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Frank Campbell Installed As 2010 Atlanta Metropolitan Council President

Past President Steve Adams(r) places the Presidents pin on Frank Campbell 2010 President at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Installation of Officers dinner March 30.



The installation ceremony followed a presentation by Captain Mike Brown, Commanding Officer USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) Gold. He briefed the council on his first deployment of the recently commissioned submarine with the Golf Crew based out of Diego Garcia. His comments included the many missions the submarine performs and the rigorous demands placed on the crew. Council members enjoyed the brief and asked many questions. Captain Brown administered the oath of office to the new officers and directors.

Other council officers are: Jefferson K. Alexander, Sr. VP-Administration; Rick L. Faber, Judge Advocate; David C. Geer, Treasurer;; Donald A. Giles, VP-Legislative Affairs; Larry D. Hamilton, VP-Public Affairs; Denny Holmes, VP-Membership; Larry Maurer, VP-Education; Laura McIntosh, VP-Operations; J. Pargen Robertson, Jr., Secretary, and William. T. Schwendler, Jr., VP-Leadership Fund

2010 directors are: A. Stephen Adams, Mary Lou Austin, David G. Beasley, Patricia A. Chmiel, Casey W. Coane, Clay Fearnow, Joel M. Feldman, Bobby L. Green, Stewart P. Horning, James Hudgins, James F. Hunter, Harley T. Jones, Sean King, Charles M. McCleskey, Chuck Mingonet, Wayne Radloff, Akhtar Sadiq, Bill Sidner, Phillip J. Sullivan, and H. Robert Wise, Jr.

The dinner was held at the Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta.

The Council's next function is the 17th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 6 honoring the 44 N/MCJROTC units from the metro area high schools and the Seven Council sponsored NSCC units.

From the Bridge

Frank Campbell

Congratulations to all my fellow board members who have chosen to serve our council for 2010. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to take the helm as your President and



will do my absolute best to carry on the legacy of Steve Adams, Chuck McCleskey and a host of others who have distinguished themselves in establishing this council as a national frontrunner. As always, our council will strive to continue to recognize and support those Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsman who serve proudly around the world with both our Reserve and active duty forces.

Our council priorities remain the same. We will endeavor to capitalize on our strong bond with our legislators in emphasizing to them the importance of a strong sea power program and even more important ... the hardware to go with it. We will endeavor to capitalize on our relationship with 45 extraordinary JROTC programs, 7 Sea Cadet units and the Midshipmen of our Georgia Tech/Morehouse College Atlanta Consortium.

As Past President Steve Adams mentioned in his recent comments to our council, your support and participation in council activities is absolutely essential if we are to achieve our Navy League mission. Local Navy League membership will indeed be our number ONE Priority in the coming year. Navy League membership is just a mouse click away with an online application. I urge everyone to encourage a friend, neighbor or family member to join our Navy League family.

Several of our board members recently participated in comprehensive board training and goal setting workshops to establish our course for the coming year. We discussed and explored new and exciting ways to attract and retain membership. Some of our general goals include:

- Increasing council membership and retention
- Recruitment of one Corporate member
- Recruiting Four new Community Affiliates and increased CA participation in council activities
- NLUS presentations to parent auxiliary support associations
- Council field trip
- Council fund raising initiative
- Implementation of a program to recognize Individual Augmentees (IA)
- Production and submission of PSA spots for local Media
- Increased council community service such as USO support
- Increased effectiveness of our educational outreach program and implementation of new Community Service Organization Presentation (CSOP)

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From the Bridge (continued from page 2)

As your President, I look forward to working with all our talented membership in fine tuning some of these innovative ideas and converting them into council improvement and success. Our council has also stepped into social networking with the addition of a Facebook site. If you are into social networking or have a friend on Facebook, come check us out. Finally, our Community Service Organization Presentation program (CSOP) spearheaded by Don Giles, promises to reach hundreds of potential new members while educating attendees regarding maritime importance and seapower. If you affiliate with additional community or school organizations such as Lions Club, Kiwanis, Rotary or JROTC Booster's and you are looking for an interesting program for a future meeting, please let Don or any board member know and we will try and accommodate you.

The year ahead promises to be another exciting and rewarding one for both our membership and those we support. Our 2010 events include Navy Birthday Ball, Atlanta's own Fleet week in October featuring the Blue Angels and one of our largest events of the year, the annual Youth Banquet coming soon on May 6th. You will not want to miss our banquet speaker this year – Colonel Brent Bracewell, Commander, 78th Troop Command ANG and Georgia State Aviation Director. Seats are limited for this popular affair so make your reservation early.

I look forward to working with all of you in the year to come and welcome your constructive ideas and participation in our exhaustive calendar of events. See you soon.

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Council Board Training Session



Atlanta Metropolitan Council Officers and Directors convened March 26-27, 2010, for annual Council Training and Planning. National Navy League Trainer, Bill Waylett was on hand to facilitate the training and to stimulate ideas for building our Annual Plan and Setting Annual Goals. Some of the attendees were (L-R) Don Giles, President Steve Adams, Larry Hamilton, Bill Waylett, David Geer, Shawn King, and President Elect Frank Campbell.

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Past President's Message

Steve Adams



It has been my privilege and honor to serve as President of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council this past year. The success we have enjoyed is due entirely to the efforts of the officers and members in the organization too numerous to mention. Your dedication is noteworthy and we absolutely could not operate without your efforts. It has been a very satisfying and rewarding experience. We have had many wonderful events over the last year, and I want to thank everyone that participated.

Every member should be proud of the Council's accomplishments over the past year. First among them is the focus on our Youth Programs. We supported 45 NJROTC/MCJROTC units and 7 Sea Cadet units. Our Council has one of the most dynamic youth programs in the nation, and that success is due in large part to the efforts of Frank Campbell. We also support the NROTC units at GA Tech and Morehouse College, the crews of USS Georgia and USS Jimmy Carter, plus several local Active Duty Commands such as the NOSC, NAS Atlanta, and NRD among others.

The Navy League of the United States provides a vital service to our country by educating the public about maritime issues and promoting those interests in the halls of government. Our legislative affairs program performs at that very important function and the strength of those efforts can be directly attributed to Don Giles and his legislative affairs committee. Their efforts are necessary to inform our Members of Congress of the needs of the Maritime Services and seek their support. I encourage everyone to stay involved in this very important program.

At the Navy League National Convention in Corpus Christi, TX last year it was my honor to receive, along with Don Giles, our awards for Meritorious Council and for Public Relations. Larry Hamilton was instrumental in our winning the public relations award. All of our officers are to be commended for their continuing dedication to our council.

We have enjoyed much success over the past 12 months but we still have work to do in order to get to the next level. As you are aware the Navy League has suffered a downturn in membership over the past few years. It is up to us all to reinvigorate our membership and our councils. What can you do? Get involved with your council. Renew your membership and recruit others. Attend Council events and provide support when necessary. As Navy League members is our responsibility to support the council activities. Without that support we cannot achieve the goals and objectives set by our National leaders and those of our Council.

As I close, I want to thank you for your continued interest and support of the Sea Services and the Navy League. Please get involved and I hope to see all of you at our next event. And, thank you for the opportunity to be your president.

Steve Adams
President
Navy League of the United States
Atlanta Metropolitan Council

ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE DAY AS THE USO ATLANTA HARTSFIELD AIRPORT



Jones, Richard Evelyn, and Pete Richard. Other

Navy League, Atlanta Metro Council Service Day at the USO, Atlanta Airport, Feb 24, 2010. Council members depicted are (L-R) Don Giles, Mary Lou Austin, President, USO Council of Georgia, Bob Wylie, and Council President, Steve Adams. Others members not depicted, who served at the USO on February 24: Laura McIntosh, Bill Schwendler, Wayne Radloff, Don Baldwin, Harley

Giles, Althea Johnson, and Tamika Ponden.



Navy League, Atlanta Metro Council Service Day at the USO, Atlanta Airport, Feb 24, 2010. Atlanta Metro Council member, Wayne Radloff, escorts military members to check in for their flight to Kuwait, en route to Afghanistan and Iraq. Approximately 100 service men and women came through the airport Feb 24.



Navy League, Atlanta Metro Council Service Day at the USO, Atlanta Airport, Feb 24, 2010. Council members with five Navy sailors who recently finished Boot Camp at Naval Station Great Lakes, and were en route to their first duty stations. On left, Bob Wylie, middle in back, Don Giles, on right, Council President, Steve Adams.

2010 Officers and Directors







WARRIOR DIVISION NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS UNIT CHANGE OF COMMAND

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Commanding Officer, Warrior Division Rhonda M. "Smitty" Smith, USN (Ret) LTJG, USNSCC turned command of the Warrior Division Naval Sea Cadet Unit over to LTJG William Golden, USNSCC Saturday, 03 April 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 145, 6449 Bankhead Hwy (Veterans Memorial Pkwy) Douglasville, GA.

Council Community Affiliates

 <p>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</p>	 <p>Phoenix Air Group. Inc.</p> <p>Highest Level of Aviation Services for our Military Forces Professional Air Charter with Worldwide Operating Authority Finding SOLUTIONS for Clients</p>	<p>Community Affiliate Membership</p> <p>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.</p>
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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

Legislative Briefs 2010



Congressman John Linder, Georgia District 7, met with Navy League members on January 7, 2010. He was briefed on our Navy League support of the Navy's Ship Building requirements and the Coast Guards Modernization needs. (L-R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council member Bob Bruhns, Congressman Linder accepting a copy of "Defending Freedom," and Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP for Legislative Affairs, Don Giles.



Congressman Hank Johnson, Georgia District 4, accepts a copy of "Defending Freedom" following an appointment in his office in Lithonia, on February 16, 2010. Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP Legislative Affairs, Don Giles (left), and Council Board member, Bobby Green (right) provided a grassroots briefing on the Navy League's support for our Navy's Ship Building requirements and our Coast Guard's "Deepwater" recapitalization.



Congressman Jim Marshall, Georgia District 3, met with Navy League representatives in his office in Macon, Georgia, on April 2, 2010. He was briefed on Navy League support for the U.S. Navy's ship building requirements, and asked to support a funding level that will return the Navy Fleet to number well above the 313 minimum size stated by the CNO. (L-R) Georgia Area President Tom Wright (Savannah Council), Congressman Jim Marshall, South Atlantic Coast Region President Dave Reilly (Camden-Kings Bay

Council).

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South Atlantic Coast Region Meeting



The South Atlantic Coast Region (SAC) Councils met in Columbia, SC, on February 11-12, 2010, to discuss issues in support of the Navy League's national mission and provide information and support to all the councils in the Region. SAC Region President Dave Reilly presided and Senior Director of Regional Activities Bill Waylett provided training and information in support of the Navy League's mission, citizens in support of the Sea

Services. The following areas and councils participated:

Georgia Area Aiken-Augusta Atlanta Metropolitan Camden-Kings Bay Golden Isles Savannah North Carolina Area Charlotte Coastal Carolina South Carolina Area Charleston Columbia Hilton Head Upper South Carolina

President Dave Reilly opened the meeting by discussing national issues. Navy League membership continues to decline due to the national economy, dues costs and aging core membership. The national budgets and funding for our Sea Services are declining. The Navy League is developing a Community Service Organization Presentation (CSOP) to inform the public about Sea Service issues and find new members. Dave asked the SAC councils to establish goals for the following: Membership (new members/retention) Legislative Affairs Community Affiliates Sea Cadet support Local Area □Health□ (activities and events) Community Service. Bill Waylett conducted a leadership training session

ATLANTA COUNCIL HONORS WINNERS OF NJROTC REGIONAL DRILL MEET

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council assisted NJROTC Area TWELVE in hosting it's annual regional Academic, Athletic and Drill Championship at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia. Sixteen of the top NJROTC Area Twelve units competed for the opportunity to attend the Navy National Meet in Pensacola April 9-10. Overall winner was Union Grove High School, McDonough, Georgia. Nease High School, St Augustine, Florida and Gainesville High School, Gainesville, Georgia also earned trips to the Nationals with 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Union Grove High School and Gainesville High School NJROTC programs are two of 45 Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units sponsored by Atlanta Metro Council. This is Union Grove's fifth trip to the National Championships.

USS Georgia Gold Crew Returns Home

Commander Submarine Group 10 Public Affairs, February 8, 2010

KINGS BAY, Ga. -- Sailors from USS Georgia (SSGN 729) Gold Crew were greeted by family and friends as they arrived at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 8.

Georgia began its maiden SSGN deployment from its homeport, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., Aug. 6, 2009.

In October 2009, Georgia Gold Crew flew to Diego Garcia and completed crew exchange with the Blue Crew. By using Diego Garcia as a crew exchange point, the SSGN can maintain a continuous presence in its area of operation for 70 percent of the year.

Georgia Gold Crew was scheduled to conduct a crew exchange and return to Kings Bay in December 2009, but their deployment was extended.

"When they got delayed, we felt like deflated balloon," said Cheryl Aston, whose husband is Georgia Gold Crew's chief of the boat. "Now we are very anxious and excited, it doesn't feel real."

The command support team also arranged for a family day Feb. 6. Families met at the base housing community center to decorate a banner and make signs welcoming their Sailors home.

"While our husbands are away, we try to be there for each other," said Kathy Brown, wife of Georgia Gold Crew's commanding officer. "The fact that we are close and take care of each other shows in our numbers. We had 90 people RSVP for Saturday's (Feb. 6) event; we must be doing something right."

The crew has also been very productive, they are returning with a full crew of qualified submariners.

When a Sailor enters the submarine service he has about one year to qualify submariners. To qualify, he must complete a qualification card, pass a test and a board. During each of these tasks the Sailor must show a working knowledge of damage control, navigation, propulsion, combat, electronic and auxiliary systems. The qualification board is made up of senior Sailors who are considered experts on their systems.

"In my 27 years this has never happened before, for all of our young Sailors to have earned their dolphins," said Chief of the Boat Master Chief Gary Aston. "It was great to see them transition from boys to men during this deployment, I'm very proud of them."

Georgia Gold Crew will conduct one more crew exchange before Georgia returns to Kings Bay from a year long deployment.

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ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The board of directors at its December meeting set dates for 2010 events so members may add them to their calendar. Event details will be available on the website when known and also be sent via email to members.

Board Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month.

May 6 17th Annual Youth Banquet

May 24 ARMAC Armed Forces Day "Military Appreciation" Luncheon

July 22 Dinner Meeting

September 16 Georgia Tech /Morehouse College NROTC Reception

October 9 or 16 235th Navy Birthday Dinner

November 11 Veterans Day Parade and Banquet (Tentative)

The Navy League of the United States is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong sea services-United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine. Email larry_babs@msn.com or call Larry Hamilton (770) 941-4995 with change of address or email address.