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PRESIDENT CAMPBELL ACCEPTS 2010 OUTSTANDING MEDIUM COUNCIL AWARD AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



President Frank Campbell (l) receives the Outstanding Medium Council Plaque from National President Daniel B. Branch, Jr.(r) at the convention held at the Marriot Chattanooga October 26 -30. Council VP Legislative Affairs and National Director Don Giles and Council Photographer Danny Camp also attended.

At the end of the convention President Branch was relieved by Phillip L. Dunmire as the National Chairman for the next two years. The convention included the usual committee meetings, The Sea Services Panel; Sea Services Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Admiral

Jonathan Greenert, USN Chief of Naval Operations; Wounded Warrior Reception; Banquet with Keynote Speaker Congressman Chuck Fleischman (TN-3) and various other social events.

Atlanta Council Co-Hosts 236th Atlanta Navy Birthday Ball



Navy tradition was observed as LSSR Taila Bobo, USN youngest attendee and council member CDR Hugh Wheeler, USN (RET) the oldest cut the birthday cakes at the ball October 22. Several hundred attendees enjoyed the evening at the Atlanta Marriott Northeast at Galleria.

The speaker was RADM Robert P. Wright, USN, Reserve Deputy Commander U. S. Fleet Forces Command located in Norfolk VA.

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From the Bridge

Frank Campbell



As our 2011 council year comes to a close, I wish to thank everyone who participated in our activities throughout the year. It has indeed been rewarding to work with all of you who have volunteered your time and talents to support our sea services and to improve our Council. Congratulations on another banner year and your achievement of the Outstanding Council Award for 2010.

As of December, eighteen new council members have joined our ranks. Welcome aboard! Please continue to seek others in your workplace and community who are potential candidates for Navy League membership. In the shadow of major military cutbacks and the economy, the Maritime services need our support more than ever.

We begin 2012 with a new sense of purpose and fresh new faces on our board. Please continue to support our newly elected officers and get involved with a committee or volunteer opportunity. Plan to join us for our Installation Dinner on Tuesday, January 10th and Board Training with Mr. Bill Waylett on 13-14 January. All are welcome.

As I turn over the reins of the Council Presidency, I hope I have left the council a better organization. I will continue to support the new leadership in achieving even greater success for 2012 and beyond.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a blessed holiday season.

Frank

PLAN TO ATTEND THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLATION DINNER JANUARY 10, 2012

6:30 Cash Bar Reception 7:00 Dinner

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Navy Ball Chairman was LCDR Randy Cole, USN, Navy Ball Committee Chairman was YN1 (SW/AW) and Navy League Co-Chairman was Allen Legel. Committee members included 14 members of the Metro Atlanta First Class Petty Officer Association. The Hill Grove High School NJROTC Color Guard presented and retired the colors. The program included remarks by CAPT Christopher Moore, USN Commanding Officer, NOSC and a POW/MIA observance.

Rear Admiral Wright, a native of Boston, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science from Framingham State College, and a master's degree in Space Systems Operations from the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. He was commissioned at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Fla., in February 1978 and designated a naval aviator in September 1979. He then served at various Duty Stations.

In October 2005, Wright assumed command of U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Joint Task Force (JTF) Det. 100 and provided oversight in mission alignment of four USFF JTF units providing operational support to three combatant commanders. Wright mobilized with USFF JTF unit in September 2006 and served as director Strategic Communication, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.

Wright was selected for flag rank upon his return from Africa in February 2008 and reported to U.S. 2nd Fleet (C2F) as deputy commander. While at C2F, he provided flag oversight of the Navy Maritime Operations Center (MOC) Project Team in developing the concept and subsequently establishing a global network of MOCs. He also led a Reserve Component alignment of 300+ personnel which yielded a hybrid Navy Reserve model supporting the C2F Maritime Joint Task Force and the global MOCs.

In April 2010 he reported to USFF for assignment as Reserve deputy commander and chief of staff. In September 2011 he was named Reserve deputy commander.

Left Navy Ball Chairman YN1(SW/AW) Arica Blake and Navy League Co-Chairman Allen Legel. Right RADM Wright



LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

**Representative David Scott
GA Thirteenth District**



Representatives of the NLUS Atlanta Metropolitan Council met with Congressman David Scott (Georgia District 13), October 18, 2011, to brief him on the "U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine: An Important Asset." Depicted are (L-R) Don Giles, Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP for Legislative Affairs; Congressman David Scott(GA-13); Gene McCarthy, Atlanta Council Member.

Representative Phil Gingrey

GA Eleventh District



Representatives of the NLUS Atlanta Metropolitan Council met with Congressman Phil Gingrey (Georgia District 11), October 31, 2011, to brief him on the "U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine: An Important Asset." Depicted are (L-R) Don Giles, Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP for Legislative Affairs; Congressman Phil Gingrey (GA-11); Dave Beasley, Atlanta Metropolitan Council Board Member.

Representative Hank Johnson

GA Fourth District



A representative of the NLUS Atlanta Metropolitan Council met with Congressman Hank Johnson (Georgia District 4), November 21, 2011, to brief him on the "U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine: An Important Asset." Depicted are (L-R) Congressman Hank Johnson (GA-4); Don Giles, Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP for Legislative Affairs. Don presented the depicted NLUS paper weight with a international time converter, as a token of appreciation and reminder of the importance of

our support of our Maritime Services.

WELCOME ABOARD 2011 ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vic Ali – Marietta
Sylvester Campbell - Riverdale
Clellia Davis - Atlanta
Justin Demone - Acworth
Fred Espy - Decatur
Eric Farland - McDonough
Debbie Harmon – Alpharetta
Robin Hill - Marietta
Ron Howard – Acworth
Rick Jacobs – Marietta
Mindy Kammeyer – Newnan
John Kuczma - Marietta
Sheila Leonard – Milton
Henry Loring – Gainesville
Laura Millar - Norcross
John Millar - Norcross
Plato Rhyne – Johns Creek
Jeremy Wiley – Atlanta

Obituaries

We also note with sorrow the passing of Council Jag and NARS B1 Commanding Officer LT Richard L. (Rick) Faber, NSSC and Sea Cadet Instructor Scott Harper of the Warrior Division.

We will miss their friendship and service to the council. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

President Frank Campbell

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
 (L-R) Council Director/Photographer Danny Camp was invited to join Council Director RADM Casey Coane, USN, Executive Director, Association of the United States Navy at the Arlington National Cemetery for the 2011 Veterans Day Ceremony with President Obama. Joining them were Captain Marty Minez, USN (Ret), Timothy Moon, President of AUSN and SR Chief Moon.

Council Community Affiliates



Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company is a leader in the design, development, systems integration, production, and support of advanced military aircraft. Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company's site in Marietta, Georgia, is home to the C-130J Hercules transport and the F/A-22 Raptor air dominance fighter. The site is also responsible for the avionics and engine modernization programs for the C-5 Galaxy strategic transport. The P-3 Orion Program is also located at the Marietta Plant



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Community Affiliate Membership

This membership is designed for companies whose business is primarily local rather than national in scope. A Community Affiliate Membership demonstrates a company's commitment to the local council, a desire to support and advance the purpose of the Navy League and a desire to support young people through the Navy League's youth programs and scholarships.

During each year of membership, a Community Affiliate Member may designate four Regular Members. Designated members enjoy all the privileges of individual membership, including the right to vote and hold office.

If you know a local firm that would be interested in becoming an affiliate member contact Don Giles 770 509-3772 or email dgiles@mindspring.com

Atlanta Metro Council Participates in Veterans Day Parade and Freedom Ball



The Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association Of Atlanta, Inc. presented its 30th Annual Veterans Day Parade November 12th. Atlanta Metropolitan Council had a convertible in the Parade carrying Sea Cadet of the Year Cadet PO2 Ansley O'Dell from 2745th Construction BN, NSCC and Outstanding NJROTC Cadet of the year LCDR Stephen Sasscer from Allatoona

High School leading the SEA Cadet Color Guard and combined Sea Cadet marching unit.

Cadets from three Atlanta area Naval Sea Cadet units 2745th, 233rd Seabee Battalion and Pathfinders Excursion Squadron combined to make up the marching unit. The Color Guard was from 2745th Construction Battalion. Past President Captain Harley Jones USN (RET) drove the car.

The Freedom Ball Honored the Greatest Generation – Our World War II Veterans - November 12th at the Georgia Aquarium. Atlanta Metro Council sponsored a table.



Lithonia High School NJROTC Unit was parade winner of "Best Marching Unit". Lithonia High School NJROTC is one of 44 Atlanta Council sponsored units.

Grand Marshalls of the Parade and Keynote Speakers at the ball were Jammie Madio and Ross

McCall, lead actors of the HBO Series – Band of Brothers.

COUNCIL BOARD TRAINING JANUARY 13 &14

I am pleased to announce Mr. Bill Waylett, Senior Director of Regional Activities, NLUS , will travel to Atlanta in January to provide Board Training for new Directors, Officers and anyone interested in expanding their leadership skills. Bill has been doing this for some time and does an extraordinary job in engaging his audience.

We will conduct training modules from approximately 2:00 - 6:00PM on Friday and 8:00AM - 3:00PM on Saturday. Sea Cadet leadership is invited to participate in the final Saturday module with sufficient interest. A working lunch of sandwiches and drinks will be available on Saturday as well as coffee, juice and pastries for early morning.

Some possible Training modules include:

- Council Officer & Board Training
- Council Compliance Workshop
- Recruiting & Retaining younger people
- Grant Writing
- Council fundraising
- Energizing your council
- Leadership in a volunteer organization

Just to name a few.

Attendance at this event by new directors and officers is strongly encouraged and desired. The training weekend follows our installation program on Tuesday, January 10th, so this would be an ideal opportunity to get your council year started right. Please let me know if you will be able to participate and I will begin a list. We would like to have a minimum of 15 if possible.

Best regards,

Frank

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WARRIOR DIVISION PARTICIPATES IN DOUGLASVILLE VETERANS DAY LIGHTED PARADE

By Maggie Culver



The 12th annual Douglasville, GA Veterans Day Lighted Parade included US Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Scottish bagpipes, high school marching bands, NASCAR race cars, local dignitaries and, of course veterans, the oldest -- 92-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor Leonard Santangelo.

The Parade was led by the Honor Color Guard from US Navy Sea Cadet Warrior Division stationed in Douglasville. Heading the Color Guard and carrying the National Ensign is Color Guard Squad Leader SA Riley Baughman from North Paulding High School, carrying the unit's flag is SA Melissa Sturgeon from North Paulding High School, the rifle bearers are PO2 Justin Banks from North Paulding High School and SR Brant James from Alexander High School.



The Warrior Division also shared a float with the American Legion Post 145 which carried some of the American Legion's veterans and the rest of our unit. Also, the local Douglasville garden club carried 48 roses for 48 Douglas County citizens killed in action for this country's freedom, including friends of Vietnam veteran

Barry Gongaware.

Parade participants said, as far as they know, the night time Veterans Day parade is the only one of its' kind in the country.

WARRIOR DIVISION TOYS FOR TOTS



The 2011 Toys 4 Tots season was taken very seriously by the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps Warrior Division out of Douglasville, GA. This was their biggest haul yet. The Warrior Division and their families all gathered at the Three Dollar Cafe in Douglasville, GA for their annual Holiday Dinner and to turn in their Toys. Each cadet didn't just bring one toy each... they brought in multiple toys each.

TOYS FOR TOTS DINNER DECEMBER 13



Captain Steve Kirby Commanding Officer Georgia Tech /Morehouse University NROTC was honored during the council's annual Toys For Tots Christmas social. President Frank Campbell presented him with a Navy League History book and a membership in the Navy League. CAPT Kirby retired with 30 years' service.

His relief CAPT Mifsud reported from Commanding Officer, USS Denver homeported in Sasebo, Japan. CDR David Neal, new Executive Officer,

NRD Atlanta was also honored at the dinner held at Smyrna Olive Garden Restaurant. The Toys for Tots dinner replaced the councils' December Board meeting and featured a slide show of the Councils' 2011 highlights

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL KICKS OFF GREAT

GEORGIA AIR SHOW OCT 7



October's 2011 Great Georgia Air show honored the Naval Aviation Centennial, featuring several Navy historic aircraft and demonstrations by the F/A-18 Hornet. Atlanta Metropolitan Council President, Frank Campbell was the featured speaker in air show opening ceremonies. Naval Sea Cadets from the Pathfinders Squadron, Newnan, Georgia also assisted with air show security. The Pathfinders

Squadron is under the direction of Commanding Officer and Council Director, LT Bob Wiley(NSCC). President Campbell pictured in front of restored Navy C-1A COD Aircraft he flew with now decommissioned VRC-40, NAS Norfolk.



**ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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Invites you to the Installation of the
2012 Officers and Board of Directors Dinner
Tuesday, January 10th, 2012

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6:30 Cash Bar Reception 7:00 Dinner

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I-75 North to Exit 260 (Windy Hill Rd.) Turn left at the light, go over the interstate and the Doubletree Atlanta Hotel NW/Marietta will be on your right (Behind Popeyes).

Guest Speaker: Georgia State Representative Joe Wilkinson, District 52, CAPT, USN (Ret)

The menu will include a salad, a delicious chicken entree, dessert, and tea or coffee. A cash bar will be available. The price is \$30 per person.

Civilian dress: Business attire

Military dress: Uniform of the Day

Checks for \$30.00 per person should be made out to “Atlanta Metropolitan Council, NLUS” and will be collected at the door. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY BUT NO LATER THAN Friday, January 6, 2012.** Email Allen Legel allen.legel@gmail.com or call 404.822.8223. Spouses and guests are welcome.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE WILKERSON

District 52

Joe Wilkinson was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2000 and re-elected in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010. In the House, he chairs the Ethics Committee and serves on the Economic Development and Tourism, Health and Human Services, Insurance, and Natural Resources and Environment Committees. He also serves on the Judiciary Committee as an Ex-Officio member.

Representative Wilkinson is a fifth generation Atlantan who graduated from North Fulton High School and the University of Georgia. He was the University's first intern to the Georgia General Assembly working for the Republican Minority Leaders in the House and Senate.

He served Presidents Ford and Reagan as a member of the White House Press Office. He accompanied President Reagan on overseas trips to France, Honduras, Japan, China, England, and Belgium and attended the Economic Summits in France and England. He was a senior member of the Bush-Quayle Inaugural Committee and coordinated the hosting of the Washington, DC based diplomatic corps for the Inaugural.

He is retired from The Coca-Cola Company where he worked mainly in Coca-Cola International. During his career, he was a spokesman for the company in the United States, Director of Public Relations for Europe and Africa, Executive Assistant to the President of Coca-Cola International, and International Media Director for External Technical Affairs.

Representative Wilkinson is retired from the United States Naval Reserve. He attained the rank of Captain (O-6) and is a veteran of Desert Storm.

He is married to Pat and they have two sons, David and Stuart. They are members of the Christ Episcopal Church Frederica on Saint Simons Island.

Representative Wilkinson has served on numerous non-profit boards including The Atlanta Community Food Bank, the Metro Atlanta Crime

Commission, USO of Georgia, the Arts Festival of Atlanta, the Tommy Nobis Center, the Georgia Council for International Visitors, Sister Cities International and Atlanta International Family Services. He was appointed by Atlanta Mayors Andrew Young and Maynard Jackson to the Atlanta Council for International Cooperation. He is a member of the Board of the Jekyll Island Foundation and on the Board of Directors for the 8th Air Force Museum.

He has visited more than 40 countries and has been a guest lecturer on international affairs to college and high school students for the past 25 years. Representative Wilkinson has also served as a guest commentator on international affairs and business for numerous local and national media outlets.