



**CAMDEN- KINGS BAY COUNCIL**  
**Navy League of the United States**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**MAY 2009**

**MAY MEETING**

THURSDAY, 14 MAY

KINGS BAY CONFERENCE CENTER

18:00 Social - 19:00 Dinner

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**Tossed Salad ~ Shrimp Pasta Salad**  
**Carved Roast Beef**  
**Carved Honey Ham**  
**Chicken & Broccoli**  
**Spanish Rice ~ Roasted Potatoes**  
**Linguine with Clams**  
**Green Beans ~ Roasted Corn**  
**Ceremonial Cake ~ Ice Cream**  
**Coffee/Hot Tea/Cold Tea/Water**

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**  
2008-2009

Keith Post, President

Mary Smith, Secretary

Hollis Holden, Treasurer

(Vacant), V.P., Operations

Walt Natzic, V.P., Administration

Jack Mead, V.P., Youth Programs

Lou Lambremont, V.P., Legislative

James Steele, V.P. Public Relations

Price: \$20.00 per person

**Reservations: (912) 729 - SEAS (7327) or e-mail to: [navyleaguedinner@yahoo.com](mailto:navyleaguedinner@yahoo.com)**  
**Please make reservations no later than Noon, Monday, May 11th. No shows will be billed!**

**Program**

**Sea Services People Of The Year Banquet**

**Guest Speaker:** VADM Robert Papp, Commander  
United States Coast Guard, Atlantic Area

## *President's Message . . .*

I want to thank all of you who were able to attend our Navy League Dinner on April 28th. We were fortunate to have CDR David Pollock, RN, Commanding Officer of the HMS VICTORIOUS, as our guest speaker along with 25 of his officers, chiefs and sailors as our guests. I send out a special thank you to all of our navy leaguers who sponsored a British Sailor for the evening. I appreciate your generosity very much. The Captain and his crew were very grateful and thankful for the hospitality shown by our council, and were touched that we recognized one of their own as our Navy League Sailor of the Month, ET Hayden Green.

It is now time for us to shift gears and focus on our next event, which is our signature and most important event of the year, our Annual Sea Services People of the Year Banquet. It is Thursday, May 14th with a social hour beginning at 6 and dinner at 7. We are extremely fortunate this year to have VADM Robert Papp, former Chief of Staff for the Commandant of the Coast Guard and now Atlantic Area Commander, as our Guest Speaker. We look forward to welcoming him on his visit to Kings Bay in May as we come together to honor our top sailors, coast guardsmen, and marine as our sea service people of the year. Marcie Ness and her committee are working hard to make this a world class event for our honorees.

I had the privilege of participating in our Annual Chamber of Commerce Fly-in to Washington DC the week of April 20th. We met with Congressman Jack Kingston, Senators Chambliss and Isakson, and many pentagon and coast guard officials while there. A group of us on the trip also went and visited Navy League Headquarters in Arlington. We pushed for more missions for our base, continued support for the follow-on submarine after the TRIDENT Platform, and sport for all our men and women in uniform. We also found out a date for the commissioning of the cutter USCGC SEA DOG, which will be arriving in our area in May. The ceremony will take place on July 2nd with Senator Chambliss as the guest speaker and his wife as the ship's sponsor. Additional information will follow our next newsletter and be also announced at our May and June meetings.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support and for honoring me with your vote for a 3rd term to serve as your council president. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and look forward to the challenges we have ahead to do good things for our sailors, marines, coastguardsmen and their families who call the Camden County area home. I look forward to welcoming our new board members aboard at our June picnic and I thank them in advance for their willingness to serve. I also thank our current board members who have served our council well this past year.

I look forward to seeing you all on May 14th. Please come out and show your support for our sea services honorees and bring a friend who you would like to introduce to our Navy League Council. Our annual Sea Services Of The Year Banquet is a great way to let them see first-hand the good work we do! Hope to see you there!

*Keith*

## ***About our Program . . .***

Our premier Navy League event of the year is fast approaching. On Thursday evening May 14th we will be honoring the top Sailors, Coastguardsman and Marine from our area at our Annual Sea Service People of the Year Banquet. VADM Robert Papp, United States Coast Guard Atlantic Area Commander, will be our Guest Speaker for the evening. This is our opportunity to salute and pay tribute to the best of the best of our military men and women. Our Banquet Committee Chairperson Marcie Parker still is in need of volunteers and sponsors. If you are interested in being a member of this committee and helping with this important event, or in sponsoring one of the honorees and their spouse for the evening, please email or call Marcie at 912-467-1311 or marciep@tds.net . We appreciate your continued support of this important event for our council and the men and women in uniform who call Camden County home.

## ***About our Speaker. . .***

Vice Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. assumed the duties as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area (LANTAREA) in July 2008, where he serves as the operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world. LANTAREA ranges from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf and spans an area of responsibility including five Coast Guard Districts, 42 states with over 14 million square miles, and serves with more than 51,000 military and civilian employees and Auxiliarists. Vice Admiral Papp concurrently serves as Commander, Defense Force East and provides Coast Guard mission support to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders.



Before assuming command of LANTAREA Vice Admiral Papp served as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard in Washington, DC, overseeing all management functions of the Coast Guard. From 2004 to 2006 he served as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, with responsibilities for Coast Guard missions on the Great Lakes and Northern Border.

Vice Admiral Papp was promoted to Flag rank in October 2002 and appointed the Director of Reserve and Training. He was responsible for managing and supporting 13,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists and all Coast Guard Training Centers. He served in six Coast Guard Cutters and commanded the Cutters RED BEECH, PAPA, FORWARD, and the Coast Guard's training barque, EAGLE. He has also served as commander of a task unit during Operation ABLE MANNER off the coast of Haiti in 1994, enforcing United Nations sanctions. Additionally, his task unit augmented U.S. Naval Forces during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY.

Vice Admiral Papp's assignments ashore have included the Commandant of Cadets staff at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Aids to Navigation staff in the Third Coast Guard District; Chief of the Capabilities Branch in the Defense Operations Division; Chief of the Fleet Development Team; Director of the Leadership Development Center; Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs; and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard.

He is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College.

Vice Admiral Papp is the 13th Gold Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard which is an honorary position held by an officer with over ten years of cumulative sea duty who is charged with keeping a close watch to ensure sea-service traditions are continued and the time-honored reputation of the Coast Guard is maintained.

## ***Annual Meeting . . . .***

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting on April 28th. The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was approved. Your Officers for the 2009 -2010 year will be:

President: Keith Post  
Senior V-P for Programs: Hunt Thornhill  
V-P for Youth Programs: Jack Mead  
V-P for Membership: Walt Natzic  
V-P for Operations: Rhonda McKinnon  
V-P for Public Affairs: Jim Steele  
Secretary: Mary Smith  
Treasurer: Hollis Holden  
Judge Advocate: Charlie Smith Jr.

Additionally the membership approved three Bylaws changes that were sent out by email. Thanks to our new Judge Advocate Charlie Smith for presenting these changes to the council and the slate of officers to the Council for a vote. All of our new board members appreciate your support and look forward to serving in a great year ahead in 2009-2010 for our Council.

## ***Youth Programs . . .***

**Sea Cadets:** The Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division will hold its annual awards ceremony on Kings Bay Naval Base at the TTF auditorium on Sunday afternoon 24 May 2009. Anyone interested in attending the ceremony, please contact Jack Mead at 882-1267.

**NJROTC:** The Camden County High School NJROTC Unit will hold its annual awards ceremony at the High School auditorium at 1830 on Wednesday 13 May 2009. Anyone interested in attending the ceremony, please contact Jerry O'Donoghue at 882-3882.

## ***Are You Bouncing? . . .***

Please check the e-mail address used for Navy League e-mails to ensure we are sending to your correct address. We send two to three e-mails to local members each month, and we get many bounces each time. Log in to your member profile on the national Navy League website at <http://members.navyleague.org/login/login.asp>, click the My Profile tab and confirm or correct your contact information. To create a profile, simply click "Register Now" on that same page, and enter your NL membership ID and your last name. Your NL membership ID number is on your membership card, or you can get it by calling Dave Burch at 882-4759.

## ***Correction . . .***

The Navy League's 2009/2010 Maritime Policy document referenced in last month's **NEWSLetter** is available on-line to all Navy Leaguers at [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org). This corrects an error on the previously listed link address. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Community Affiliates Honor Roll**

Applied Industrial Technologies ~ Bennett Suzuki ~ Camden/Charlton Board of Realtors  
Eastern Maintenance and Supply~Express Scripts~Farmers & Builders Supply  
Freedom Self Storage~Hargrove & Associates~Landscape Supply~Lockeed Martin Space  
Northrop Grumman~QC Management, Inc,~Satilla Community Bank~Securiguard  
Sheila's Hallmark~Soncel~Southeast Georgia Health System  
Southern Equipment & Services~The Coastal Bank of Georgia  
Universal Supplies & Services~VT Griffin