



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

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**NOVEMBER MEETING**  
THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

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

*\* Menu \**

**Garden Fresh Salad**  
**Roast Pork Tenderloin**  
**Salmon with Butter Garlic Sauce**  
**Yellow Rice ~ Rosemary 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, November 9th. No shows will be billed!**

**Program**

**CDR M. W. (Joe) Raymond**

**Commander, Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit**  
**Submarine Group 10 ~ Kings Bay, Georgia**

## *President's Message . . .*

Chances are when you read this I will be in Corpus Christi, Texas attending the National Navy League Convention. This will be my third convention as your President, and I am honored once again to represent all of you in accepting our Meritorious Council Award for 2008 from President Mike McGrath. We have much to be proud of, in the work we do day in and day out here in the Kings Bay area in supporting the men and women in uniform of our Sea Services, their families and the missions of the base and all of the various commands in our area. I thank you for all your support, both financial and in your time attending and assisting with all our various projects throughout the year.

At our Navy League event this month we welcome CDR Joe Raymond, the Commanding Officer of the Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay. This command was commissioned July 24th, 2007 and is the front line of defense in protection of our submarines as they transit to and from Kings Bay. I know you join me in looking forward to his presentation of what this command is all about, and what our Coast Guard men and women do on a daily basis here protecting our freedoms. Please join us at the Kings Bay Conference Center on November 12th for a wonderful evening, bring a friend along to share Navy League with them!

I am sure many of you have seen or heard the news in the media about the Riverine Force that may come to Kings Bay. We are one of 9 areas in the nation being looked at to host this new command and mission. This has the potential to bring 700 – 750 personnel to our area, as well as over 50 million in annual economic impact. The Navy League is a strong partner in this effort, along with the Camden County Chamber of Commerce, the Camden County Joint Development Authority and The Camden Partnership. Stay tuned for more information!

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and our Council is no different. We have lost a few members this past year and I am asking each of you to try and recruit at least one new member to our organization to help us in supporting the Sea Services to enable us to fulfill the Navy League Mission here in the Kings Bay area. The National Navy League has a contest going on right now through December 31st. Anyone recruiting a new member will be entered in a drawing for \$500. You can find out more details on the national website at [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org) , please check it out!

This coming year we have two big events as I have mentioned before in my President's Column. Our new Council Secretary, Cheryl Aston, has agreed to serve as Chair of the SEA SERVICE PEOPLE OF THE YEAR BANQUET on May 13th, 2010. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email Cheryl at [teacher1@tds.net](mailto:teacher1@tds.net) and let her know! The second big event is our 30th ANNIVERSARY COUNCIL BANQUET and our Vice-President for Operations Mary Smith is Chair of that event. Please email Mary at [mary@tcfg-fl.com](mailto:mary@tcfg-fl.com) and sign up to be a part of planning and organizing this special celebration on June 19<sup>th</sup>!

I thank those of you who came out to welcome RDML Tim Alexander and his wife Kathleen to Kings Bay on October 8th. The Admiral gave a great presentation on what all goes on in the Navy Region Southeast. I look forward to seeing you all at our dinner on November 12th after I return from Texas. Thanks again everyone, for allowing me to represent you at our National convention and to serve as your President.

*Keith*

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

Commander M.W. (Joe) Raymond serves as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit (MFPU) Kings Bay and is responsible for providing dedicated security for nuclear ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) transiting in and out of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. Prior to assuming his present duties, Commander Raymond served as the Coast Guard Military Assistant to the Director of Net Assessment within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Commander Raymond is a native of Williamsburg, Virginia and graduated with honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1991. He received his Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College in 1996 and graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College, College of Naval Command and Staff in 1998.



Commander Raymond's afloat assignments include Deck Watch Officer on Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND (WMEC 904), Executive Officer of Coast Guard Cutter ATTU (WPB 1317), Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter SAPELO (WPB 1314), and Commanding Officer and Plankowner of Coast Guard Cutter SHAMAL (WPC 13). Commander Raymond has also served ashore in the Office of Intelligence at Coast Guard Headquarters and was detailed for three years to Senator John McCain's staff for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Commander Raymond's military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards. He is married to the former Kristi Stephenson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and they have two children, JT and Anna.

### ***Donations For Veteran's Hospital. . . .***

Your Council's annual Holiday visit to the Veteran's Hospital in Dublin, Ga will be December 8th. Navy League members have always been very generous with their donations of supplies for the Veteran's. Below is a list of supplies needed:

- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brush
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Shampoo
- Solid stick deodorant
- Ink pens
- Envelopes
- Writing Paper (not pads)
- Jumbo print word search books
- Board games
- Cards

Signed Christmas cards (Cards will also be available on tables at our November & December Navy League dinner/brunch)

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to our November dinner or our Annual Toys for Tots Brunch to be held on December 6th. Cash/checks will also be accepted to purchase the items for you. Give all donations to Cheryl Aston, Navy League Secretary. Any questions, please contact her at [teacher1@tds.net](mailto:teacher1@tds.net).

### ***Youth Services. . .***

The Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division held a change of Command Ceremony during their August drill weekend. Congratulations to Mark Nicholas, an active duty Senior Chief petty Officer, who relieved NSCC Lt. Tracy Sousa. Tracy served as the Division CO for the past 5 years. We sincerely appreciate her dedication and hard work. She was an exceptional role model for our youngsters in the Sea Cadet program. Well done, Tracy! We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

The Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division led off the St. Marys Shrimp Festival parade. We hope you were there and had a chance to see them march.

NSCC Ensign Barbara Johns, Administrative Officer, Kings Bay Sea Cadet Division provided the following article:

Kings Bay Sea Cadets held their September Drill the weekend of 11-13 SEP. This was an overnight canoe trip on the Suwannee River where their team-work and survival skills were put to a test. Friday evening, gear was packed so everyone was ready to go the next morning. Saturday, the canoes were picked up and they headed to Cone Bridge Boat Ramp near Fargo. Once there cadets loaded the canoes with gear and food for the trip, lunch served and then nineteen cadets plus four adult leaders shoved off for the "Adventure of a Lifetime!". Some of these cadets had never been camping nor canoeing. There was no outside support once they left the banks at Cone Bridge ramp until they arrived the next day at Stephen Foster State Park. The group enjoyed nice weather until near supper time when the rains began and didn't end until after everyone arrived back home. Rain did not stop them from having supper or breakfast cooked on a fire. Even after having torrential rains during the night all agreed they were ready to go again.

You can see pictures of the Sea Cadets adventures and other information about the Sea Cadets at their web site at [www.kingsbayseacadets.org/](http://www.kingsbayseacadets.org/).

### ***Welcome New Member. . .***

The Camden Kings Bay Council is pleased to welcome our latest new member Gale Blazek. Please extend a warm Navy League welcome to Gale when you see her at one of our functions.

#### ***Community Affiliates Honor Roll***

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