



# CANAVERAL BEACON

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## OUR MISSION

*To assist the 45th Space Wing in preserving, protecting, promoting, and interpreting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, State of Florida, and our Nation*

## **ALL HANDS ON DECK: THE VALUE OF A READY & ABLE CREW**

I am often asked, "Why should I join the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation?" As a coastguardsman, I have long appreciated the beacons that illuminate our shores to guide sailors safely into port, so it seemed only fitting to join the Foundation and help keep the light shining. As President of its Board, it is a sincere privilege to have such ready and able volunteers who are the most selfless, hardworking and committed people I've ever met. Their passion for lighthouses and the historical significance these beacons have to our Country and the maritime industry is the force which drives CCLF's commitment to preserving Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and sharing its beauty with others.



The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation was established on May 20, 2002, by a handful of dedicated community leaders who wanted to protect the lighthouse and make the history of the lighthouse, its keepers and their families come to life. A volunteer-led organization, CCLF members play an integral role in educating the Space Coast community and its visitors about the lighthouse and our efforts to restore and preserve this historic U.S. landmark.

Over the years, the many dedicated Foundation Board Members and general membership have recruited and trained volunteers; coordinated community events to get the word out about our lighthouse and our goals; and made presentations to community organizations, the Florida Lighthouse Association, the Brevard County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Counsel, and Florida State Legislators to obtain funds to rebuild the lighthouse community as it once was when the keepers and their families lived and worked there. They also developed a curriculum for Brevard County 4th grade school children, followed up with a field trip to the lighthouse, where these students can see and learn, firsthand, about the lighthouse and the keepers. Access to our lighthouse is foremost in our minds, and we now have regular tours each week, special group tours, and have just seen our first Port of Call Tour from one of the cruise ships visiting Port Canaveral.

There were times when our goals seemed lofty and perhaps unattainable; however, through the efforts of a dedicated and determined team of volunteers our first Keeper's Cottage is under construction and nearing completion. Soon it will house our museum that will better enable us to share our lighthouse's story to school children and visitors alike. And this is only the beginning! As we move forward, CCLF seeks to fully restore the grounds, adding two additional cottages to serve as an education center and community event space, all the while working hard to grow our membership and obtain funding to support these efforts.

I hope you will all join me in growing our membership and visitors - this is critical to our success! Thanks for all you do. See you at the lighthouse, Jim

## Lighthouse Events

### CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE SALUTES FL SPACE COAST'S AIR FORCE FAMILIES

On April 6, the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing held its 2019 Air Force Family Day at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. This annual event provides U.S. Air Force personnel, both military and civilian, an opportunity to visit historical and operation sites at the Station. Kids enjoyed face painting from Q-Tee the Clown and friends, as well as rides and balloon attractions put up by an amazing team of event volunteers. More than 3,000 individuals attended the event, marking a significant increase in participation from the prior year.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation's knowledgeable Docents welcomed visitors and conducted tours of the lighthouse. Visitors of all ages got a sneak peak at the progress we've made in building the first of three keepers, cottages. In addition, the Keeper's Closet gift shop was also open and enjoyed lots of shoppers.

It was a truly great day for all the Air Force families, and our Foundation was happy to share in the celebration!



## Community Outreach

### CCLF SHINES LIGHT ON HISTORY AT 18TH ANNUAL VETTES AT THE PORT SHOW

On Saturday, April 6, the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club held its 18th Annual Vettes at the Port Show. Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) participated in the event. Led by Pat Lautner, CCLF's dedicated volunteers engaged the many visitors to the event to provide information about our historic lighthouse, promote lighthouse tours, and spread the word about CCLF's goals, brick program and membership opportunities. It was a fun event, and the group felt it was well worth our time and effort.



Corvette owned by Mark Barton of Clermont, FL

Thank you to all our volunteers who participated in the event. Also, a special thank you to CCLF Board Member and Club member, Nancy Greenwood, who told us about the event and encouraged us to participate. It was a great event and enjoyed by all.



Volunteer Liz Gravuer talking with Mark Barton and his grandson, Alex Gilmore about our available Lighthouse tours.



Pat Lautner and Wendy Watters were our early bird heroes rising early to set up CCLF's display.



Liz Gravuer and Pat Lautner were all smiles as they shared information about our Foundation with the community.

### CCLF CELEBRATES CAPE CANAVERAL FOUNDERS DAY

On April 13, Cape Canaveral Florida held its annual Founders Day celebration at Manatee Sanctuary Park in Cape Canaveral. Our Foundation was there again this year, sharing CCLF information at our table on the Boardwalk along side other local organizations, including the Brevard Museum and Daughters of America Revolution, among others. Our volunteers stayed busy sharing the history of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse, publicizing tours, and encouraging folks to join our Foundation. Thanks to our volunteers Pat Lautner, Ken and Karen Arbuckle, Chris and Ron Ecker, Sharon Crockett, and Steve Peacock for manning our table!



Images courtesy of Darrell Woehler



## The Keepers' Cottages

### CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the first of three lighthouse keepers' cottages is nearly complete! With less than two months remaining in the construction schedule for the Keepers' Cottage Museum, work is progressing on pace and budget. Final certification applications and permit closeouts are in process, while application of the accurate paint color scheme of "diamond mine white with pepper green trim" is underway. Attention is focused on the utilities connections and the permitting elements of the project (power, water and sewer, and stormwater). And a special thanks to CCLF member George Eustis, who recently installed a new flagpole on the grounds.



Soon we will begin transforming it into a museum, displaying historic artifacts and housing interactive exhibits which will highlight information about the lives of the isolated families who inhabited the Cape in the late 1880s and 1890s. For this phase of the project, we have obtained the consultation services of Becky Zingarelli, whose most recent credits include the Veterans Memorial Museum on Merritt Island. Over the next few months, she will work with CCLF members who have formed an oversight committee, a working group and a resources group to plan the design, layout and operational aspects of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Museum.

The construction phase is on track, to be completed during May. CCLF is planning to host a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in June for invited guests, to be followed by a Public Grand Opening later this year, once the interior of the museum is complete. More "Museum" updates to follow in the next issue of *Canaveral Beacon*.



## Volunteer Spotlight



### MERRITT NORD & VICKI WILLIAMS

Merritt Nord and Vicki Williams are two of our most knowledgeable and dedicated Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Docents. Merritt and Vicki moved to Merritt Island in 2015. Vicki is from Johnstown, PA and Merritt is actually an original Merritt Islander. He is a member of the first graduating class of Merritt Island High School, Class of 1966. He received a Bachelor's Degree from University of Kentucky. Vicki graduated from Johnstown High in Pennsylvania.

Vicki worked in the medical field for over 30 years and retired from Conemaugh Medical Center as a Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) in the Operating Room. In addition to volunteering at the lighthouse, Vicki volunteers at the National Cemetery in Mims as a member of the Cape Canaveral Ladies, whose mission it is to witness all veteran's funerals and insure no veteran is interred alone. Her hobbies include gardening, crafts and collecting sea shells. Vicki has two sons and three grandchildren.

Merritt, a Vietnam veteran, was drafted in 1967 and spent 21 years in the U.S. Army traveling much of the world. Following his retirement from service, he spent 20 years at the Department of Labor in Pennsylvania working on veterans employment issues. Merritt also volunteers as a golf cart driver at the National Cemetery in Mims and is the Commander of the Kennedy Space Center American Legion Post 332 at KARS Park. His interests include surfing, fishing and collecting old surf boards. Merritt has six children and seven grandchildren.

Merritt and Vicki joined the Foundation and began supporting our work at the lighthouse after touring it in 2016, volunteering to serve as Lighthouse Docents shortly thereafter. They have a small library of information on the lighthouse and surrounding areas. They look forward to working every Wednesday with the other docents they consider friends.

Thank you Merritt and Vicki for all you do to welcome and educate visitors to our Lighthouse and for your dedication to Veterans in our community!



## Keeping the Light Shining

### CCLF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MUSINGS

When the the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) has a tent at a community event, it becomes one of our most successful recruiting platforms for membership. During the Air Force Family Day (see article on page 2 of this issue of *Canaveral Beacon*), Foundation volunteers met with several visitors, showcasing the cottage construction as evidence of the incredible power of membership, in addition to sharing information about our tours, education programs and special events. Thanks to our volunteers and their efforts, CCLF welcomed eight new members during the event.

Indeed, it is our strong and growing membership that provides CCLF the support we need to keep the momentum going.

Do you ever wonder what your membership accomplishes? The next time you are at the lighthouse, just take a look at the cottage standing next to it. Without you, would that be a reality? This cottage, as well as two yet to be built, were but dreams when the CCLF was established in 2002. Through years of meetings, speaking engagements, fund-raising efforts, etc., we are now witnessing the power of perseverance, backed by a strong membership.

What an exciting time for our members to see this replica Head Keeper's Cottage nearing completion! Soon we will be working together to create the museum where visitors will have an opportunity to learn much more about the rich history of this area through visual displays and artifacts. Share this good news with your friends and family, and encourage them to join as we continue to build upon the lighthouse experience.

Please check your membership cards for your renewal date, and if it has passed, consider renewing today. Applications can be found on our website [www.canaverallight.org](http://www.canaverallight.org).

For more information, or to share your ideas on how we can grow our members and improve CCLF's programs, please contact Chris Ecker by phone at (321) 591-5593 or by email at [cclfmbrship1@aol.com](mailto:cclfmbrship1@aol.com).

**Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation family!**

**Head Lighthouse Keepers:**

Karen & Ron Hindman

**Lighthouse Keepers:**

Barbara Hawk

Donn & Jeanne Weaver

Karen Wurtz

**Assistant Keepers:**

Bard Hendricks

Kari Irwin

*New Members as of April 11, 2019*

**SHOP ONLINE AT AMAZON & RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR FOUNDATION**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support CCLF every time you shop online, and at no cost to you. When you shop through AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Additionally, you can access your Amazon account through AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase will result in a donation to CCLF.

To support our Foundation today, go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com), and select "Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Inc" as your charity before your begin shopping. Every bit counts, so be sure to tell your friends and add a bookmark for your AmazonSmile page to make it even easier to return and start shopping for a worthy cause!

\* \* \* **2019 CCLF Membership Application Form** \* \* \*

**SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TODAY!**

Visit *CanaveralLight.org* to pay your membership dues online via PayPal, or  
complete the form below and mail it with your check to:  
CCLF | P.O. Box 1978 | Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

       **New Member**             **Renewal**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteering?      \_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

Please circle your desired membership category from the lists provided below:

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Head Lighthouse Keeper	\$100
Lighthouse Keeper (Family)	\$50
Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Individual)	\$35
Student Lighthouse Keeper	\$15

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Life Membership (Family-2 member)	\$1,500
Life Membership (Single)	\$1,000

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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**CCLF membership benefits include:**

- Admittance to annual membership appreciation meeting held at the lighthouse;
- Subscription to *The Canaveral Beacon*, CCLF's bi-monthly newsletter;
- Member discounts at the Keeper's Closet Gift Shop, including 10% off commemorative brick orders;
- Volunteer opportunities to support & promote the lighthouse in its historical context; and, most importantly,
- Supporting CCLF's efforts to resurrect history and rebuild three lighthouse keepers' cottages and restore the lighthouse grounds!

## Paving the Way & Building a Legacy

### BRICK WALKWAY NEWS

Looking for that one-of-a-kind gift that makes a lasting impression? An engraved paver is an excellent gift to pay tribute to a space program retiree, celebrate an anniversary or honor a loved one. Commemorative bricks are also a perfect birthday present for that "someone who has everything!"

CCLF's Brick Program is one of our major funding sources helping to rebuild the keeper's cottages and restore Cape Canaveral Lighthouse grounds. Soon, the first of three cottages will be finished and we will begin paving the walkways to link it to the lighthouse, keeping with the historical accuracy of the restoration project.



You can purchase a 4" by 8" brick for \$150. Includes engraving of three (3) rows, up to 12 characters per line. Insignias and art designs available for an additional \$20. CCLF members will receive a 10 percent discount on all brick orders. All donations are tax deductible. For additional information, please contact Ann Bolton, CCLF's Brick Project Coordinator, at [annbolton@cfl.rr.com](mailto:annbolton@cfl.rr.com).



**Save a part of history, buy a brick!  
10% Discount for CCLF Members**

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### \*\*\* BRICK ORDER FORM \*\*\*

To purchase a 4" X 8" brick paver, please return this form along with payment to:  
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 1978; Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Brick orders may be placed online under the Brick Walkway News section at [CanaveralLight.org](http://CanaveralLight.org).

## Florida Lighthouse Association



The Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) mission is to protect, preserve, restore, and defend Florida's Lighthouse towers, along with their material culture, buildings, artifacts, and records to assure that the magic of Florida's lighthouses and lighthouse keepers will be available for the enjoyment and understanding of future generations.

### **FLA SPRING 2019 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Florida Lighthouse Association's Spring 2019 Meeting will take place on May 10, 2019, at the Cape St. George Plantation Clubhouse on St. Georges Island, FL. To register, or for more information, please visit [FloridaLighthouses.org](http://FloridaLighthouses.org).

### **PRESERVING FLORIDA'S HISTORY, ONE LIGHTHOUSE AT A TIME**

FLA is a nonprofit membership organization whose members play a critical role preserving, restoring and protecting Florida's remaining 29 historic lighthouses and educating the public. Individual, family and corporate annual membership packages are available.

Member benefits include:

- Actively working to preserve an important part of Florida history.
- Receive FLASH, the FLA newsletter published three times annually.
- Receive up-to-the-minute news via e-newsletter.
- Priority invitations to FLA Educational Meetings, vents and Lighthouse Tours.
- Free admission to 6 Florida lighthouses: St. Augustine, Ponce Inlet, Jupiter Inlet, Crooked River, Cape St. George and Pensacola.
- Voting Privileges.

For additional information about FLA membership, or to join, go to [FloridaLighthouses.org](http://FloridaLighthouses.org).

### **WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?**

Much of the grant money awarded to Florida's lighthouse organizations comes from the sale of Florida's lighthouse car tags. Please consider purchasing this specialty tag when you renew your vehicle's registration.



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## Activities & Upcoming Events

### LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

Interested in arranging a private tour for your office? Small group excursions for up to 10 people are available through Canaveral Wildlife Tours. Larger bus tours are available through SunWard Tours. For more information and to schedule your trip, please visit

[CanaveralLight.org](http://CanaveralLight.org).



### DESCENDANTS DAY LUNCHEON

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and U.S. Air Force 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing will co-host the Annual Descendants Day Reunion which will take place on May 4, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Guests should will need to check-in at the Space Florida Building at 9:00 a.m. for security screening and to board a bus which will transport them to the Greenhouse Navy Facility located on base. Those who are physical unable to ride the bus will be allowed to caravan with the bus, which will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m.

This year's program will include a luncheon where descendants can catch up with old friends and make new ones. During lunch, the Foundation will distribute door prizes and gift bags. Following lunch, guests will enjoy a tour of the lighthouse led by Dr. Sonny Witt, and visitors will have time to visit their keepers' cemetery.

### 2ND ANNUAL CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE 1/2 MARATHON AND 10K RACE



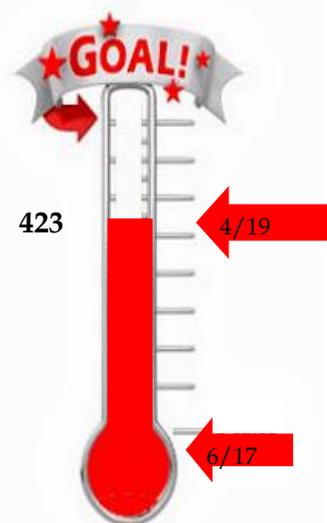
Join us on November 10, 2019, for the 2nd Annual Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Half Marathon and 10K Race, benefiting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. On this one-of-a-kind course, you'll wind through iconic rocket launch complexes and historic testing sites before reaching the finish line at the 151-year-old lighthouse where a party and awards await all runners. Registration for the race is now open. For more information, course details, travel accommodations and to register for the race, visit [www.runthecape.com](http://www.runthecape.com).

### **Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation members receive a 10% discount on lighthouse memorabilia.**

Regular tours have resulted in increased traffic and steady sales at the Keeper's Closet, CCLF's gift shop. Our volunteers do a terrific job at maintaining displays and making guests feel welcome.

The next time your at the lighthouse, be sure to stop by the gift shop to check out our selection of souvenirs, books, apparel, jewelry, children's items and other lighthouse memorabilia. Members who present their membership card when shopping will receive a 10 percent discount on their purchase.

### **Spread the word about CCLF Membership and Help Us Achieve Our Goal of 750 Members**



## 2019 Sponsors

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

Becoming a Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Sponsor is an excellent way to increase your company's visibility within Florida's Space Coast community! In addition to event sponsorship opportunities, this year we are expanding the program to include annual packages as well. Our hope to attract local businesses and community partners whose dollars will enable us to continue educating today's youth, promoting public awareness and making the full restoration of the lighthouse grounds a reality. For more information, and to become a sponsor, contact Nancy Garwood by phone at (301) 332-7121, or email at [nancygarwood@gmail.com](mailto:nancygarwood@gmail.com).

CCLF would like to extend its sincere appreciation to those who've pledged their support for 2019:



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