



CAMDEN - KINGS BAY COUNCIL

Navy League of the United States

NEWSLETTER

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JUNE, 2008

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JUNE SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 24

Residence of

Captain Dan Mack

Commodore, Squadron 16/20

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MENU

Hamburgers and Hotdogs

and all the fixings!

Price \$10.00 per person.

Reservations: (912) 729 - SEAS (7327) or e-mail navyleaguedinner@yahoo.com

Please make reservations no later than Friday, June 20th.

No shows will be billed!

PROGRAM

Installation of 2008-2009 Council Officers

Barbecue and Social

President's Message . . .

It is hard for me to believe that my first year as your President is about to come to an end at our annual Picnic on the 24th. This year flew by in so many ways and what an incredible year it has been! We have had so many wonderful and exciting events and have many accomplishments that all of you can be justly proud of. I'd like to recap some of them for you.

Last July saw us welcoming the Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay (MFPU) at the commissioning ceremony at the base chapel on July 24th. Many of you attended as we saw this newest Coast Guard Command stand up with a single mission, the protection of our submarines homeported here and others that call on Kings Bay from time to time. We also welcomed the USCGC SEA DRAGON and her crew and many of you were on hand for that wonderful bright day in January when we saw Congressman Kingston speak, and his wife Libby officially place the ship in commission as the ship's sponsor. You, the members of the council were the hosts for both receptions and I thank all of you again for your commitment to those events. The beginning of this month saw us saying goodbye to a good friend, LCDR Paul Murphy and his family as he retired from over 20 years of active duty in the USCG and as he turned over the reins of the Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108 (MSST) to LCDR Doug Stark. Paul invited us to hold our monthly Board of Directors meetings at the USCG Station on Point Peter Road which has been a great benefit to us this past year. We look forward to continuing that strong partnership with LCDR Stark and his team as he begins his command tour. We welcome him and his family to Camden County!

In August we hosted General Robert Magnus, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. Gen Magnus was here to help dedicate the Marine Barracks in honor of Cpl Jason Dunham, who had previously served here in Kings Bay. Cpl Dunham was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service and sacrifice in Iraq. The book 'The Gift of Valor' was written about Jason and I encourage you all to visit the website www.jasonsmemorial.org to learn more about this fallen American hero. We had our annual Toys for Tots brunch in December where we heard from LtCol Andy Murray, our local Marine Commander. We collected hundreds of toys for the children of Camden County and loads of supplies for our veterans who reside at the Carl Vinson VA Home in Dublin, Georgia.

Over the past year we have had many wonderful speakers at our dinner meetings. RADM Jay Cohen (USN Ret) Under Secretary of Homeland Security was one of many who shared with us the mission and current direction of the Department of Homeland Security. We had a magnificent presentation by Connie Patrick, the Director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick who showed us just how much is accomplished by the staff at this wonderful facility just to the north of us. In April we welcomed home CMDCM Rick Rose of Trident Training Facility and others who returned from tours of duty as IA's (Individual Augmentees) in Iraq and Afghanistan and what a powerful presentation they made to us. Last month we hosted our Group Commander for the first time RADM Tim Giardina, as our guest speaker of the Sea Services People of the Year Banquet. These are just a few of many of the outstanding speakers this past year who enlightened us with various aspects of what goes on in our world today.

We said goodbye to our base commander CAPT Mike McKinnon who retired after a highly successful 25 year navy career and his wife, and our NL Board Member Rhonda McKinnon, and we welcomed the new commander CAPT Wes Stevens and his wife Jane. Fortunately for us, Mike and Rhonda have remained in our area and Mike recently took over as President of the Camden Partnership. We also said goodbye to CAPT Bob Susbilla recently and welcomed CAPT Rusty Nagel as the Commanding Officer of Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic (SWFLANT).

And of course who could forget that magical week in March when we welcomed home to Kings Bay our namesake submarine the USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729). What an incredible week it was with perfect weather, hardly any bugs, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people and what an incredible ceremony. I was honored to be a part of it as I know you all were, and I again thank the RTS Chairman Sheila McNeill and all the members of the RTS Committee and our sponsors, and our numerous volunteers who worked thousands of hours to make that one of the best ceremonies and events ever.

I am extremely grateful to each of you for all your support of our council activities this past year and I look forward to an exciting year ahead when we begin anew after our summer break. Our first guest speaker will be MajGen Thomas Wilkerson (USMC Ret) CEO of the Naval Institute, at our first dinner meeting of the new Navy League Year on Thursday, September 11th. We have an exciting line-up of other speakers as well already slated for this fall. I look forward to a great new year ahead and to your continued support as we get ready to welcome the USS ALASKA to Kings Bay as her new homeport sometime in early 2009. Have a wonderful summer everyone, I look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic on the 24th. Take care.

Keith Post

President, Camden Kings-Bay Council

About our Program . . .

Our annual 'End of the Navy League Year Picnic' and Installation of Council Officers will be held on Tuesday evening, June 24 from 6 to 9 PM. There is a change this year from our normal venue. We will be the guests of CAPT Dan Mack, Commodore of SQUADRON SIXTEEN/TWENTY and his staff thanks to the generosity of Royal and Gull Weaver. The cost is \$10.00 for our members and the proceeds from that will benefit our youth programs in the coming year. The picnic will be held on base at the Commodores House and his Squadron Staff has a theme for us, 'Christmas in June!' It should be an interesting evening! Directions will be posted on our council website www.kingsbaynavyleague.org and also will be sent out by email next week. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Sea Service People of the Year Banquet . . .

This year's Banquet was a huge success thanks to the leadership of our Chairman Marcie Parker and all of you who supported with your time, your donations and sponsorship, and your presence that night as we honored the top military men and women from our local commands. If any of you have any comments or suggestions for next year's banquet, please pass those on to Marcie at 912-467-1311 or by email at marciiep@tds.net. We look forward to another outstanding event in 2009!



United States Navy Monument at Normandy . . .

Our council is on the way to meeting our goal of 100 members contributing to this long overdue tribute to the 1068 Sailors who paid the ultimate sacrifice at Normandy on D-Day in 1944. Please visit www.normandymonument.org for detailed information on this project and a picture of the monument being sculpted in Denver, Colorado. We are asking at least 100 council members to contribute \$10.68 to help us reach the council donation goal of \$1068. by the 4th of July. Council Member CAPT Jim Morgan (USN Ret) is the Chairman of this project, and he will be contacting you soon if we have not heard from you yet! For more information Jim can be reached at dove70124@comcast.net or at 904-261-9632. You can make your check payable and mail to: Navy League, P.O. Box 5507, St Marys GA 31558 if you want to be a part of this effort.

2008-09 Council Officers . . .

The following slate of officers proposed by the Nomination Committee and ratified by both the Council's Board of Directors and general membership will be sworn into office by Navy League State President Dave Reilly at our 24 June end of year picnic:

Keith Post	President
Mary Smith	Secretary
Hollis Holden	Treasurer
Cheryl Aston	VP Operations
Lou Lambremont	VP Legislative Affairs
Jack Mead	VP Youth Programs
James Steele	VP Public Relations

Welcome New Members . . .

Our Council is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Camden-Kings Bay Council:
Ronald and Deborah Hale
Alan and Sandra Ryysylainen

Please give them a warm Navy League welcome when you see them at one of our upcoming meetings.

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BOARD OF REALTORS ★ ★ EASTERN MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY ★
EXPRESS SCRIPS ★
★ FARMERS & BUILDERS SUPPLY ★ FREEDOM SELF STORAGE ★
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GROUP ★
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MANAGEMENT, INC. ★
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