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## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER

The monthly dinner meetings of the Savannah Council are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Tossed green salad, chicken schnitzel with sauerkraut or sauerbraten knockwurst or bratwurst, hot German potato salad, braised red cabbage. Ginger bread cookies. Coffee and ice tea.

**SPEAKER:** MGEN William N. Searcy. He will discuss the Georgia Air National Guard's contribution to our national security and the active role of the 165<sup>th</sup> Airlift Command, based at the Savannah International Airport, in the war on terrorism.

***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](mailto: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
16-17 October	Saturday Sunday	0800 - 1630	Sea Cadet Drill Weekend Welcome LCDR June Tillett	USMC Reserve Center Hunter Army Air Field
23 October	Saturday	Noon	Annual NL Coast Guard Picnic	Tybee Island Community Park
26 October	Tuesday	6pm	October Dinner Meeting MGEN Searcy GA Air Natl Guard	Hunter Club
02 November	Tuesday		ELECTION DAY	Your precinct
04 November	Thursday	5:30pm	Board of Directors	NROTC bldg, Savannah State
11 November	Thursday		VETERANS' DAY	
23 November	Tuesday	6pm	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	TBD	6pm	* U.S. Navy ship TBD	TBD
17 December	Friday	6pm	Christmas party - Toys-for-Tots Navy Leaguer of the Year award	Savannah Yacht 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 OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

31 October 1941 USS *Reuben James* sunk by German submarine U-552

07 December 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor  
23-25 October 1944 Battles of Leyte Gulf  
05 November 1968 VADM Zumwalt launches Operation SEA LORDS in Vietnam (Swift Boats and PBRs)

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

..... Hugh L. Robinson, President

I have been contacted by the National Vice President of Membership and Marketing, William A. Koppers that a special mailing has gone out under Sheila McNeill's signature to all of those who had let their membership lapse in the year 2004. To date more than 400 of these recipients have renewed their membership. This information and the actual 23 members of our council involved has been sent by mail to Ron McGhie, a member of our membership committee who has been responsible for membership retention. It is interesting to note that many of these members were first year members, had never attended any of our functions. That means that their sponsors did not actively engage them once they signed them up. I do believe that anyone who sponsors a member has an obligation to follow through and get them to a meeting or ship reception.

With this in mind, your Board of directors have agreed with me to sponsor a New Member reception immediately before our regular meeting in November, which by-the-way celebrates our Marine Corp's birthday. Libations and hors d'oeuvres on us. This gives an opportunity for the new members to meet our board members and to hear a bit about the mission of the Navy League and their role in this mission from me. All of our members are invited participate in this reception. We hope that with this function we can avoid the challenge of new member retention in the future.

**A Message from the Chairman of the Membership Committee**

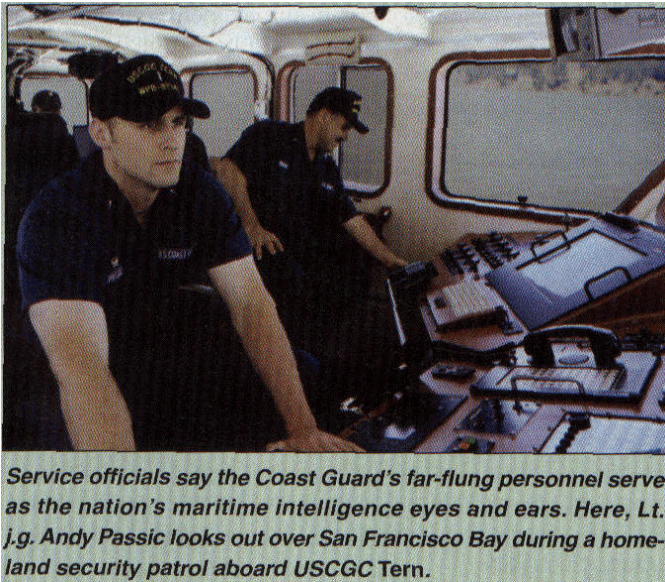
..... Charles Gibowicz

What does the Savannah Council of the Navy League do? We sponsor a unit of the Sea Cadets. We host an annual family picnic for the Coast Guard units in the Savannah area. We sponsor visits of Naval vessels and Coast Guard cutters to the Port of Savannah. We coordinate the visits with the ships with the Mayor's office and GPA. Sponsoring ship visits is the Savannah Council's major activity. They cost between \$450 and \$500 per visit. The Council is supported in this activity by an annual grant from the City of Savannah. We have about 6 to 8 ship visits per year and receptions are usually held aboard the visiting ships, principally being a social event participated in by our members, the officers and crew of the ship and the mayor of Savannah or his representative. For example, the USS Hawes, a guided missile destroyer was here for the Oktoberfest weekend.

From time to time we have been able to schedule visits aboard ships based at Mayport FL, aboard submarines based at Kings Bay GA and visits to Army, Air Force and Marine Corps bases in Georgia and nearby South Carolina.

The Navy League is a two tier organization. Dues for membership at the National level are \$40 for an individual and \$ 70 for a couple, invoiced on the anniversary date of membership. Dues for membership in the Savannah Council are \$15 per person invoiced annually. A spouse who is not a member of the Navy League or the Savannah Council can participate in most of its activities as a guest. There is a \$5 charge for guests at ship-board receptions. Let me tell you; at \$5 it's a good deal. One ship visit where drinks and meal and tour are free and you get more than your money's worth.

As those who are members already know, the Navy League is a very worthwhile organization, interesting, informative and fun. For those reading this newsletter who are not already members, I encourage you to join. I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Call me at 598-7969 or send an e-mail to [cgibowicz1@earthlink.net](mailto:cgibowicz1@earthlink.net).



*Service officials say the Coast Guard's far-flung personnel serve as the nation's maritime intelligence eyes and ears. Here, Lt. j.g. Andy Passic looks out over San Francisco Bay during a homeland security patrol aboard USCGC Tern.*



*The Navy currently is the sole purchaser of the Tactical Control System for the ground control of UAVs, developed by Raytheon Systems Co. But service officials say, theoretically, the software could be made to accommodate other services' UAVs, such as the Air Force's Predator.*

The Coast Guard is protecting our ports and coasts

The Navy is transforming the way wars are fought and developing new systems to save lives

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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)

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

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

Directors for three year terms expiring 31 December 2007: Al Naismith, David Dix, Gene Buttell & Pat Lynch  
Elections will be held at the November meeting. John Findeis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

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## BUSINESS CARD ADS

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.

## MERCHANT MARINE NOTES

The Third Annual Short Sea Shipping Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Maritime Administration, was held in New York on 13-15 October. Your editor attended and will provide a full report to those who are interested.

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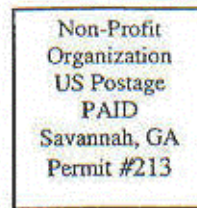
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**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES** was founded in 1902, with the support and encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. It is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization WITH Membership open to all patriotic Americans not on active military duty. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating our citizens, including our elected officials, and to supporting the men and women of the sea services (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US flag Merchant Marine). It has over 70,000 members world-wide, organized into 330 councils which, in turn, are organized by State and Region. Membership is two-tiered, National and Council. National headquarters are at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington VA 22201-3308. Telephone: 800-356-5760. Web site: [www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org) *SeaPower*, the official publication of the Navy League, is published monthly; it is one of the benefits of membership.

#### **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!**