



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

NORAD Tracks Santa: A Holiday Tradition!



Every Christmas Eve, alongside its year-round mission of guarding North American airspace, NORAD takes on a special assignment—tracking Santa's journey around the world.

The tradition began in 1955, when a child accidentally called the Continental Air Defense Command's operations center expecting to reach Santa. Colonel Harry Shoup answered and assured her that Santa would have a safe trip, sparking what would become a beloved annual mission. When NORAD was established in 1958, it continued the tradition, which has now lasted for more than 60 years.

Today, over 1,000 volunteers help answer more than 130,000 calls and emails, and the NORAD Tracks Santa website welcomes nearly 15 million visitors each year.

Follow Santa's travels on:

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Learn more at www.noradsanta.org.

In this newsletter:

Silver & Gold Events, Shout Out!,
Upcoming Events, Special Interests,
Calendar Dates, Membership Info, and
more. Keep Reading!

Submarine Group 10 Holiday Message



As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on what this time of year truly means for both our families and our Sailors. The holidays are a time to come together and celebrate, but they also underscore the unique challenges that come with military service. Many of us are familiar with the reality of supporting our Sailors during a time when they might be far from home, at sea, on duty, or otherwise separated from their loved ones. It's a time that tests our resilience, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your strength and support. It's your unwavering commitment to your families and each other that makes our community so special.

This time of year can be especially challenging as we tend to get caught up in the rush of the holiday season. I want to encourage all of us, Sailors, spouses, and families alike, to focus on our well-being. Mental and physical health are essential, and even amidst the busiest times, we must make space for self-care. Whether it's a quiet moment of reflection, connecting with loved ones, or simply taking time to recharge, these moments can help us maintain our strength and perspective.

To each of you, I wish a holiday season full of peace, joy, and gratitude. Whether your sailor is home or away, remember that you are part of a community that stands ready to support you.

Thank you for everything you do, and I look forward to another year of shared growth and accomplishment.

Warm Regards,
Bob Wirth
Rear Admiral, USN



Shout Out!

SUPPORTING OUR SOSA FAMILIES' SMALL BUSINESSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

This holiday season, Kings Bay SOSA encourages everyone to shop small and support the businesses that keep our submarine community strong. The Kings Bay Dolphin Store is proudly run by SOSA members and supports local spouse-owned businesses year-round.

Why It Matters

Shopping small keeps dollars in our community, supports military families, and helps local businesses grow – especially during the holidays.

Easy Ways to Support

- Shop local at the Kings Bay Dolphin Store & other small businesses
- Share & recommend businesses to friends and online
- Give gift cards for simple, meaningful gifts

SOSA-Owned Businesses to Explore

- Simply Sublime Designs –*Tracy Brown*
- Following Seas Photography –*Ashleigh Lauber*
- Emily's Divine Designs –*Emily Dykstra*
- Erica Patrick Jewelry –*Erica Patrick*

Thank you for supporting SOSA families and local makers this season!

Upcoming Events

MAKE IT, BAKE IT, OR FAKE IT! SUCCESS

SOSA reached out for support, and our incredible members answered the call at the Make It, Bake It, Fake It! event! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$903, not only covering our taxes but also putting us in the black! SOSA is now poised to host more exciting events that will benefit our local members. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and contributed!



Kings Bay Silver & Gold Events

Planning is in full swing for the 2026 Kings Bay Silver & Gold Auction & Golf Tournament. This year's theme, Sports Mania, invites attendees to dress as their favorite fan, player, or coach.

The Silver & Gold Auction will be held on February 21, 2026, at the Triplex and is open to E-7 and above and their guests. Command packets are now available online via an email link to your designated POC.

Tickets are available at www.charityauction.bid/sportsmania2026.

The Annual Golf Tournament is set for April 17, 2026, at Trident Lakes Golf Club. Open to all military members and the community, the event features a Best Ball Scramble with an 0800 start. Space is limited to 75 players, with registration opening this spring.

Proceeds from both events support the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation and local charities.


Volunteers are needed; contact Fiona Gentry at (912) 464-1642 or


silvergoldauctionkb@gmail.com to get involved.


www.facebook.com/kingsbaysilverandgoldauction

BOOKAHOLICS ANONYMOUS!

Come to November's Bookaholics Anonymous! Our monthly book club where stories come to life and friendships are made over coffee and conversation.

 Next Meeting: December 20, 12 PM

 Location: Cottle & Gunn (711 Osborne St, St Marys, GA)

 Book Pick: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Our Flamingo Flockers Fundraiser Is Live! Check Website for Details!

Add to Your Calendar

DECEMBER

- 03 DEC Executive Board Meeting (7:45pm)
 06 DEC Special Event—Holiday Angel Tea Guest
 Speaker: USMC Rep. Toys for Tots. & Cookie
 Exchange (Group 10 Dolphin House) (11am)
 13 DEC Special Event—Game Night @Holy
 Grounds Coffee House (960185 Gateway Blvd STE
 105, Fern Beach, FL) (3pm—5pm)
 15 DEC Brunch Bunch—Southern Blend Donuts
 (463179 FL-200, Yulee, FL) (10:30am)
 20 DEC Members' Dinner—The Firefly Taco
 Cantina (609 Osborne St, St Marys, GA) (5:30pm)
 20 DEC Bookaholics Anonymous—Cottle & Gunn
 (12pm)

JANUARY

- 07 JAN Executive Board Meeting
 12 JAN Members' Meeting
 15 JAN Brunch Bunch— Cottle & Gunn (711
 Osborne St, St Marys, GA) (11am)
 17 JAN Members' Dinner—Mezcal Spirit of
 Oaxaca (302 Centre St, Fern. Beach, FL) (5:30pm)
 24 JAN Bookaholics Anonymous— Cottle & Gunn
 (12pm)

Monthly Membership Meetings

Our monthly membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 10am at the St. Mary's Submarine Museum.

Can't make it during the day? No worries! We have additional gatherings and events coming up —and we'd love to see you there.

Want to Join SOSA/SOSCA?

We'd love to have you aboard! Visit our website to learn more and fill out the membership form:

kingsbaysosa.com

Membership Dues:

Active Duty & Retired Spouses: \$25/year



Message from the President

SEAS & GREETINGS!



This Christmas, *"I'll Be Home for Christmas — if only in my dreams"* holds a special place in my home. With my husband, Brian, deployed this holiday season, I'm reminded of the many SOSA families missing someone around the tree. The presence of those we love remains deeply felt. Their laughter lives in our memories, their warmth in our traditions, and their love in the promise of return. Yet even across oceans, love remains steady, joyful, and unbroken.

To all who serve, and to all who wait — may this holiday season find you wrapped in peace, strength, and hope for homecoming.

And to the spouses, partners, children, and loved ones at home—your courage and steadfast love keep the season bright.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from our family to yours. May peace, hope, and reunion fill the New Year to come.

Stephanie "Rocky" Gottfried

2025-2026 Executive Board

President: Stephanie "Rocky" Gottfried

Secretary: Elena Collinsworth

Treasurer: Danielle Duncan

Dolphin Store Manager: Ashleigh Lauber

Advisors: Amazing Leadership Spouses from Group 10, Squadron 16, and Squadron 20