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Officer Joseph Patton recently joined the Pine Knoll Shores Police Department. See article on page 3.—Photo by Ryan Thompson

## Pickleball Comes to PKS

By John Brodman

## Recreational and fun pickleball tournament planned

The Pine Knoll Shores Parks and Recreation Committee met earlier this year with a few citizens who were interested in having the town set up pickleball courts for use by everyone interested in this fast-growing sport. The town came up with some seed money and, thanks to the efforts of a large crew of volunteers, we now have four pickleball courts in town: three behind town hall and one at Garner Park. The courts are available for anyone to use (children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by

## Kayak for the Warriors Presentation



Joined by Kayak for the Warriors team leaders and volunteers, Pine Knoll Shores Mayor Ken Jones (holding check) presented a check to Hope For The Warriors representatives Michelle Rademacher, Senior Director for Community Engagement, from Camp Lejeune (third person to Mayor Jones' right) and Erin Thompson, Community Relations Coordinator, from Washington, DC (immediately to Mayor Jones' left). The town collected \$68,000 this year to support our wounded warriors.—Photo by Dan Law

an adult), and the nets are stored in a locked deck box behind town hall. Just come to town hall and ask for the combination that opens the lock.

On recent weekends there have been as many as 20 people playing on the three courts behind town hall. Experienced and novice players are welcome to join in the fun, which usually begins around 9 a.m. on Saturday and sometimes on Sunday. Come alone or bring a partner; teams are made up on the spot. There are two loaner paddles in the deck box available for first-time players, but it is advisable to bring your own paddle if you have one. This is also a good time to come and watch to learn what pickleball is all about.

**Pickleball tournament.** Pine Knoll Shores is hosting its first Recreational

and Fun Pickleball Tournament at the three pickleball courts behind town hall on September 24 at 9 a.m. (rain date: September 25). Space is limited and advance registration is required. A partner is not necessary as partnerships for mixed doubles play will be chosen by blind draw. Contact Connie Brophy at BrophyConnie@gmail.com for more information or to register. There is a registration fee of \$7 per player.



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