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Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States Names 2010 JROTC and Naval Sea Cadet Winners

C/CAPT Louis Roger, MCJROTC Winner
C/CPO Quintin Bohan, NSCC and C/PO2 Cory Franklin, NSCC, Tie as Sea Cadet
Winners



The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States held its' 17th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 6th and named Cadet /Capt Louis Roger, MCJROTC, Parkview High School the 2010 winner of the JROTC Award. He received the 2010 JROTC Award Trophy from Council President Frank Campbell. C/Capt Roger was selected from 45 nominees. The Council also named C/CPO Quintin Bohan, NSCC, Ironclad Division, a Home School student, and C/PO2 Cory Franklin,

NSCC, 1124th Construction Battalion, a Light House Christian Academy student in a first place tie for the Councils' 10th Annual Sea Cadet award. C/CAPT Roger received a \$500 U.S Savings Bond. C/CPO Bohan and C/PO2 Franklin both received \$400 U.S. Savings Bonds

The following cadets received a \$200 US Savings Bond for placing as runner-ups:

C/LT Jaqueline Ayala, East Hall High School, NJROTC
C/LCDR Christer A. Hortsman, Lassiter/Pope/Sprayberry/Kell High School
NJROTC
C/LCDR Keith Coates North Cobb High School NJROTC
C/LTCOL Josh Moore, North Forsyth High School MCJROTC
C/LCDR Erica Simmons, Southwest DeKalb High School

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The JROTC awards were presented by Council President Frank Campbell. The Sea Cadet William T Schwendler Award for Excellence was presented by Campbell and William T. Schwendler, Jr. Council President Frank Campbell coordinated the dinner and was master of ceremonies.



Left to right William T. Schwendler, Jr, VP Leadership Fund Runner up PO3 William Heinzl, NSCC Pathfinders, Tie Winner CPO Quintin Bohan, NSCC, Ironclad, Tie Winner PO2 Cory Franklin, NSCC-1124th CB Frank Campbell, President. The Sea Cadet competition Runner-up was PO3 William Heinzl, NSCC, Pathfinder Excursion Squadron a Northgate High School Student. He received a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.



The 6th Annual Jason E. Lawson Trophy for Outstanding Sea Cadet Unit 2010 was awarded to Warrior Division Commanded by LT JG William Golden, NSCC. (Photo l-r) LT Rhonda "Smitty" Smith, NSCC former CO of Warrior Division (l) Ronald O. Ricketts, NSCC Regional Director (m) and LTJG William Golden, NSCC (r) Current Warrior Division CO with the Jason E. Lawson Award. The award is named for AW2 Lawson, USN, lost in a Helicopter accident in 2002. He was the son of council member Roz Coleman and member of NARS B-1 Squadron Sea Cadet Unit for three years where he was Chief Petty Officer. He was selected 1999 National Navy League Sea Cadet of the year.

Colonel Brent E. Bracewell, Commander, 78th Aviation Troop Command, Georgia Army National Guard was the Banquet speaker. He told the students they are the future leaders and spoke to them about leadership and gave examples from his various combat tours. COL Bracewell is serving as Commander of the 78th Aviation Troop Command, with responsibility for the entire Georgia Army National Guard's aviation assets. He has previously served in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bosnia, Kuwait, and at several commands in the U.S. He is a rated pilot in the OH-58 Kiowa, UH-1H Iroquois, C-12 King Air, and UH-60L Blackhawk helicopter. His most recent active duty was as an Army Aviation Battalion Commander in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying throughout Kuwait and Southern Iraq.

The Metro Youth Awards program is one of many projects the Atlanta Council conducts for area young people and active and reserve duty personnel. This area boasts (Continued on page 3)

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45 high schools with Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, and 7 Sea Cadet units, all of which were eligible for the awards. The Council has a separate program for the two NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College. It also gives quarterly and annual awards to sailors at the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Atlanta, the Navy Supply School in Athens, Georgia, the Navy Recruiting District of Atlanta, the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) homeported in Bremerton, Washington and the USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) homeported in Kings Bay, Georgia.

The Criteria for the Outstanding Metro JROTC Award is the Cadet will have served at least two years in the Navy/Marine Corps JROTC; must exhibit ethical and reliable leadership skills; must have served in a management position in his/her JROTC unit; should demonstrate a desire for advancement of both him/herself and his/her unit, and will have been nominated by the unit Senior Naval Science Instructor or Senior Marine Corps Science Instructor.

The “Navy League Metro Sea Cadet of the Year”, who receives the “William T. Schwendler Award for Excellence”, is expected to be in at least his/her second full year of service in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, demonstrate the desire for personal excellence through taking advantage of education and training opportunities within and outside the Sea Cadet program, exemplify the reliability of character and quality of work essential to making the cadet a valuable member of any team, exhibit the courage and integrity required to be level-headed and fair in all dealings with other people; and demonstrate leadership skills in helping to guide and develop fellow cadets so that all have an opportunity to do their personal best and advance their unit. The award is in honor of William T. Schwendler, 1904-1978, an early aviation designer who made major contributions to the aerospace industry. Leroy R. Grumman, assisted by Mr. Schwendler and four other men, founded Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in 1929. Mr. Schwendler had begun his aeronautics career as a member of the first class in aeronautical and mechanical engineering at New York University, graduating in 1924 at age 20.

A record crowd of 165 attended the Banquet at the Holiday Inn Select 4385 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta.

Attention On Deck Distribution Change

Effective with this issue ATTENTION ON DECK will be mailed only to members with no email address. The Council regrets this action but must reduce printing and mailing costs. If you receive a printed version and have an email address please send your email address to me at lar_babs@msn.com.

Larry Hamilton
VP Public Affairs

From the Bridge

Frank Campbell



Another record turnout for our annual Awards Banquet on May 6th with close to 150 in attendance. It was a genuine treat seeing our JROTC and Sea Cadets recognized for their scholarship, character and hard work in school and their respective units. \$2500 in scholarship money was awarded to deserving cadets. Many thanks to our Youth Banquet Committee for all their hard work in making this annual event one to remember. Many of our council members also contributed free meals to participating cadets. Particular thanks to those council members in the field who presented Navy League Youth Medals to more than 40 Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs throughout the state. The magnitude of our youth programs effort is truly unequaled in America and continues to grow each year. This month, our seven Sea Cadet Units are busy hosting Recruit Training or participating in numerous summer training activities. Pathfinders Squadron in Newnan is the first of our Sea Cadet units to host an FAA Ground school attracting cadets from throughout the nation. Well done to both CWO Phillip Winslett and LTJG Bob Wylie on hosting major NSCC training events this summer.

Besides our youth banquet, April and May were extremely busy with five new Navy Junior ROTC units being commissioned in our council area. I had the pleasure of participating in several of the commissionings and was truly impressed with the contributions these units are already making to their respective schools and community. I also had the pleasure in April to recognize two outstanding Midshipmen from Georgia Tech and Morehouse University with engraved Navy swords as well as attending the Joint Commissioning Ceremony for all of Georgia Tech's ROTC graduates. Through the efforts of Council Director, Don Giles, our council also sponsored a table at the annual Armed Forces Luncheon where we listened to featured speaker Senator Johnny Isaakson. Finally, council members, NJROTC and Sea Cadets participated in several regional Memorial Day programs including a wreath laying at the National Cemetery in Marietta. You can view highlights from any of these events in our website gallery or on Facebook.

The best is yet to come in 2010 as we involve our membership in a wide range of social, educational and service activities.

- C-130 Lockheed-Martin Tour – August 12th (Signups Now)
- Council USO Service Opportunity Atlanta Hartsfield – August 18th
- Max Lagers Council Social – August 26th
- GATECH – Morehouse NROTC Midshipmen Career Reception – 16 September
- Rangers In Action Demo FT Benning – September 24th
- Navy Week 11 – 17th October Featuring Blue Angels
- Navy Ball Waverly – Oct 24th
- Atlanta Area Veterans Day Parade & Dinner – November 13th
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We do hope to see you at one of our future events either as a participant or volunteer. Some of our tours and trips are limited seating so make your reservations early with Laura McIntosh, Council Operations. Navy Week 2010 and Navy Ball planning is already underway and will require an especially strong effort from council members to support our ambitious plans. Please let us know if you can assist us with any of these activities.

By the way, our next monthly Board of Directors meeting on July 13th, will gather at our new meeting site at Navy Recruiting District Atlanta's new Headquarters just off Highway 41, Smyrna. We will celebrate this occasion by hosting an informal ribbon cutting and dedication of the NRD "Navy League" room. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship. Details and directions to our new meeting site are listed below.

See you soon.

Frank

Directions to Navy Recruiting District Atlanta (New Atlanta Metro Council Meeting Site) located about one mile from former site just off Cobb Parkway. 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna, GA 30080.

From the North(Cobb County): I-75 South, Exit Windy Hill, turn right West bound. Turn Left on Cobb Parkway SE. Proceed south on Cobb Parkway 1/2 mile to first traffic signal and Clock Tower on right. (Located across from Target store entrance). TURN Right on Lake Park Drive. Proceed one block, turn right. Proceed one more block turn right at 2400 Lake Park Drive. Enter building main entrance on level 2 and take elevator to 4th Floor Suite 410.

From the South: I-285 Exit Cobb Galleria area Highway 41/Cobb Parkway SE. Proceed North into Cobb County 1.5 Miles. At traffic signal and clock tower on left(across from Target Store entrance), TURN Left on Lake Park Drive. Proceed one block , turn right. Proceed one more block, turn right at 2400 Lake Park Drive. Enter building main entrance on level 2 and take elevator to 4th floor (suite 410).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carl R & Evelyn D Mathews Riverdale, GA
Capt Charles L. Mingonet USN (Ret) Acworth, GA
Travis Rhandans. Ellijay. GA
Allen F. Legel, Smyrna, GA
Sean Campbell, Alpharetta, GA
Frederick Grisse, Alpharetta, GA
Andrew Williams, Alpharetta, GA



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CAPT GEER GIVES USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) PRESENTATION

Captain David Geer, USN (Ret) Council Treasurer, participated in the 28th annual Patriotic Day at Myers Elementary School in Gainesville, GA on Friday May 14. The theme this year was "Georgia on my Mind". He presented a Plaque and Picture from the USS Georgia SSGN-729 to the principal, Beth Hudgins. He also gave a presentation on the USS GEORGIA to the 4th and 5th grade classes.

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>
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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

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES



For many years Atlanta Metropolitan Council has placed a wreath at the Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day. This year Director Capt Bob Wise, USN (Ret) left, President LCDR Frank Campbell and Council member Jim Serrate (below) attended. The ceremony started at noon May 31. Lieutenant General Russell L Honore' USA (Ret) spoke.



The program included cadet participation from Kennesaw Mountain HS Naval JROTC under the direction of council Director CAPT Sean King, USN (Ret) and the 2745th Construction BN Naval Sea Cadets under the direction of Instructor Curtis McMillan and C/CPO Clint McMillan pictured below left.



In another Memorial Day Ceremony Pathfinder Excursion Squadron Color Guard participated in their first public event on Sunday 30 May at the Moreland, GA Memorial Day Ceremony pictured above right. The cadets are; Right Rifle – Cadet Dustin K. Bray, Sharpsburg, GA; National Colors – C/PO-3 James E. Brown, Newnan, GA; Navy Flag – Cadet William C. Heinzl, Newnan, GA, and Left Rifle – Cadet Haddon J. Schroeder, Senoia, GA. Several of the veterans attending the event approached the cadets with many compliments at the end of the ceremony

**There are more photos of all the articles in this newsletter on
THE COUNCIL WEBSITE <http://atlanta.navyleague.us/photo.cfm>**

233rd Seabee Battalion provides color guard for Braves May 16th game



Pathfinder Excursion Squadron wins 2009 National Sea Cadet Most Improved Unit Award

The National Chairman has approved the action of the Awards Committee in selecting recipients of Naval Sea Cadet/Navy League Cadet awards for the year 2009.

MOST IMPROVED UNIT AWARD – Awarded for most outstanding achievement in improving Annual Inspection Scores by over 20% from the previous inspection year score.

.Pathfinder Excursion Squadron LTJG Robert Wylie 05 – Mid Atlantic Region Atlanta Metro NLUS

GATECH/MOREHOUSE Commissioning Ceremonies

(Left photo) Captain Stephen Kirby, USN Georgia Tech/Morehouse College NROTC Commanding officer watches as Midshipmen 1C Kristi Marie Esco Morehouse College Battalion is presented an officers Sword from Frank Campbell Atlanta Metropolitan Council President. The Council presents a sword to the top midshipman upon commissioning as Ensign USN upon graduation. (Right Photo) MIDN Elsbree presented Navy Sword by Atlanta Metro Council President Frank Campbell as Georgia Tech Outstanding NROTC Cadet



ATLANTA COUNCIL MEMBERS MEET TROOPS AT HARTSFIELD USO

Atlanta Council members volunteered to meet the troops at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport USO May 22. Below are photo captions from the event



(Left Photo) Dave and Margaret Beasley with two soldiers. (Right Photo) 1st Lt Terry Whitaker, USMC with Captain Wayne Radloff USN, (Ret). Lt Whitaker graduated from Morehouse College in May 2007. He earned his commission through the NROTC program. CAPT Bob Wise, USNR (Ret), presented Lt Whitaker with a Marine Corps sword on behalf of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council of the Navy League at his commissioning ceremony on May 19, 2007. Lt Whitaker was returning to Atlanta for leave. He is currently stationed in Okinawa and will be reporting to Camp Pendleton later this year. Lt Whitaker was one of the first Midshipmen Captain Radloff met in August 2006 when he reported as Commanding Officer of NROTC Atlanta and he served as Battalion Commander of the Morehouse Midshipman for Fall Semester 2006.



(Left Photo) Kaylan Geer, Frank Campbell, Jeanne Campbell, David Geer at the booth. (Right Photo) Jeanne Campbell, Laura McIntosh, and Kalynn Geer escorting soldiers to the check-in gate.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

We will have two more volunteer opportunities. They are: Wednesday, August 18th from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm and Saturday December 4th from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. We are breaking up the time into 2 shifts-7:30 am to 11 am and 11 am to 2:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering any of these days. Contact Laura McIntosh 678-332-6619 or email lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net.

Meet The Council Officers

DAVID C. GEER

CAPTAIN, U.S. NAVY RETIRED

TREASURER



David, a native of Augusta, Georgia, attended the Georgia Institute of Technology on a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship where he graduated in June 1979, with a Bachelors degree in Nuclear Engineering. Following commissioning he served at sea on USS GRAYLING (SSN 646), USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629) (GOLD), USS BATFISH (SSN 681), and as Executive Officer on USS ALBANY (SSN 753). David also served on the staff of Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight which commanded the Eisenhower Battle Group.

David's shore assignments included instructor at Naval Nuclear Power School, Chief Staff Officer of Submarine Squadron SIX, Commanding Officer, Submarine Squadron Support Unit, Norfolk, staff of Commander Submarine Forces US Atlantic Fleet, and SUBLANT representative, Norfolk Naval Shipyard where he worked on the SSGN conversions of USS FLORDIA (SSGN 728) and USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729).

Following 26 years of active duty, David began his second career in public accounting in January 2006. His concentration is in the auditing of commercial and not-profit entities and the preparation of associated tax returns. He holds a Masters in Business Administration from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in February 2008.

David has held leadership positions in a number of non-profit agencies on a voluntary basis. He is currently the Treasurer of the Metro Atlanta Council of the Navy League of the United States. He is also the Treasurer of "The Angel Connection, Inc.", a non-profit that provides assistance to single mothers in Forsyth County, Georgia. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Georgia Society of CPAs. David has previously served on his church finance committee and as the Treasurer of the Great Bridge High School Band Parents Association. He is an active member of First Baptist Church Cumming, Georgia.

David and his wife, Kalynn, live in Cumming, GA and have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Christy. Jennifer is married to MM2 Jonathan Byers, USN who is stationed on the USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75).

DON GILES GIVES FIRST CSOP PRESENTATION TO MARIETTA KIWANIS CLUB



Atlanta Metropolitan Council Vice President, Legislative Affairs and National Director Don Giles was the Guest Speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Marietta meeting on July 1, 2010, at the Hilton Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. The topic was "Protecting the Sea Lanes and America's Commerce." This was the first time the newly revised Navy League Community Service Organization Presentation has been presented to a public audience. About 125 attended. Depicted in the photo, Kiwanis member Scott

Chadwick presented a book to Don Giles following the presentation. Seated on left is David Connell and on the immediate right of the podium is Kiwanis Club President, Victoria Turney. Atlanta Metropolitan Council members Chuck Mingonet, Bill Sidner, and Lamar Cheatham also attended the luncheon meeting.

USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) Blue Change of Command June 9

Capt. Brian McIlvaine was relieved by Capt. J. Kelly McDowell as commanding officer of the Georgia Blue "bull dogs."

Sheila McNeil, president of Camden Partnership and past National President of the Navy League, and Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, commander Submarine Group 10, served as guest speakers.

"I don't think many Georgians knew of its (USS Georgia) existence until she came to Kings Bay," said McNeil. "Having our namesake in the state has opened many eyes to the advantageous of our submarine and the security they bring to our nation. USS Georgia has energized an entire state."

"He prepared his crew and submarine for battle. By doing so - his efforts will be felt for generations in the future. There is no greater measure of a commanding officer than that of the legacy that he leaves behind," said Bruner. "Brian's legacy is that of a commanding officer who has no comparison - one who treats everyone with great dignity and honor and one who gets the mission done."

McIlvaine's next assignment is the director for operations at Commander, Submarine Forces in Norfolk, Va.

McDowell arrives to Kings Bay from Chief of Naval Operations staff as director of the Information Management Division and chief information officer for the Chief of Naval Personnel where he developed and implemented a strategy for modernizing Navy's legacy pay, personnel, and training information systems. He is a native of Vineland, N.J. and received his commission through the NROTC program at the University of New Mexico in December 1984.

The USS GEORGIA is sponsored by the Atlanta Metropolitan Council.

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