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SEPTEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

OVERLOOK ROOM ~ OSPREY COVE

18:00 Social - 19:00 Dinner

** Menu **

Mixed Greens
Tilapia with Pineapple Mango
Fried Chicken
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Chocolate Cake
Coffee/Hot Tea/Cold Tea/Water

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, September 7th. No shows will be billed!

Program

RAML BARRY BRUNER
Commander, Submarine Group 10

President's Message . . .

I hope you all are enjoying your summer, vacations, travel, picnics and family get togethers. To those of you who attended our own 'Navy League Family' get-together on July 2nd I say thank you for coming! That gathering was to welcome the Commanding Officer, CWO Tyrome Tillett, the Crew and Families of the USCGC SEA DOG and to commission the ship and place her in service here in Kings Bay. It was a beautiful day, a wonderful ceremony and a great reception thanks to our many sponsors and members who contributed. To all of you I extend my deep appreciation and thank for your generosity. To those who purchased Honorary Planks in support of the SEA DOG we will have those from Coast Guard District Headquarters in Miami soon.

Another event that took place since our last newsletter was the picnic welcoming the Officers, Crews and Families of the USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) Blue and Gold to Kings Bay. Jointly sponsored by our Council and the Camden County Chamber of Commerce, the day was a fantastic one from all accounts. I appreciate Hunt Thornhill representing our membership and presenting the Ship with a Navy League Plaque, and all of you who volunteered your time and energy to help make the day special for our newest members of the Kings Bay community. I was not able to attend due to other Navy League commitments, and I thank all of you who did!

I was in Washington, DC in June for the Navy League Mid-Year Meeting where I had the honor to represent our council. One of the highlights of the event was the Banquet where the Navy League honored Capt. Richard Phillips of the MV MAERSK ALABAMA. Capt. Phillips was presented the ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE LEADERSHIP AWARD for offering himself as a hostage to Somali pirates to save his ship's crew in April. The Burke Award, is the Navy League's most prestigious award for Leadership, is named after Navy Admiral Arleigh Burke, an American hero well known for ethical standards and unselfish dedication. The award is presented to an outstanding leader from government (civilian or military), industry or academia whose life is in keeping with the example set by Admiral Arleigh Burke. It was indeed an honor to meet Capt. Phillips and hear him speak. He could not be a more humble man, and gave great credit to his crew, to the navy and to the all those who worked to free him.

Since we did not have our traditional end of Navy League Year picnic in June due to the SEA DOG event, we will be swearing in our 2009 – 2010 Council Officers at our September 10th Dinner. I look forward to welcoming and working with the all of our board members, new and old alike, who have agreed to serve our Council in the coming year. On July 11th your Board of Directors held a wonderful retreat facilitated by Mr. Bill Waylett from Navy League Headquarters. We had a great day together brainstorming, discussing issues and events, and have many exiting projects in the pipeline that we will be looking to you all for support and participation in during this next year. Details will follow in newsletters and emails and at our various events. I want to thank all the Board Members for their time and dedication to our Council and you all as well for your continued support participation in council events and activities.

We recently said farewell and following seas to two dedicated navy people. CAPT Dan Mack, Commodore SQUADRON SIXTEEN, retired and was relieved by CAPT Tracy Howard. I want to personally thank CAPT Mack for all his support of the Navy League during his tour here, and for his service to our nation and the submarine force. He and his staff have been fantastic to work with and I know you all join me in wishing CAPT Mack all the best as he begins the next chapter in his life (and as a new Navy League Member!). We are also proud to welcome CAPT Howard and his family here to Kings Bay from Washington, DC. We also said farewell to Master Chief Barry Hammond after 30 years of faithful and dedicated service on 9 submarines, many shore commands, and an IA Tour in Afghanistan. We wish him and his family all the best as they begin life anew in the Tampa, Florida area.

Two events that I would like you all to mark on your calendar now, are in May and June of next year. I know that sounds like a long way away, but these events are very special and I want to be sure they are on our 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!

As we begin this new Navy League year after our summer break, I look forward to seeing you all on September 10th. Please come out and help welcome our new Flag Officer RADM Barry Bruner and his wife Beth to our area. Bring a friend who you would like to introduce to our Navy League Council and let them see first-hand the good work we do! Hope to see you there!

Keith

About our Program . . .

Our September meeting honors and welcomes Rear Admiral Barry L. Bruner and his wife Beth to Camden County. RAML Bruner graduated from Arizona State University and received his commission from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in May 1981. Following OCS and selection for submarine warfare, he attended Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Fla., and Prototype Training in West Milton, N.Y.

Bruner's initial sea tours include reactor controls assistant; chemistry and radiological controls and main propulsion assistant and weapons officer aboard USS Pollack (SSN-603), where he completed three Western Pacific deployments. He served as navigator and operations officer aboard USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN-658)(GOLD), where he completed five strategic deterrent patrols and as executive officer aboard USS Newport News (SSN-750) completing a Mediterranean deployment in support of operation Sharp Guard. Bruner was commanding officer of USS Florida (SSBN-728)(Gold) from July 1998 to March 2001. During his tour he completed four strategic deterrent patrols. Florida was selected as the top SSBN in the Pacific fleet for 1999 and 2000, and the top SSBN in the Navy for 2000.



Significant shore and staff duty include Naval Post Graduate School, where he graduated with Masters of Science degrees in Oceanography and Meteorology, the Naval Academy as a company officer, an action officer on the submarine directorate of the Navy Staff, Pacific Fleet Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer instructor, as a division chief on the Joint Staff and executive assistant to the assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff. Bruner was next assigned as commander of Submarine Squadron 7 at Pearl Harbor. He then served as chief of staff of commander, Carrier Strike Group 5/Task Group 70 and 75 in Yokosuka, Japan. His most recent assignment was Director, Operations Division, Office of Budget for the Department of the Navy. Among the awards Bruner is most proud of are the numerous Battle Efficiency awards his shipmates have earned over the years.

About our October Meeting. . .

In October we will welcome to Kings Bay RADM Tim Alexander and his wife as our guests. RADM Alexander is the Commander, Navy Region Southeast. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 8th, 2009. We will be meeting at our regular location at the Kings Bay Conference Center on base.

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.

Arlie McNeill Honored. . .

On June 26th, the Submarine Officers Wives Club of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay announced an endowment scholarship honoring Arlie McNeill. Arlie is a staunch supporter of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and has served as the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation's auctions resident auctioneer for more than 25 years. VADM Jay Donnelly, Commander, Submarine Force, RADM Tim Giardina, Commander, Submarine Group Nine, and RAML Barry Bruner, Commander, Submarine Group Ten, were present for the announcement of the endowment scholarship and expressed gratitude to Arlie for his service.

Arlie has volunteered to auction more than a million dollars worth of items at base in Norfolk, Charleston, Bangor as well as our own Kings Bay base in support of the DSF. "It is exciting to have a scholarship in my name," Arlie said. "To think that well after I have died that there will be a scholarship given in my name is humbling. It is a wonderful honor, and I look forward to many more auctions." McNeill, a North Carolina native, learned auctioning in high school and has been the auctioneer for the Darien Blessing of the Fleet for more than 35 years as well.

Welcome New Members. . .

The Camden Kings Bay Council is pleased to welcome the following new members: Active Duty Spouse: Carrie Moore (Keith Post, Sponsor); Husband/Wife members Ronald & Joan Bagley (Walt Natzic, Sponsor) and Charles & Peggy Trader; and Regular members Michelle Doyle, Barbara Mizelle, Sheila Sapp, and Carole Smith.

Dates to Remember. . .

September	7	Labor Day Catfish Festival
	10	Council Dinner Meeting
	11	Patriot Day
	18	Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown
	22	Autumn Begins
	28	Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
October	12	Columbus Day Observed

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