

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



Welcome Aboard Tea

When: 530–8PM, 6 Sept 2025

Where: Group 10 Dolphin House

What to Bring: Your WARDROOM, favorite appetizer, dessert, or drink!

In this newsletter:

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

Welcome 2025-2026 SOSA!

It's good to be back in Kings Bay again and I'm excited to finally be able to participate with you all in person!

My husband and I have been part of the submarine force for over 30 years, and through every duty station and chapter, one of the constants that helped carry me through has been SOSA. No matter where we were stationed, I always found a community of spouses who understood the life we live—the long deployments, the last-minute changes, and the many ups and downs. That shared understanding, support, and camaraderie have made all the difference.

I'm especially excited for this year as we've got Rocky at the helm. She's already planned an amazing year filled with fun, engaging, and meaningful activities for us all. I'm so grateful for her energy and leadership, and I know this year is going to be great!

The collective success of 25/26 SOSA depends on all of us. Many hands make light work, and every bit of involvement makes a difference. Together we can foster personal connections and build a stronger sub spouse community. Thanks to all of you in advance.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Dolphin House on Sept 6th!

Stacy Wirth



Special Thanks!

ST MARY'S SUBMARINE MUSEUM

A heartfelt thank you to Keith Post, Executive Director of the St. Marys Submarine Museum, for graciously agreeing to host Kings Bay SOSA's monthly membership meetings.

Located in historic St. Marys, Georgia, the museum is the largest of its kind in the South and the fifth largest in the country. The museum offers a unique opportunity to explore and learn about the proud history of the "Silent Service." It is dedicated to educating, preserving, and sharing the legacy of the submarine force.

Thank you again to Mr. Post and the museum staff for their generous support!

www.stmaryssubmuseum.com

Upcoming Events

DOLPHIN STORE REOPENING

We're proud to have the only Dolphin Store on the East Coast right here in Kings Bay! Behind the scenes, we have been hard at work giving the store a fresh new look and stocking it with exciting submarine and Navy themed merchandise. We can't wait to welcome you back in September!

There are plenty of exciting ways to get involved with the Dolphin Store, and we'd love for you to be a part of our team.

Ashleigh Lauber, Dolphin Store Manager



Kings Bay Silver & Gold Events

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF GIVING!

2026 marks 35 years of impactful fundraising by Kings Bay in support of military families and education! Over the past decade, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation has proudly awarded approximately \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving recipients from the Camden area.

In just the last three years, Kings Bay has raised over \$125,000 through our annual Auction and Golf Tournament—with 25% of those funds supporting Ways and Means grants, helping even more members of our community thrive.

We are proud to partner with the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF), a trusted organization that has been providing scholarships since the 1960s. DSF offers opportunities for dependents, spouses, and active-duty service members. For more details, visit their website and explore how they continue to make vocational, trade and higher education more accessible for the submarine community.

Let's keep the momentum going as we head into our 35th year—stronger together and committed to making a difference!

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Add to Your Calendar

AUGUST

06 AUG: Executive Board Meeting (7:45pm)
11 AUG: Monthly Membership Meeting (10am)

SEPTEMBER

03 SEPT: Executive Board Meeting (7:45pm)
TBD SEPT: Dolphin Store Reopening
06 SEPT: Welcome Aboard Tea (5:30pm)
08 SEPT: Members' Meeting—Guest Speaker:
Allison Shores (Chamber of Commerce)
(10am)
15 SEPT: Brunch Bunch Club—Kraken Coffee &
Kitchen Co. (122 Osborne St Ste B, St Marys,
GA 31558) (1030am)

OCTOBER

01 OCT: Executive Board Meeting (7:45pm)
13 OCT: Members' Meeting—Guest Speaker:
Guest Speaker: Shelly Bohner (Navy League)
(10am)
15 OCT: Brunch Bunch Club—Grumpy's
Restaurant (76030 William Burgess Blvd #6,
Yulee, FL 32097) (1030am)
18 OCT: Dining Dolphins—Horse & Cow Pub
and Grill (143 City Smitty Dr, St Marys, GA
31558) (5:30pm)

Monthly Membership Meetings

Join us for the Kings Bay SOSA/SOSCA monthly membership meetings. Meetings are held 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 look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!

Message from the President



AHOY AND WELCOME
TO KINGS BAY
SOSA/SOSCA!

We're thrilled to have you aboard! Whether you're a seasoned salty spouse or just beginning your military journey, I encourage you to get involved and dive into all that SOSA has to offer.

The friendships I've formed through SOSA have become some of my most treasured — more than friends, they've become family. This community is a wonderful way to share the ups and downs of life on the GA/FL line, build lasting connections, and make the most of this unique and extraordinary military life we've chosen.

Dive, dive!

Stephanie "Rocky" Gottfried

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.wixsite.com

Membership Dues:

- Active Duty & Retired Spouses: \$25/year

Come be part of a welcoming, supportive community of spouses making the most of military life in the Kings Bay Area. We can't wait to meet you!