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2023 YEARBOOK

Atlanta Metropolitan Council 30th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 4, 2023

On May 4th the Atlanta Metropolitan Council hosted its 30th Annual Youth Awards Banquet. This event honors the top cadets from among the 46 NROTC/MCJROTC Units and 7 Sea Cadet Units sponsored by the Atlanta Metropolitan Council. Guest speaker for the event was RADM Tim Moon, USN (Ret) who is currently the National Chairman of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC). Also in attendance was the Vice Chair of the USNSCC, Lynn Atkinson. The event was held at the DoubleTree Hotel Atlanta in Chamblee.

The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Winners for 2023:

US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Winners

**C/CPO Nikolos Pagsisihan
Fairburn, GA**

Pathfinder Squadron

Cadet of the Year Winner: \$1,500.00

**C/PO2 Trenton Dees
Byron, GA**

Columbus Ironclad Division

1st Runner Up: \$750.00

**C/PO3 Alyssa B Campbell
John's Creek, GA**

Georgia Division SSGN

Honorable Mention: \$250.00

Navy/Marine Corps JROTC Winners

**C/LCDR Alexander V. Russu
Kennesaw, GA
Kennesaw Mountain HS NJROTC
Cadet of the Year Winner: \$1500.00**

**C/LCDR Morgan Lee
Duluth, GA
Peachtree Ridge HS NJROTC
1st Runner up: \$750.00**

**C/1st LT Jocelyn Kilgore
Covington, GA
Newton HS MCJROTC
Honorable Mention: \$250.00**

**C/LT COL Sara White
Lilburn
Parkview HS MCJROTC
Honorable Mention: \$250.00**



Atlanta Metropolitan Council NJROTC Cadet of the Year Winner C/LCDR Alexander V. Russu of Kennesaw Mountain HS NJROTC with RADM Tim Moon, USN (Ret), Chairman of the USNSCC at the awards banquet.



(L-R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council President Chuck McCleskey with Sea Cadet of the Year Winner C/CPO Nikolos Pagsisihan of Pathfinder Squadron, RADM Tim Moon, USN (Ret), Chairman of the USNSCC, and LCDR RAY Torres, Regional Director USNSCC at the awards banquet.



The winners of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council 31st Annual Youth Awards Banquet pose with RADM Tim Moon, USN (Ret) Chairman of the USNSCC and Guest Speaker. (L-R) C/PO3 Alyssa B Campbell - Georgia Division SSGN, C/PO2 Trenton Dees - Columbus Ironclad Division, C/CPO Nikolos Pagsisihan - Pathfinder Squadron, RADM Moon, C/LCDR Alexander V. Russu - Kennesaw Mountain HS NJROTC, C/LCDR Morgan Lee - Peachtree Ridge HS NJROTC, C/1st LT Jocelyn Kilgore- Newton HS MCJROTC, C/LT COL Sara White- Parkview HS MCJROTC.



Atlanta Metropolitan Council President CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (ret) conducts the POW/MIA ceremony with assistance from CAPT Harley Jones, USN (Ret) at the 31st Atlanta Metropolitan Annual Youth Awards Banquet.



2023 Legislative Affairs

These are 2023 Hill Surge Appointments scheduled and completed by our Council this year. We briefed 100% of the representatives and Senators in our area!

Tier B: MOC

Date Completed

Rep. Mike Collins (R-GA-10)	May 19
Rep. Marjorie Greene (R-GA-14)	May 26
Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2)	May 5
Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA-4)	May 26
Rep. Rich McCormick (R-GA-6)	May 31
Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA-8)	Jun 2
Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA-9)	May 24
Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)	Jun 12

Tier C:

Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1)	May 1
Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA-11)	May 18
Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12)	May 3
Rep. David Scott (D-GA-13)	May 25
Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA-3)	May 22
Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA-5)	May 26
Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-7)	May 30
Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)	May 4



May 24, 2023 - Presentation and Meeting with Congressman Andrew Clyde (R-GA-9) in Gainesville, GA. From (L-R),Atlanta Metropolitan Council VP Operations Harley Jones, Council President Chuck McCleskey, Congressman Andrew Clyde, Council VP Legislative Affairs Don Giles, Council VP Leadership Fund Jeff Alexander.

Memorial Day Wreath Presentation

Every year the Atlanta Metropolitan Council participates in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremonies at the Marietta National Cemetery. This event is put on by the National Memorial Day Association and this year was held on May 29, 2023.



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(L-R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council President CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (Ret) and Council VP Legislative Affairs CAPT Don Giles, USN (Ret) with the wreath they presented on May 29, 2023 at the Memorial Day Ceremonies held on May 29, 2023 at the Marietta National Ceremony.

July 4th Parade



(L-R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council President CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (Ret) and Council VP Legislative Affairs CAPT Don Giles, USN (Ret) pose with a guest prior to the 2023 July 4th Parade in Marietta, Ga.

**Atlanta Metropolitan
248th Navy Birthday Ball**

“248 Years of Power, Presence and Protection”

Guest Speaker:

MCPON James L. “Jim” Herdt

Ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

OCTOBER 14, 2023

Atlanta Marriott NW at the Galleria

200 Interstate N Pkwy E SE, Atlanta, GA 30339



The Ninth MCPON, Master Chief Jim Herdt, USN (Ret) speaks at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy Birthday Ball celebrating the Navy’s 248th Birthday on October 14, 2023.



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The youngest and oldest Sailors cut the cake at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy Birthday Ball celebrating the Navy's 248th Birthday on October 14, 2023. From (L-R) LS3 Donneshia Steele, USN (youngest sailor) and Dale Mastley, USN (Ret) (oldest sailor).



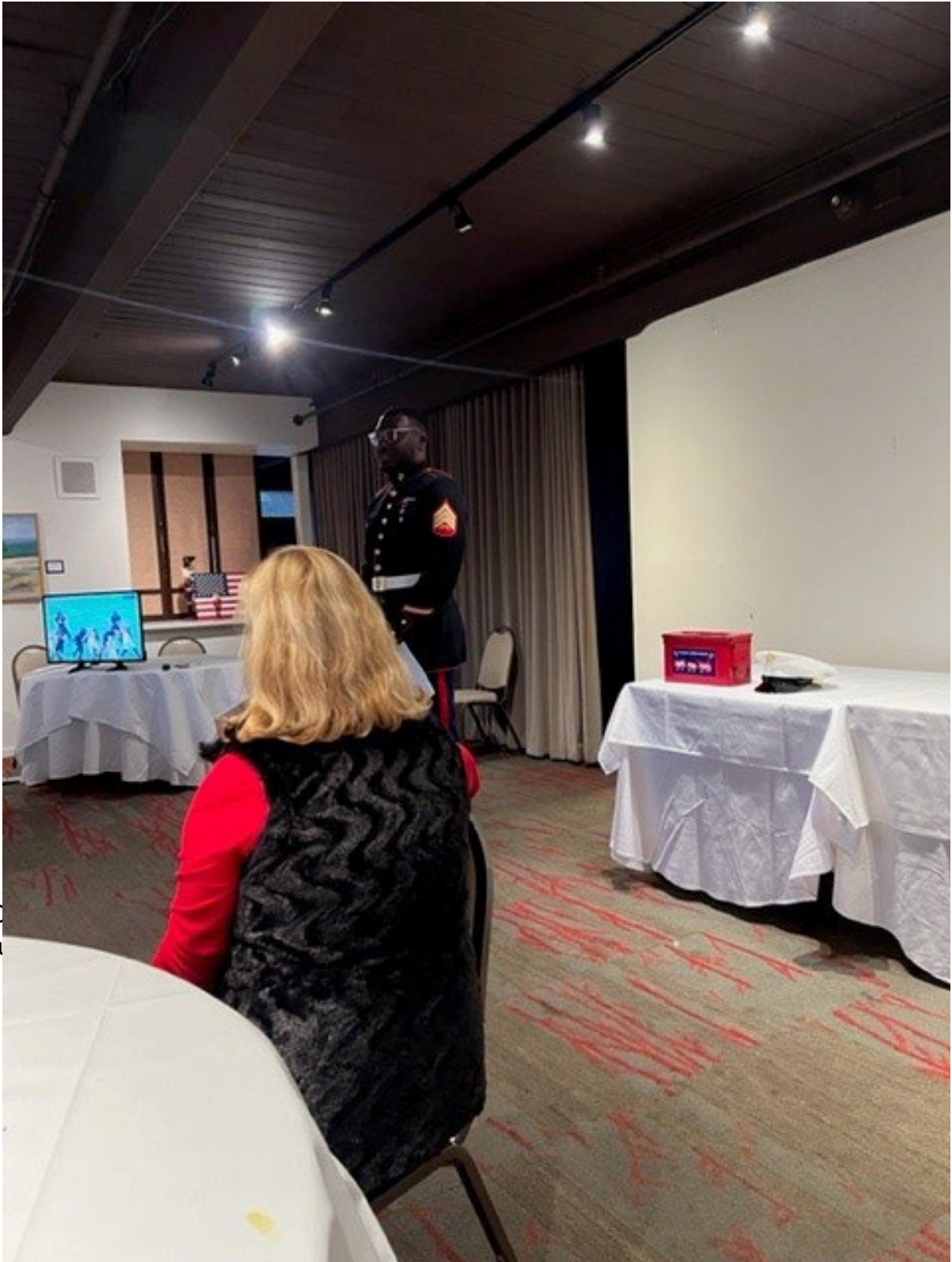
Attendees at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy Birthday Ball celebrating the Navy's 248th Birthday on October 14, 2023. From (L-R) CUCS William McKenzie, USN; HMC Joshua Hines, Mr. Jeff Alexander VP Leadership Fund, Atlanta Council, 9th MCPON Jim Herdt, USN (Ret); CMDCM Kelsey M. Deriso, USN, NRC Atlanta and YNC Josh Cranston, USN.

Veteran's Day Parade- November 11th



Atlanta Metropolitan Council President CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (Ret) and his wife Lisa prepare to ride in the Veteran's Day Parade held by the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association on 11 November 2023 in Atlanta, GA.

Toys for Tots Dinner- December 9th



SSGT Anthony Callegari, USMC, representing the Atlanta Metro Toys for Tots Campaign, speaks at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Toys for Tots Dinner on December, 9, 2023.



(L-R) CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (Ret), Atlanta Metro Council President, presents a donated toy to SSGT Anthony Callegari, USMC at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Toys for Tots Dinner on December, 9, 2023. SSGT Callegari is attached to Marine Corps Combat Logistic Regiment 45, Marine Corps Reserve Center, Dobbins Reserve Base.



CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (Ret), Atlanta Metro Council President, accepts a council recognition letter on behalf of the Atlanta Metro Council from SSGT Anthony Callegari, USMC at the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Toys for Tots Dinner on December, 9, 2023. The Atlanta Metropolitan Council has donated every year for many years to the Toys for Tots campaign.

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