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In this issue: Kings Bay MOAA learns about Navy and Marine officer education at Jacksonville University NROTC.

And: A full report on Honor Flight.

...and too: Harry and Keith presented awards to Camden County HS NJROTC students.

OCS a Resounding Success: KBMOAA's initiative to recognize local enlistees is one for the books.

...and One More Thing: As the Chapter goes into our summer hiatus, we are planning a July tour of one of Kings Bay's neatest facility.

The MOAA Messenger

May Meeting

At our May meeting we hosted CAPT Glen Leverette, Commander of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Detachment from Jacksonville University (JU).



CAPT Glen Leverette shares the challenges of training new Navy and Marine Corps officers for the fleet.

JU's NROTC Detachment was the first established in the state of Florida in 1971. Their mission is to develop Naval and Marine Corps officers. NROTC nationwide is the largest accession source for officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. A NROTC graduate earns a minor in Military Science along with his/her regular major upon graduation. Midshipmen spend the summers in training based on their desired preferences upon leaving the program. Perhaps the biggest surprise in his presentation is how many NROTC scholarships go unfilled for the lack of students. This is an issue which Glen is seeking to rectify via more aggressive recruitment. With the problems of expensive higher education costs and student debt, ROTC is great option for young people who are willing to serve their nation while receiving the most comprehensive leadership training offered.

NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Tad Dickman, Public Affairs Officer, Jacksonville Jaguars.
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



Developing Future Leaders

Harry Lewis and Keith Johnston presented MOAA's Leadership Award on May 14th to two cadets at the Camden County High NJROTC Awards Program. They are Danial Keith and Robert Galliher. Keith also presented a check for \$600 (see above) to Lt Col Steve Banta of Camden County High NJROTC to fund two cadets to attend leadership training this summer.

Upcoming Programs:

- June 18 – Tad Dickman, PAO Jacksonville Jaguars
 - Sept 17 – LT Anthony Kline, HSM-40, Naval Station Mayport
 - Oct 15 – Stephanie Rutan, Ed Specialist, White Oak Conservation Foundation
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Wanna Tour the TTF?

Traditionally, KBMOAA takes off the summer and resumes normal monthly meetings in September. Thanks for LT Perry Solomon, we have an opportunity to visit one of Kings Bay's most interesting facilities. The Trident Training Facility or TTF as it's known to personnel on Base, is the Navy's premiere training resource for sailors to sharpen their skills in every aspect of undersea warfare. We will have a chance to see close up what few people have an opportunity to see. The date has set for July 8th and the time is 9:30 AM. We'll tour in the morning, pose for a photo at the static missile display at SWFLANT then eat lunch at the Base Galley. This opportunity will be limited to 30 participants. The first opportunity to sign up will be at our June 8th meeting. Participation will be limited to KBMOAA members and spouses.

Our Community Salutes (OCS)

Held on May 9th, the OCS event was a **resounding success**. Twenty two of Camden and Charlton County High's enlistees were honored along with family members and community participants making a total of 130 in attendance. Two newspapers covered the event recognizing the future service of these fine young people and their parents. Five different support groups joined with KBMOAA to sponsor the event. Our goal is that this first event will springboard into an annual tradition.



The top photo shows the five enlistees from Charlton County High along with Superintendent Dr. John Lairsey. Below are the 16 Camden County High enlistees with Principal John Tucker and General Bob Magnus.

Thank you for service to our new enlistees!

Honor Flight

On May 4th, the Coastal Georgia Honor Flight took two of KBMOAA's own members to Washington, DC for a full day of visiting the memorials in our nation's capitol. Leaving at 5:30 AM and returning at 10:00 PM, their day was jam packed with activities. KBMOAA assisted by helping other veterans groups in sponsoring three Kings Bay military personnel to serve as Guardians for the honored veterans.



From left to right, Coast Guard Petty Officer Dom DeLuca, Navy Diver 1st Class John Tyson and CPL Tyler Adkins, USMC were the three personnel from Kings Bay that KBMOAA helped to sponsor.



Neal Moore and his Guardian, Nate O'Brien, are seen here at the WWII Memorial on the National Mall.



Keith Post poses with Gordon Steadman and Jimmy Clark (also from Camden County). The Guardians were identified by their yellow tee shirts while the Honor Flight Veterans wore blue tee shirts.



Gordon provides a report on Honor Flight at our May meeting.

MOAA: Never Stop Serving

