

Fall 2019

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In this issue: Kings Bay MOAA learns about Jacksonville Jaguars.

And: Our tour of the TTF.

...and too: One of our own is honored by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

...and One More Thing: KBMOAA racks up another LOE Award.

The MOAA Messenger

June Meeting

At our June meeting we hosted the Director of Public Relations for the Jacksonville Jaguars, Tad Dickman.



Tad Dickman sent us off into the summer with a fascinating look at how our local NFL team maintains its image.

Like any business, the Jacksonville Jaguars needs to project a positive image to the public. Tad presented an insider's look at how that's done. He spoke about the importance of media relations and how vital it is when the TV networks come to Jacksonville to televise a game. He took questions from our MOAA members covering about every subject from the team owner (Shad Kkan) to players taking a knee during the National Anthem. Tad introduced his fiancé, Spencer Wickenden who attended. Our meeting was covered by Andy Diffenderder of the Tribune and Georgian who dedicated a column to Tad's presentation. Learn more about Tad and his work at: <https://twitter.com/tdickman89?lang=en>

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Lieutenant Anthony Kline, HSM-40, Naval Station Mayport
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



Touring the Trident Trng. Facility

On July 9th 15 of our members were treated to a tour of the Trident Training Facility (TTF) on base. The tour offered us an inside look at how submarine crews train when they are not at sea. We visited the wet trainer, torpedo loading lab, Heritage Hall along with other sites. We rounded out the tour with a photo in front of the missile display where we learned about the development of ballistic missiles that have been deployed on our submarines during the Cold War and up to the present time.

Upcoming Programs:

- Sept 17 – LT Anthony Kline, HSM-40, Naval Station Mayport
 - Oct 15 – Stephanie Rutan, White Oak Conservation Foundation
 - Nov 19 – RDML Michael Bernacchi, Commander, CSG-10
 - Dec 10 – George Cressman, 75 Anniversary of D-Day
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CONGRATS: Joe Lodmell

With the retirement of Bill Garlen, Kings Bay MOAA member and Chapter Secretary Joe Lodmell has been named as the new interim Director of the Camden Center of the College of Coastal Georgia. CCGA President Michelle Johnston recently made the announcement. Joe's 26 year Navy career, including Command at Sea and his role in teaching chemistry at CCGA prepared him for this important leadership position. All of Kings Bay MOAA is proud of Joe as he steps into this community leadership position.



At the August 15th preseason game of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Bob Dickman was honored as the Veteran of the Game. Bob, along with Barb are seen here on the big screen at the TIAA Bank Field. Thanks to Tad Dickman we were able to secure tickets for KBMOAA members to attend. At each home game the Jags honor one veteran. Bob was humbled by the recognition saying he knew of others more deserving....We're proud of you Bob and Barb and can't think of anyone better to grace the big screen.

Kings Bay MOAA Achieves Level of Excellence 2018 Award

Our Chapter has once again earned the 4 Star Level of Excellence Award. This award recognizes those chapters for meeting all the criteria of community support, legislative advocacy, JROTC support and membership retention. The Chapter will receive the flag streamer at the annual Georgia MOAA Convention.

Speaking of the GMOAA Convention, there is still plenty of room to attend this years gathering. Details are as follows:

Dates: 20-22 September 2019

Location: Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center, Marietta, Georgia

More info at: <http://www.gamoa.org/Convention>