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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

The monthly dinner meetings of the Savannah Council are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Hunter Club on the Hunter Army Air Field (HAAF) military base. The price of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Guests are welcome. The social hour starts at 6pm, followed by the meeting, a buffet dinner and always an outstanding speaker.

BUFFET SELECTIONS: Caesar salad, glazed Virginia ham, baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, wild rice, corn O'Brien, glazed carrots, rolls and butter. Desert: apple crisp and vanilla ice cream

SPEAKER: Captain Rob Hawkins, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Reserve Center at Hunter AAF.

ELECTIONS: The November meeting is the Council's annual business meeting when officers and directors are elected for the coming year. See the list of candidates on page 3. Let's have as good a turn-out as there was on 2 November!

We must have an accurate count of the members and guests planning to attend so that the club can set up enough tables and prepare enough food. If we don't know you are coming there may not be room for you. If you come late, you may not be able to sit at the table of your choice. So please call Sybil Cannon at 964-5366 or respond by e-mail to gary.john@comcast.net. Checks (\$16 per person) are preferred over cash because they speed up the check in.

CALENDAR ("TBD" means To Be Determined, check the Council web site or see next issue of the Steamer)

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
23 November	Tuesday	5:30 pm 6 pm	New member reception November Dinner Meeting Elections for year 2005 CAPT Rob Hawkins, USMC	Hunter Club
02 December	Thursday	5:30pm	Board of Directors	NROTC bldg, Savannah State
03 December	Friday	6pm	* Reception aboard USS <i>Anzio</i> (CG 58) May be changed to Saturday 04 Dec. Check the web site	Ocean Terminal
11 December	Saturday	AM	Commissioning ceremony USS <i>James E. Williams</i> (DDG)	North Charleston SC Navy Weapons Station
17 December	Friday	6pm	Christmas party - Toys-for-Tots Navy Leaguer of the Year award	Savannah Yacht Club
06 January	Thursday	5:30	Board of Directors	TBD
25 January	Tuesday	6 pm	Dinner meeting and Change-of-Command ceremony	Hunter Club

* Ship-board receptions are sponsored by the Council in cooperation with the ship's force and the City of Savannah. The Council provides beverages. Members attending are asked to bring finger-food or covered dishes. Guests are \$5.00 each.

SOME NOTABLE EVENTS IN NAVAL HISTORY IN THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY

07 November 1861 Battle of Port Royal Sound - Union Flag Officer DuPont seizes Fort Walker on Hilton Head Island
07 December 1941 Japanese attack Pearl Harbor

16 December 1907
16 January 1942

President Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet" departs New York for world cruise
German submarine U-123 sinks tanker *Coimbra* within sight of the Long Island (NY) shore

Rhumb Line. . . a straight line drawn on the navigation chart between two points.

.....Hugh L. Robinson, President

I am writing this column on election day. I went in to vote and the lines were longer than I ever remember them at the usual polling place where I vote. I thought the pollsters were right about one thing, the people are really coming out to vote in this election. This has been a hotly contested vote, I don't care what office you mention. Only a few of our favorite politicians are running without a contestant. Lucky individuals that they are they may have saved themselves a lot of money, time and effort, but I think they lose in the end from having their names and faces lost by the crowded venue.

I witnessed people on crutches, in wheelchairs, young mothers with their young literally hanging on them as they took up the serious business of voting in this election. In fact the mood at the polling place was one of extreme patience and seriousness as everyone lined up to vote. It took about an hour at our particular polling place and those who I talked to said that it also took about an hour.

As I waited to take my turn I realized as I never had before what I was witnessing. A feeling of pride welled up in my bosom. A feeling of realization of Democracy at it's finest hour. The public was responding as they never had before to their political beliefs. They had been bombarded with political rhetoric for untold hours from every side of the equation and now was their time to respond. I truly believed that going into our polling place we were a Nation divided. I think we all came out of our polling place a Nation United. United to accept the voice of the people. United to now carry on the job before us regardless of whom the winners are. **This is the USA at it's finest.**



MGEN William N. Searcy, USAF Retired Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard was the speaker at the October meeting. He spoke about the roles of the National Guard and Reserves in the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT). The annual Coast Guard picnic has held on Saturday 23 October at the Tybee Island park. This year it was supported by a very generous contribution of \$2,000 from the Georgia Ports Authority. Pictured are Navy Leaguers who worked to make the picnic a success. From left to right: Lenore Campbell, Betty Hubbard and Ellen Snedeker. Betty recently



underwent surgery; so it was very good to have her with us again, although this year she didn't have to work so hard. The Annual Winter Meeting of the Navy League was held in Arlington VA on 4-7 November. Savannah Council members Tom Wright and John C. Snedeker attended. There will be full report in the December issue of *SeaPower*.

Pictured are VADM Albert Herberger, USN (Ret.), former Maritime Administrator and now Chairman of the Merchant Marine/Maritime Industry Affairs Committee and Sheila A. Hallas, the Navy League's Director of Corporate Affairs.

The traditional Welcome Aboard reception was held in the museum at the Washington Navy Yard. Anyone planning a visit to Washington should schedule a visit to the museum, which presents the history of the US Navy in pictures, models and actual naval gun mounts. The building housing



the museum was formerly the Navy's Gun Factory
 John C. Snedeker was appointed Regional Vice President, Legislative Affairs, for the South Atlantic Coast Region. He is also a National Director Emeritus.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS (Officers are also members of the Board of Directors)

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DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE (Elected for three year terms that expire at the end of the year shown, except for Al Naismith, who was appointed to serve out the term of another director. Al is eligible for nomination to serve a full 3 year term)

Class of 2004 (Ends 31 Dec 04) Ray Cuthbertson Al Naismith (See note above) Harold Stripling open	Class of 2005 Gilbert Wells Robert Cannon Dick Falcone Mike Lilienfeld	Class of 2006 James Chapman Neil Bodenstein Joost Gompels James Beck
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NOMINATIONS FOR 2005: The Nominating Committee met and presented the following slate of officers and directors:

President - Hugh Robinson	1 st Vice President - Betty McCarthy	2 nd Vice President - Gary Johnson
3 rd Vice President - Ed Robb	Secretary - Betty Batta	Treasurer - Ellen Snedeker
		Judge Advocate - Gwendolyn Waring

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Gene Buttel & Pat Lynch
Elections will be held at the November meeting. John Findeis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

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Help the Savannah Council pay for this newsletter by signing up for a business card ad for your business or for yourself. The cost is \$10 per month (payable in advance for the year or remaining months). The U.S. Postal Service has advised that if we accept ads from insurance agencies, credit card companies or travel agencies, we lose our non-profit bulk mail discount.

Send your card or ad copy to the Editor (John C. Snedeker, PO Box 30807, Savannah GA 31410) together with a check payable to "Navy League-Savannah" for the remaining months of this year. Your renewal for 2005 (12 months for \$120) will be billed in January 2005. You may cancel at any time.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The pictures in the *Steamer* are in color, but the print copy is in black and white because the cost of color is out of our budget range. To view the *Steamer* in living color, go to the Council's web site.

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

- ✕ We of the Navy League of the United States stand for a strong America – a nation morally, economically, and internally strong.
- ✕ We believe that the security of our nation and of the people of the world demands a well-balanced, integrated, mobile American defense team, of which a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine are indispensable parts.
- ✕ We support all Armed Services to the end that each may make its appropriate contribution to the national security.
- ✕ We know that in a free nation an informed public is indispensable to national security and, therefore, we will strive to keep the nation alert to dangers which threaten – both from without and within.
- ✕ We favor appropriations for each of the Armed Services, adequate for national security, economically administered.
- ✕ We oppose any usurpation of the Congress's constitutional authority over the Armed Services.
- ✕ We urge that our country maintain world leadership in scientific research and development.
- ✕ We support industrial preparedness, planning, production.
- ✕ We support efforts of our government to achieve worldwide peace through international cooperation.
- ✕ We advocate a foreign policy which will avoid wars – if possible; if not, win them!