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USS Georgia Arrival

The USS Georgia, SSGN 729 is scheduled to arrive at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in mid December 2007 after an extensive refueling overhaul and conversion to an SSGN. The Georgia is the second SSGN to call Kings Bay home. We are extremely proud to see her join the USS Florida in Kings Bay as part of the most advanced and potent weapons system in the world. The SSGN is capable of launching up to 154 Tomahawk land attack missiles from 22 of its 24 missile tubes. Lockout chambers and an Advanced Seal Delivery System provide a unique special Operating Force capability. Combined with the high data rate connectivity built into this tremendous platform the SSGN has the capability to host an embarked joint command element. These two Kings Bay SSGN ships will join the two other SSGN ships stationed in Bangor to provide 2.4 years of deployed presence each year in support of Combatant Commander's mission requirements.

Our community in concert with the Navy will provide a memorable experience for the USS Georgia and her crew after her arrival at Kings Bay. We are planning the events to occur in mid March 2008. We are in the early planning stages and events currently planned include:

- A grand Return to Service ceremony on the waterfront with remarks by many invited dignitaries to include:
 - Governor Perdue
 - Congressman Kingston
 - Senators Isakson and Chambliss
 - Ship Sponsor
 - Senior DOD representatives
 - Senior Navy Officials
- A gala reception immediately following the Return to Service ceremony that will allow the attendees to meet and thank the brave young men and women who make the Georgia the valiant ship it is
- A welcome picnic for the officers, crews and their families
- Trips for selected members of the crew to the four Georgia Navy League Councils to be welcomed and thanked for their service from all areas in Georgia

We look forward to the ceremonies commemorating the arrival of the USS Georgia to Kings Bay and welcoming you as you honor the brave young men that make up this great ship.

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