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MAY MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 29

KINGS BAY CONFERENCE CENTER

18:00 Social - 19:00 Dinner

** Menu **

Assorted Appetizers

Tossed Salad ~ Shrimp Pasta Salad

Chef Carved Roast Beef

Honey Carved Ham

Chicken & Broccoli

Spanish Rice ~ Roasted Potatoes

Linguini with Clams

Green Beans ~ Roasted Corn

Ceremonial Cake ~ Ice Cream

Price: \$25.00 per person

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

Please make reservations no later than Noon, Monday, May 26th. No shows will be billed!

Program

Sea Services People of the Year

President's Message . . .

Greetings Navy Leaguers! This is the time of year I get especially excited about our council. May is the month where we have the privilege of honoring our top Sailors, Coast Guardsman and Marine of the Year from all our local commands. Our signature event of the year is coming up on Thursday, May 29th. I want to again thank Marcie Parker for chairing this event for us. She has been working hard organizing volunteers and raising needed funds to make this event a special one for all our honorees. Please drop an email or give a call to her if you want to be a part of this wonderful evening, we need your help. I thank those of you who have sponsored dinner for some of our honorees and their spouses, but we still have a few sponsorships to fill if you have not done so already, so please give Marcie a shout!

Since my last column I have had the pleasure of attending many activities as your council president. The Submarine Birthday Balls, both the Officer Ball in Jacksonville on April 18th and the Enlisted Ball on Jekyll Island on April 19th were just two of those wonderful events. On April 22nd I attended the Savannah Councils April dinner meeting. That evening I had the opportunity to personally thank the Savannah Council for all their support of the USS GEORGIA RTS activities. I also was honored to attend on April 23rd along with Georgia Area President Dave Reilly, a luncheon at JAX NAS honoring returning IA's who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. On Saturday, May 10th I attended the NJROTC Awards Ceremony at Camden County High School along with Jack Mead and Doug Cooper. What an outstanding day, and how proud we are of the fine young men and women who were recognized at that ceremony.

Those of you who attended our April Dinner Meeting I know were impressed and moved by the presentation by TTF CMC Master Chief Rick Rose on his year long tour in Iraq, and the talk given by our other IA's who had served in in Iraq and Afghanistan. I know I personally have a deeper appreciation for what our men and women have been doing in service to our nation while deployed over there. Also that night, we voted on our council officers for our Navy League Year which begins on July 1. I want to personally thank all of those who have agreed to serve, both those who are returning for another year as well as our new officers. I also thank you all for your vote of confidence in me and I look forward to another wonderful and exciting year as your council president.

I am grateful to each of you for all your continued support of all our council activities and look forward to your continued support as we begin the 2008-2009 NL year this summer. We have an exciting line-up of speakers already slated for this fall, stay tuned! See you all May 29th.

With best regards,

Keith Post

President, Camden Kings-Bay Council

About our Program . . .

This year's Sea Services People of the Year Banquet will be the Thursday night after Memorial Day Weekend. RADM Tim Giardina, Commander, SUBMARINE GROUP TRIDENT, will be our guest speaker. Marcie Parker is our Chairman this year. Those of you wishing to join this committee and lend your support can contact Marcie at 912-467-1311 or by email at marciep@tds.net. We will be honoring 29 Sailors, Coastguardsmen and our Marine of the Year at this year's Banquet.

Youth Programs . . .

Sea Cadets:

The Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division's April drill (25 to 27 April) was filled with activity. On Saturday 26 April, the Division Cadets attended the Submarine veterans of WWII Submarine Memorial service at the St. Marys waterfront. It was a very impressive ceremony with recognition given to all the US submarines lost in service.

The Division cadets also performed several hours of community service at the Trident Training Facility. Additionally, four of our Division's cadets passed advancement in rate exams during the drill weekend and now only have to finish their time in rate requirement to advance in rank. The cadets spent the remainder of the drill weekend preparing their sea bags for their upcoming Summer training schools.

We currently have Cadets scheduled to attend 36 Summer training school sessions with everything from League Cadet Orientation in Florida to Naval Intelligence in California and NSCC adult leaders scheduled to attend 9 Summer training sessions between the end of May and the beginning of August 2008. The Division's officers and instructors will be involved with hosting and teaching schools here at Kings Bay including Port Operations and Master-At-Arms training both of which are scheduled in July. Submarine training will also be conducted at Kings Bay Submarine Base for Sea Cadets from all over the country.

NJROTC:

The Camden County High School NJROTC unit held its annual awards ceremony at 1000 on Saturday 10 May at the high school auditorium. Council President, Keith Post, Vice President for Youth Programs, Jack Mead, and Sea Cadet Chairman, Doug Cooper, attended the ceremony. Savings bonds were presented to Cadets Josh Kilpatrick for academic achievement, and Maegan Trombley for Navy or Marine Corp Officer Potential. Cadet Eric Von Behren was awarded the Navy League Youth Medal (the highest award the Navy League presents to a youth) for overall outstanding performance as a cadet.

U.S. Navy Retired Captain Don Holland, the Senior Naval Science Instructor, and U. S. Navy Retired Master Chief Fred Gardner (a founder of the Camden County High School NJROTC program) announced their retirements at the end of this school year. We wish both of these outstanding Camden County High School teachers the best in their retirement. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmates. We will miss you.

From Sea Cadet Chairman Doug Cooper:

I had the opportunity to observe a short portion of the April weekend drill for our cadets. I was extremely impressed with everything I saw. These youngsters, male and female, between the ages of 11 and 17 display an amazing level of professionalism and dedication while sacrificing their weekends to participate in the Navy League Cadet and Naval Sea Cadet programs. I highly encourage Navy League members to contact Tracy Sousa, Barbara Johns and all the other Division adult leaders and instructors to offer your thanks for what they do and to schedule a visit to the next drill or one of the many training sessions they have planned for this Summer. I guarantee it will be time well spent. Contact information is available on our local Sea Cadet web site at www.kingsbayseacadets.org/.

Sea Cadet Awards Ceremony:

The Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division's annual Awards ceremony will be held on Sunday 1 June 2008. Navy League members are invited to attend the ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Trident Training Facility auditorium on Base at 1300. If you plan to attend, please contact Tracy Sousa using the web site mentioned above.

United States Navy Monument at Normandy . . .

Your Council's Board of Directors approved participation in this long overdue tribute to the 1068 Sailors who paid the ultimate sacrifice at Normandy on D-Day in 1944. The Naval Order has been working hard raising funds and has commissioned a monument to be placed at Normandy on September 27th 2008. You can go to the following link, 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 \$1,068. Sixteen of you contributed the night it was announced at our April dinner meeting, and we thank you for that support! Council Member CAPT Jim Morgan (USN Ret) has agreed to Chair this project for us.

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.

End of Year Navy League Picnic . . .

Our Council's annual 'End of Year Picnic' and Installation of Council Officers will be held on Tuesday evening, June 24th. There is a change of venue this year. We will be the guests of CAPT Dan Mack, Commodore of SQUADRON SIXTEEN/TWENTY. The picnic will be held on base at the Commodores House and more information will be sent out by email, and announced at the SSPOY Banquet. Watch your email for more details!

Dates To Remember . . .

May	26	Memorial Day
June	1	Navy League Anniversary (105th)
	14	Flag Day
	15	Father's Day
	21	First Day of Summer
July	4	Independence Day

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