

Spring 2019

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In this issue: Kings Bay MOAA welcomes Captain Chester Parks.

And: Neal and Gordon are headed to DC.

Making final plans: Take a minute to look at MOAA's Personal Affairs Guide via the link on page 2.

...and One More Thing: KBMOAA earned the Colonel Marvin Harris Five Star Communications award for the Chapter Website – THANK YOU Marc and Ray Crouch.

The MOAA Messenger

April Meeting

At our April meeting we hosted the Commander of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Captain Chester Parks and his wife Tammy.



CAPT Chester Parks fields questions from the KBMOAA membership.

Kings Bay Base Commander, Captain Chester Parks offered his insight on the base. He spoke about his responsibilities including his tenant commands, relationship with outside agencies and the community. What captured the interest of the MOAA membership is the future of the Base from Captain Park's perspective. He spoke about the planned arrival of the Columbia Class submarines and its impact on the base. That deployment and the multi-year transition between the Ohio Class's departure and its overlap with the Columbia class present some special challenges. He also noted the importance of the new technical college to the base in training the next generation of employees in critical skill areas.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Captain Glen Leverette, Commanding Officer, NROTC Detachment, Jacksonville University.
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



Bon Voyage

Neal Moore and Gordon Steadman are scheduled to take off at “O-Dark-Thirty” on Saturday, May 4th on the Coastal Georgia Honor Flight.

Upcoming Programs:

- May 9 – Our Community Salutes, 6PM, Cumberland Inn & Suites
 - May 21 – CAPT Glen Leverette, CO, NJROTC Jacksonville Univ.
 - June 18 – Tad Dickman, PAO Jacksonville Jaguars
 - Sept 17 – LT Anthony Kline, HSM-46, Naval Station Mayport
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Have you made final preparations?

Face it, none of us want to talk about the inevitable. Someday we’re all going to die. How do we prepare our loved ones after we’re gone? The emotional loss is enormous but sometimes just the mechanics of arrangements can be overwhelming. MOAA has a plan to help with that. Take a few minutes and click on the link below to see MOAA’s Personal Affairs Guide. It offers a comprehensive step by step plan that you can leave behind for your family with instructions on final arrangements, financial details and much more. It’s really a great tool – take a look.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/publication-downloads/personal-affairs-guide-download/>



General Bob Magnus chats with Captain Parks after the April meeting.

Our Community Salutes (OCS)

A major initiative of KBMOAA this year is Our Community Salutes or OCS. After receiving a MOAA Community Outreach Grant of \$3,750, our Chapter is sponsoring a dinner to recognize students who are graduating from High School and joining the military. As of April 27th we have 19 students from Camden and Charlton County High Schools and 63 family members attending the dinner. The primary speaker is Kings Bay Command Master Chief Terrence Propes.

KBMOAA members are encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate and show your support for these young people and their parents, please RSVP to Bob Dickman by April 30th at dickmanrsd@aol.com. Here's the details:

Thursday, May 9th at 6:00PM

Cumberland Inn and Suites, 2710 Osborne Road, St Marys

Cost: \$16 per person

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