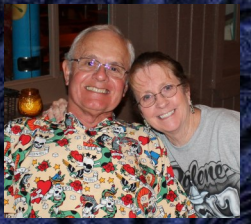
Brody Harrell

Son of Todd and Carly Harrell, Honor Guard LIV

Judith Marie England

Daughter of Chris and Beck England, Honor Guard LVIII









IN MEMORIAM

Bill Garvie, Sr. - May 21, 2017 - Honor Guard XLVI

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

As has been said many times, the original purpose of the Krewe of Bowlegs was to promote tourism in the Fort Walton Beach area and for the last 62 years, the Krewe has continued to do just that. The Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival has grown immensely over the years and with the collaboration of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and other supporting organizations, it has surpassed our founding members' expectations! The community has grown along with us and now the Festival is one of the largest in the Southeast. The Festival, witnessed by thousands of spectators both on land and in personnel watercraft, started with the Friday night Skirmish followed by the Saturday "Landing" of all the Pirates and VIP guests as we once again take over the City along with the Mayor. It is a



spectacular thing as we sail in to the Landing area, seeing all the revelers wishing the Pirates well. Everyone truly enjoys themselves as the Pirates "Seize & Conquer" the City no matter how much of a fight the City's Militia puts up.

The Krewe of Bowlegs is grateful to participate in this great event and applauds all the organizations that make it successful. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce led by its President, Ted Corcoran along with the Bowlegs Pirate Festival Committee works diligently to put on a successful Festival each and every year and they are to be congratulated. We thank the City of Fort Walton Beach and Mayor Dick Rynearson for participating in and supporting the Festival. Also heavily involved are the Emergency Management personnel, Law Enforcement agencies including the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Coast Guard (and Auxiliary) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; we sincerely thank them for all their hard work. A special thanks goes to the Northwest Florida State College and the staff at Mattie Kelly Arts Center for enabling the Krewe to stage a magnificent Coronation Pageant and Ball.

Lastly, the Krewe of Bowlegs wishes to thank the community of Fort Walton Beach and all our out-of-town visitors and dignitaries who participated in this wonderful Festival. We hope you enjoyed it and will return again and again.



IN PRESERVATION OF PIRACY,
GERRY CHALKER
CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LXII



