

Winter 2019

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In this issue: Strategic Deterrence was the subject presented by the CSG-10 Commander highlighting how crucial our base is in protecting our nation.

And: Coming up, our February program will feature Colonel Bob Certain from the MOAA National Board.

Wait, wait there's more: The Shutdown and Kings Bay MOAA's Response

The MOAA Messenger

January Meeting

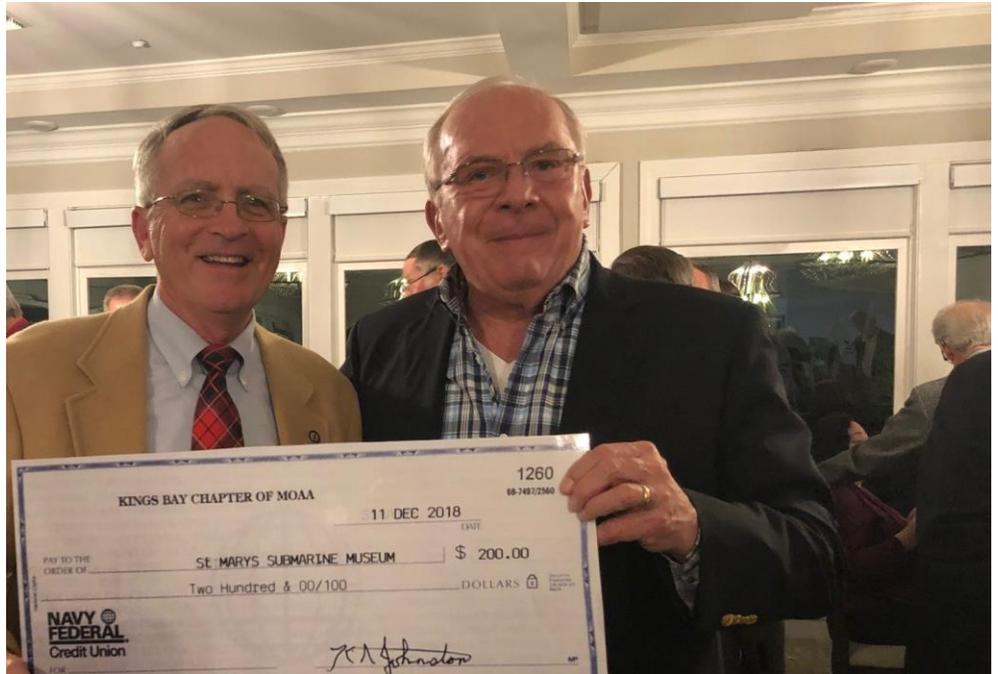
For our first meeting of the year on January 15th, Rear Admiral Jeff Jablon presented our program.



RDML Jablon shares his "big picture" briefing on the Nation's strategic deterrence strategy and how Kings Bay is integral to that process.

RDML Jeff Jablon shared with Kings Bay MOAA the importance of Sub Group 10's importance in the Nation's strategic posture. He outlined what he called, the Situation, laying out our role as a maritime nation, our competitors, how the undersea is critical to our defense and the lethality of our assets. He also laid out our submarine force of the future with the development of the Virginia Class with its various configurations and the new Columbia Class of submarine that is planned to replace the Ohio class currently in service at Kings Bay. A concern expressed by the CSG-10 Commander is of the aging civilian work force at the Trident Refit Facility and how that critical the development of Camden Campus of the Coastal Pines Technical College is to the Navy.

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Annual Installation of Officers with Colonel Bob Certain, MOAA National Board of Directors and former Vietnam POW.
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



Museum Contribution

VADM Al Konetzni accepted a \$200 contribution to the St Marys Submarine Museum from Kings Bay MOAA. VADM Konetzni serves on the Board of Directors of the Museum.

Upcoming Programs:

- February 19 – Installation of Officers, Col. Robert G. Certain, USAFR (Ret.) Chaplain and former Vietnam POW
- March 19 – Dr. Michelle Johnston, President, College of Coastal Ga
- April 16 – CAPT Chester Parks, CO, Navy Sub Base Kings Bay
- May 21 – CAPT Glen Leverette, CO, NJROTC Jacksonville Univ.

MOAA and the Shutdown

MOAA took a proactive role in ending the partial government shutdown. Although Defense appropriations bill had passed other uniformed services were affected. Members of the Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps, along with many commissioned officers in the U.S. Public Health Service, have worked without pay during the shutdown. “MOAA applauds the move to reopen the government and hopes it will lead to a solution to a mess that has gone on for far too long,” said Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA president and CEO. “While it’s a good first step, this fight is far from over — our service members past and present, and their families, deserve a long-term fix that will prevent future funding lapses from threatening their hard-earned pay and benefits. MOAA will continue to press for such a fix as talks continue.”

To watch Lt Gen Atkins video message regarding the shutdown click on the link below.

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/News-Articles/2019-News-Articles/President-Trump-Announces-Deal-to-Reopen-Government-until-Feb-15.aspx>

Info on Long Term Care Insurance. Interested in Long Term Insurance? MOAA sponsored plans may be a good fit. A webinar is being held on Feb 6 at 2PM. If interested, follow the link below to participate.

<https://cc.callinfo.com/registration/#/?meeting=1q6ftkaevsvpw&campaign=1l8h1g69gied9>

Kings Bay MOAA and Our Response to the Shutdown

During last month's meeting, LT Heidi Funkhouser shared with the group how the partial government shutdown has adversely affected our Coast Guard personnel serving in two Kings Bay units. Although they were required to work, they were not been paid. According to Heidi, this was especially difficult on the younger personnel. After the meeting, Sam Colville (President of the local Navy League Council) and our KBMOAA leadership came up with a plan to assist. That resulted in \$500 from the Richter Fund of KBMOAA and \$500 from Navy League to purchase commissary gift cards. Those were given to the enlisted leadership of the command to distribute to those most in need in both commands. As the shutdown drug on, the need persisted and so at the Board's direction, an appeal went out to KBMOAA membership on January 25th asking for contributions towards that cause. The response was overwhelming with over \$1,500 given. Based on an acute need, on January 25th we gave an additional \$500 in NEX cards to the Coast Guard to help purchase gas for the personnel required to work but not being paid.



From L to R, CDR Joe Gaskill, MFPU CO, Fred Boyles and Master Chief Adam Wendell accept \$500 worth of commissary cards from KBMOAA on January 18th. Kings Bay Council, Navy League made a like donation.

...And as of February 1st, \$1,574 has been pledged by the membership towards supporting our Coast Guard troops at Kings Bay. With the shutdown ended, we have consulted with the leadership to the Coast Guard units and have decided to wait on any further donations until we know that another lapse in appropriations doesn't occur in mid-February when the current Continuing Resolution expires. The KBMOAA Board meets February 5th and will take up this important need and ever fluid situation. **Above all, THANK YOU to those members who generously contributed to this effort. In discussions with the Coast Guard they have expressed heartfelt appreciation to YOU the members of Kings Bay MOAA for all you've done to carry them through this difficult situation.**