



Military Theme

This Week's Topic: From An Admiral's Prospective

IMAGINE ROTARY

Club Meeting

South Jacksonville Meets at Doubletree Hotel
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Events

- June 6th
[Admiral Matt O'Keefe](#)
- June 13th
[Patric Young, former Gator Great. ESPN Sportscaster and Speaker](#)
- June 20th
[CO Jamie Tilden, U.S. Navy](#)
- June 27th
[Hail and Farewell- no lunch meeting](#)

Birthdays

 [PP Harvey E. Schlesinger](#)
June 4th

 [PP Jay Plotkin](#)
June 8th

 [PP & PDG Michael H. Darragh](#)
June 8th

 [PP Jason B. Burnett](#)
June 15th



Welcome Retired Rear Admiral and Assistant State Attorney Matthew O'Keefe

Rear Adm. Matthew P. O'Keefe is a native of the Washington, D.C., area. He graduated from Jacksonville University in 1988 and received his commission through the Navy ROTC program. He was designated a naval aviator in July 1989. His career as an active duty SH-60B helicopter pilot includes assignments at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 42 and HSL-40. He served in Operation Desert Storm and was selected as HSL-40's Pilot of the Year in 1995.

Transitioning to the Reserve Force, O'Keefe was assigned to Naval Station Mayport 0174 and was chosen as the Naval Air Reserve (NAR) Jacksonville Junior Officer of the Year for 1996. In April 2001, he received orders to HSL-60 and his tour culminated when he took command of the "World Famous Jaguars" in April 2005.

While serving as commanding officer, he was awarded the Air Medal for his service in the rescue efforts in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

O'Keefe has also served as commanding officer of NR U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F), U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet Det. 130, and NR Navy Warfare Development Command Det. 101. Notable active duty includes serving as the COMUSNAVSO/C4F liaison officer to U.S. Southern Command for the Haitian earthquake relief efforts and his role as current operations (N33) director for Operation Unified Protector in support of Libyan combat operations. He was selected for Aviation Major Command and served as commanding officer of Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa, from December 2014 until October 2015.

Prior to being selected for flag, he served as the Navy emergency preparedness liaison officer for South Florida, serving as the U.S. Navy's liaison to support civilian authorities during periods of domestic crisis. His first flag assignment was reserve deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal and other personal and unit awards.

O'Keefe graduated from the University of Florida College Of Law in 1998 and currently serves as an assistant state attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville, Florida.

Emerald Trail Tour Opportunity

Check out the plans and progress of the Emerald Trail development!

The Emerald Trail is a vision and initiative led by Groundwork Jacksonville. Groundwork is



[Michael B. Hotaling](#)
June 25th



[Greg Anderson](#)
June 27th



[P. Charles G. Cofer](#)
June 27th

engaging neighborhood stakeholders, business leaders, funders and the City to plan and build the Emerald Trail by 2029. When complete this signature outdoor destination will encompass approximately 30 miles of trails, greenways and parks that encircle the urban core and link at least 14 historic neighborhoods to downtown, Hogans Creek, McCoys Creek and the St. Johns River.

[Click Here To Learn More About the Coming Emerald Trail](#)



*** Spots are limited! ***

Years of Service



[PP Barry W. Covington](#)
06-24-1969
54 Years



[PP Lee F. Mercier](#)
06-24-1980
43 Years



[Robert B. Massey Jr.](#)
06-24-1986
37 Years



[Leonard B. Curry](#)
06-19-2007
16 Years



[P. Charles G. Cofer](#)
06-06-2017
6 Years



[Kyle Peters](#)
06-19-2018
5 Years

If you would like to attend, please email **Tommy Grimes** at tgrimes@napoyca.com.

What: Tour the Emerald Trail!
When: Thursday, June 8, 9am-11am
Where: The tour will leave from the **Cummer Museum** parking lot at:
829 Riverside Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32204



Wedding Anniversaries



[P. Charles G. Cofer](#)
June 1st



[PP Harvey E. Schlesinger](#)
June 2nd



[Christy King](#)
June 6th



[PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
June 14th

[PP Harlan S. Bost](#)
June 16th

The 2024 Rotary Convention Announcement

And the destination is...
SINGAPORE!

May 25-May 29, 2024

The Host Organization Committee is very excited to welcome Rotary members and guests to Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention. Beyond Singapore's picture-perfect skyline, our bustling metropolis is an ever-evolving wonderland of bold new experiences to complete your Rotary adventure.



Learn more about Singapore...

Singapore is one of the greenest cities in the world. This [City in Nature](#) integrates sustainability into a myriad of experiences that are both enjoyable and meaningful. Singapore has been certified as a sustainable destination based on the Global Sustainable Tourism Destination Criteria, being the first to apply the certification on a country level. This reflects Singapore's commitment to Singapore Green Plan 2030 where large experiences come with a small footprint.

Singapore has also been ranked as one of the smartest cities around the world, taking strides to adopt innovative smart technologies for energy efficiency and the minimizing of carbon emissions. Exploring Singapore is made easy with numerous guides, maps, and apps. With a 92% internet penetration, [staying](#)



[Robert B. Massey Jr.](#)
June 24th



[Greg Anderson](#)
June 24th



[PP Daniel K. Robie](#)
June 25th



[PP Lee F. Mercier](#)
June 25th



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Public Image Chair
Communications Officer
Membership Chair



[Richard Warren Dow](#)
iPast President



[PP Bea Fore](#)
Assistant Governor



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If you are interested in attending, check out the convention website for further details and registration:
RotarySingapore2024.org

Club Leaders