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From The President:

Summer Greetings to our Savannah Navy League Members and our friends who provide support for our mission, our fundraising events and our efforts to help our community learn more about who we are and what we do. I appreciate you all. As we move further into this season where we suspend our monthly dinner meetings, we will miss seeing each other on those third Tuesdays of each month. We look forward to seeing everyone back together on September 20, and we hope to see many of you along with our Coast Guard family at the Savannah Bananas Game on July 12. This annual event comes the month before the Coast Guard Birthday, giving us a chance to say "Thank You" in lieu of 'Happy Birthday'.

In a departure from our traditional May Golf Fundraiser, we will be holding that event at Crosswinds Golf Course on Friday, September 9. I think we are building a new direction for this "Fund Raiser that also involves a golf event!" Thanks especially to newcomer Nelson Rosado for both the previous descriptor and a silent auction format that we believe will bring a lot of interest (and dollars) to this year's event. We still need some volunteers for that Friday to help us greet golfers, to promote our Savannah Council and to help us sort out the raffle winners while the golfers are on the course. Please contact any member of the committee to volunteer. Also, if you have items that you think might bring interest in either the silent auction or the raffle, let us know soon so we can bring our lists together on both of those fundraisers. Despite not having our regular meetings, our Board will continue to meet with our focus primarily on the Golf event and next year's Council elections. By September we will have a nominating committee in place. Plenty of time for each of you to consider how you may want to serve on our Board. Have a safe and happy Summer. If you're traveling, enjoy and be safe.

Tom Nichols
President, Savannah Council



***2022 Savannah Navy League
Golf Classic
Friday, September 9***

**Many Thanks to Our Community Affiliate Members
and Corporate Sponsors!**



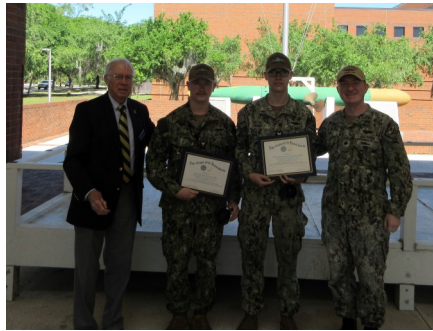
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Updates

USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE

SAILOR OF THE YEAR / QUARTER AWARDS



Sailors of the 1st QTR FY22



Sailors of the Year FY 21



Leadership Award FY 21

Savannah Navy League was happy to join with USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE Leadership on Friday, 8 April, in recognizing Sailors of the Quarter and Sailors of the Year. A Tom Latham Submariner Leadership Award was also presented. CDR Bill Dull, USN, Commanding Officer of USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE, on right in photos above, presided over the event.

USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE

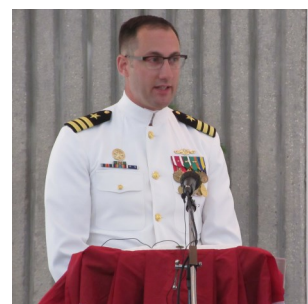
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



Savannah Navy Leaguers Pat Yovich - NLUS SAC Region President, CDR O.C. Fowler, USN (Ret.) - Chatham County Veteran of the Year 2022, Gary Johnson - Past President, Chuck Towles, Director, Barbara Towles, and Bob Gephart - Past President, drove to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay on Friday, 3 JUNE 2022, to attend the USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE Change of Command Ceremony. CDR John Smith, USN, replaced CDR Bill Dull, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) BLUE. CDR Dull received a Meritorious Service Award from CAPT John Cage, USN, Commodore of Submarine Squadron 20, who presided over the Change of Command Ceremony.



USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) GOLD - CHANGE OF COMMAND



On Friday, 29 APR 2022, Frank McCarthy and Bob Gephart of Savannah Navy League, traveled to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay to attend the Change of Command Ceremony for USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) GOLD. CDR Kenneth Packard, USN, replaced CDR Matthew Luff, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) GOLD. CAPT John Cage, USN, Commodore of Submarine Squadron 20, presided.

USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) BLUE - CHANGE OF COMMAND



Savannah Navy Leaguers CDR O.C. Fowler, USN (Ret.), Chuck Towles, and Bob Gephart attended the USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) BLUE Change of Command Ceremony at the Kings Bay Chapel on Thursday, 19 MAY 2022. CDR Steven Dykstra, USN, replaced CDR Benjamin Pollock, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) BLUE. CAPT John Cage, USN, Commodore of Submarine Squadron 20, presided over the ceremony.

SUBMARINE READINESS SQUADRON 36 - CHANGE OF COMMAND



Savannah Navy League was honored to attend the Change of Command Ceremony for Submarine Readiness Squadron THREE SIX on Friday, 17 JUNE 2022 in the Kings Bay Chapel. CDR Matt Scovill, USN, replaced CDR Ronald Allen, USN, as Commanding Officer of Submarine Readiness Squadron 36. RDML John Spencer, Commander of Submarine Group TEN, presided over the ceremony.

USCG AIR STATION SAVANNAH

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



Savannah Navy League was honored to attend the USCG Air Station Savannah Change of Command Ceremony on 8 June 2022. CDR Michael Brimblecom, USCG, replaced CDR Brendan Hilleary, USCG as Commanding Officer of USCG Air Station Savannah. RADM Brendan McPherson, USCG, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, presided over the ceremony.

CDR Brendan Hilleary, USCG, Retirement Ceremony



CDR Brendan Hilleary, USCG, Commanding Officer of USCGAS Savannah, retired after 26 years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard on 8 JUNE 2022. RADM Brendan McPherson, USCG, presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to CDR Hilleary for his 26 years of Service, signed by President Joseph Biden, Commander in Chief.

CAPT Tim Eason, USCG, Retirement Ceremony



CAPT Tim Eason, USCG, retired from the U.S. Coast Guard on 17 JUNE 2022 after 31 years of service. CAPT Eason was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal by Rear Admiral Keith Smith, USCG. CAPT Eason received a Distinguished Flying Cross Medal in 2004 for his amazing, heroic rescue of four USCG helicopter crewmen whose helo had been knocked down by a very large wave off Alaska.

USCG ENLISTED PERSON OF THE QUARTER / YEAR AWARDS

USCG Station Tybee EPOQ & EPOY



Savannah Navy League joined with USCG Station Tybee leadership in recognizing their EPOQ on 18 April, and their EPOY on 11 May. Both awardees received an award certificate, a gift card, and a “World Famous” Savannah Navy League Coffee Mug.



EPOQ for 2nd QTR 2022

BM3 Evan Sweeney

EPOY for FY 2021

BM2 Ryan Skupien.

USCG Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay EPOQ



(Left) On 26 APR, CDR Chris Culpepper, USCG, Commander of USCG MFPU Kings Bay, presented the EPOQ Citation to **ME3 Daniel Gassel, USCG**. (Center) Chief Prieto presented an EPOQ plaque to ME3 Daniel Gassel. (Right) (L-R) CDR Chris Culpepper, USCG, CDR O.C. Fowler, USN (Ret.), ME3 Daniel Gassel, USCG, MCPO David Dolphin, USCG, and Ed Lavish, Savannah Navy League.

USCG Marine Safety Unit Savannah EPOQ



On Friday, 13 MAY, Savannah Navy League was happy to join with USCG Marine Safety Unit Savannah leadership in recognizing **MST3 Meghan Karcher, USCG**, as their Enlisted Person of the Quarter for the period ending 31 March 2022.

NROTC / NJROTC SUPPORT

The April / May timeframe is the annual period for graduations and class award ceremonies. Savannah Navy League is happy to participate and support these significant events in the lives of NROTC & NJROTC Youth.

Savannah State University NROTC 2022 Spring Review



The SSU NROTC held it's first Spring Review since COVID in the Howard-Jordan Auditorium, Jordan Business School on Thursday, April 14. SSU NROTC Commanding Officer CAPT Stephen Flaherty presided. SSU President Mrs. Ballard-Washington spoke to the Midshipman about their great tradition at SSU. The NROTC Program has been at SSU since 1971- 50 years of excellence at the school. Guest Speaker was Vice Admiral John Fuller. He challenged the Midshipman and new officers to do the best job they can do no matter what the task or assignment. Six newly Commissioned Officers will be heading to the Fleet - 2 to the Marine Corps and 4 to the Navy.

Navy League Youth Theodore Roosevelt Medal

Savannah Navy League continued its annual participation with local area NJROTC programs presenting selected NJROTC Cadets with the Navy League Youth Theodore Roosevelt Medal. SNL also contributed \$800 to each of the Georgia schools to support their Summer Leadership Training Programs.



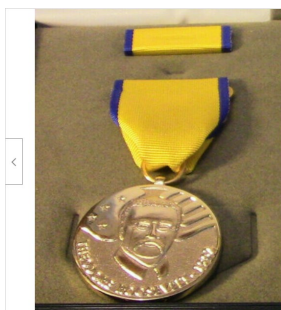
Sol C. Johnson High School



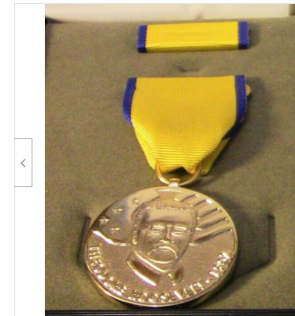
South Effingham High School



H. V. Jenkins High School



Hilton Head High School



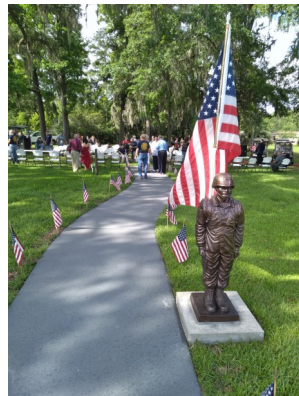


USS SAVANNAH (LCS-28) IS COMING TO SHIPS OF THE SEA MUSEUM



The USS SAVANNAH Ship Commissioning Committee is arranging for a permanent display of a scale model of the USS SAVANNAH (LCS-28) at Ships of the Sea Museum on MLK Blvd in Historic Downtown Savannah. Plans are to incorporate an audio visual / computer monitor display alongside the model. An opening reception is planned for November, 2022.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES



CDR O.C. Fowler, USN (Ret.), Chatham County Veteran of the Year 2022, speaker at the Bloomingdale, Ga Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30 and participated in the Vietnam Memorial Ceremony in Emmett Park in downtown Savannah on 29 May.

DINNER MEETINGS RECAP



April



May



June

Savannah Navy League members and guests enjoyed three memorable dinner meetings during this quarter. The April meeting honored the volunteers who drove Naval Officers in the St Patrick's Day Parade. In May, CAPT Chris Bohner, USN, spoke on his responsibilities at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The June meeting featured CWO2 Brook Blount, USCG, Commanding Officer of USCGC Sea Dragon (WPB-87367) from USCG Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay.

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NJROTC CADETS OF THE MONTH



April



May

Savannah Navy League continued its practice of recognizing a Cadet of the Month from both Sol C. Johnson High School and H. V. Jenkins High School during the school year.

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