



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

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*October 2009*

**OCTOBER MEETING**

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER

**KINGS BAY CONFERENCE CENTER**  
18:00 Social - 19:00 Dinner

*\* Menu \**

**Garden Fresh Salad**  
**Roast Beef**  
**Chicken Supreme**  
**Wild Rice ~ Garlic Mashed Potatoes**  
**Vegetable Medley**  
**Rolls & Butter**  
**Assorted Desserts**  
**Coffee/Hot Tea/Cold Tea/Water**

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, October 5th. No shows will be billed!**

**Program**

**RDML TIM ALEXANDER**  
**Commander, Navy Region Southeast**

## *President's Message . . .*

Dear Navy Leaguers,

I want to thank all of you who attended the welcome for RDML Barry Bruner and his wife Beth at Osprey Cove on Thursday evening September 10th. We had over 100 people in attendance, including many of our local elected officials, to welcome the Admiral and his wife to their new duty station here in Kings Bay. They were very moved and appreciative of the community support they have received since arriving, and are very grateful to the Navy League for our support of the base and the men and women in uniform stationed here. The Admiral and his wife have jumped in with both feet in our community. They recently served as Parade Grand Marshalls for the Catfish Festival in Kingsland over Labor Day Weekend.

On Friday, September 11th I had the honor of presiding over a special ceremony in Woodbine on the steps of our County Courthouse. George Marvin Miller, who many of you know from our community, served in Vietnam over 39 years ago. Brigadier General Patrick Donahue, Deputy Commanding General of the Third Infantry Division at Ft Stewart, came to Woodbine to honor, pay tribute and give long overdue recognition to Marvin for his service to his country nearly 4 decades ago. When Marvin returned from the war, he was greeted with tomatoes and eggs by many of his countrymen. In 2009 General Donahue attempted to right that wrong in a small but powerful way by presenting Marvin the medals he earned, including the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and others. His wife Joann, his Mother, daughter and other family and friends gathered under a bright blue sky that beautiful day, to help heal a wound that so many of our Vietnam Veterans carry with them daily. I appreciate the support of CAPT Wes Stevens and the men and women of the base for their logistical support in making this ceremony possible, as well as the support of the St Marys Submarine Museum and Mr. Steve Howard and other Camden County personnel in Woodbine. I also thank all those who attended the ceremony, including our elected officials, and I especially appreciate all those who made time to attend from the base including Commodore Tracy Howard, LtCol Dwayne Whiteside and Master Chief Jimmy Schubert, our new base Command Master Chief.

I thank all of you who answered the call and participated in helping the Kings Bay Submarine Officers Wives Club in their cookbook project I know many of you contributed recipes and we look forward to the end result when they have the project published. We will have details on where you can purchase a copy once they are ready.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have two important events in 2010 that I want to get on your sonar screen now. The first is our Annual Sea Service People of the Year Banquet which will be held on Thursday, May 13th 2010. The second will be on Saturday, June 19th, 2010. That day will be our 30th Anniversary as a Navy League Council and we will be having an Anniversary Banquet to celebrate this milestone. Our Charter was issued on June 19th 1980, and this will be our chance to celebrate our council, our accomplishments, our mission and our membership. If you are interested in serving on either or both of these committees please let me know. Please mark your calendar now for both of these events! Our new National Navy League President Dan Branch, who will be sworn in at the Convention in October, has already agreed to attend and be a part of our celebration.

Have a great month everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on October 8th as we welcome our guest speaker RDML Tim Alexander and his wife to our Navy League Council. Please bring a friend who you would like to introduce to Navy League!

*Keith*

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

Rear Admiral Townsend G. “Tim” Alexander graduated from the University of Colorado in 1978, and upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School in March, 1981 was commissioned an ensign. In November of that year he was designated a naval aviator.

Operational tours include assignments with the Sea Snakes of HSL-33, the HSL-46 Grandmasters (three tours) and USS Nassau (LHA 4). Alexander served in a variety of billets including detachment maintenance officer and officer in charge, squadron NATOPS officer, quality assurance officer, operations officer, maintenance officer, executive officer and commanding officer. He served as air boss aboard Nassau during Operations Noble Anvil and Allied Force in 1999.



Tours ashore have included the Air Wolves of HSL-40, The Naval War College, Chief of Naval Operations staff, the Joint Staff, and Naval Base Coronado, Calif. During these tours he served as quality assurance officer and instructor pilot, flag aide, aviation programs analyst, division chief and commanding officer.

Alexander was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the Naval War College in 1992 and attended the Armed Forces Staff College in 1998. He was recognized by the Naval Helicopter Association as a member of the 1993 Aircrew of the Year (Embarked) and in 1989 he received the Rear Admiral Allan G. Paulson award for inspirational leadership from Commander, Helicopter Sea Control Wing 3.

From August 2006 to October 2008 Alexander served as commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

## ***Toys for Tots/Veterans Brunch . . . .***

Our annual event to support the Toys for Tots program in Camden County and our Veterans at the VA Home in Dublin, Georgia, will be held again this year at Laurel Island Country Club. Those of you who attended this event last year know what a wonderful time we had together, and what an impact we had on the lives of children in our community. Please mark your calendar for this event coming the beginning of December.

## ***November Event. . .***

At our Board of Directors Retreat on July 11th a decision was made to hold a Council Event in November and cancel our January event. This way our first get together of the new year is not so close to the holidays. As of press time we do not have our November speaker confirmed, but it will be announced at our dinner on October 8th and by email and in the November **NewsLetter**. Please mark your calendars!

## ***Toys For Tots/Veterans Brunch. . .***

December 6th is our annual event to support the Toys for Tots program in Camden County and our Veterans at the VA Home in Dublin, Georgia. The setting this year will be the Laurel Island Country Club. Please mark your calendar for this event coming the beginning of December, and start collecting those veterans supplies and toys!

## ***National Navy League Convention . . .***

The 2009 Navy League National Convention will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas from October 27th thru November 1st. Our Council President Keith Post will be on hand to accept our Meritorious Council Award for 2008. For information about, and the goings on during the convention, please visit the national website at [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org) .

## ***Dates to Remember. . .***

October	3	St. Marys Rock Shrimp Festival
	8	Council Dinner
	12	Columbus Day Observed
	13	Navy Anniversary (234 <sup>th</sup> )
	16	National Boss Day
	24	United Nations Day
	27	National Navy League Convention Begins
	31	Halloween
November	1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	3	Election Day
	11	Veterans Day

### **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