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March has been a busy month for NLUS Savannah with the St. Patrick's Day parade and the visit of two Navy ships, the USS *Philippine Sea* and USS *The Sullivans*. Each year many projects and various events are associated with the parade. The weather, however, did not cooperate and the day of the parade proved to be the coldest March 17th on record with the threat of rain at any moment. The men from the ships who paraded were not dressed for the 43-degree weather nor were our Sea Cadets. To both units I must express my sincere appreciation for a job well done under duress. I attempted to dress for the bitter weather and I was still cold, but proud to be among such an illustrious group. Our members and guests turned out in full numbers for the ship reception held that Tuesday evening in spite of the windy cool evening.

Our regular meeting March 22nd was a different story - another evening of weather, a thundershower preceded the six o'clock start. Confusion reigned at the Montgomery Gate of the Hunter Army Airfield when the Hunter Air base security lacked our membership list for members and their guests to enter their gate unfettered. Hence, all attending had to get out of the comfort and protection of their cars in the driving rain for a 24 hour pass. We simply cannot expect others to do our job of follow-through with the procedures that we had established with the base. I apologize to those members inconvenienced that evening. A special apology is extended to Mrs. Brown who was providing transportation to the Sea Cadets committed for the color guard that evening. She was never allowed to enter. We must make every effort to increase our attendance at these regular meetings and to achieve this we will offer better promotion of our speakers and their subject matter, and provide their security force with a current, updated membership list for each function. Hugh Robinson, President

April Dinner Meeting

The meeting will be at the Hunter Club on April 26th and will start with a social hour at 6:00pm. The cost is \$16.00. Call Sybil Cannon for reservations at 964-5366.

Our April speaker: J. Trincher Watkins

Mr. Watkins began his law enforcement career in 1987. His last six years have been with the Fulton County Dept., Special Operations. He has his B.S. degree in criminal Justice from Ga. State University in Atlanta. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, both active and reserve for 15 years. He heads the Multi-State Crime Interdiction Unit. His seminar will be informative and entertaining and may help reduce your chances of becoming the next victim of a senseless crime

SHIP RIDE to Savannah aboard the USS Philippine Seas

Here are some of the Navy Leaguers who rode up on the Philippines for the St Patricks Day cruise. Pictured are Robert Cannon and Charles Gibowicz. Others who took advantage of the opportunity include Aunette Shipes , John Boylan, Christine Boylan, Charles Gibowitz, Roger Hyatt, Tina Davis, James Beck, Gary Johnson, Kelly Bouchillon and Daryn Tucker. Some returned to Mayport with the ship: Joyce Fischer , Toby Gnann, Jim Kellar, Debbie Kellar, Gene Buttle and Russel Parmenter . Everyone reported a great time and we encourage all of you to take advantage of this unique opportunity offered by the Navy League.



St. Patrick's Day



Joyce Fisher does a great job putting the St. Patricks Day activities together for the Navy League and visiting ships. Here she is getting her "just due" by escorting the young Navy Captains around in a Sebring convertible.

JNROTC AND NROTC NEWS By: Jim Beck

Annually the Navy League, Savannah Council presents a certificate and the Theodore Roosevelt Medal to an outstanding Midshipman in the JNROTC programs in area high schools. This year's awards schedule is: Jenkins High School, April 25, Johnson High School, TBA, South Effingham High School, May 3.

The combined NROTC unit from SSU and AASU will hold its spring review April 14 at 3:00PM at the T.A. Wright Stadium. We will present the National Navy League Plaque and the Savannah Council Plaque to two outstanding Midshipmen. All Navy League members and guests are urged to attend this very interesting and colorful event.

NROTCU SSU Spring Review	3 PM April 14th Wright Stadium
NJROTCU Jenkins HS Awards Dinner	April 25th
NJROTCU South Effingham HS Awards Dinner	May 3rd
NJROTCU Johnson HS	TBD
Contact Jim Beck, jebsav@hotmail.com, for details.	



Mary Nelson Adams announced that Kevin A. Hay has been appointed Commander of the Adolph H. Blumenfeld Division, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, by Commander. N. June Tillett, 6-2 Region.

Ensign Hay assumed command in March and is a resident of Pooler.



While visiting Savannah for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, some of the sailors from the USS Sulivans and the USS Philippine Sea visited Backus Children's Hospital . They brought ball caps and flags to the children and parents. It was a very exciting day for the children and sailors. Just to see the smiles on the faces of the children was wonderful.

Membership Report

Our membership rolls continue to grow. Officially on the National Register, the Savannah Council now has 272 members. We continue to attract excellent members. New members added since the last report include D.J. Tucker, Kevin Hay and Arnold Seyden. D.J. Tucker is the Manager at Fort Jackson. D. J. immediately took advantage of his membership by sailing in the Philippine Sea during the recent cruise from Mayport Naval Station to Savannah. Kevin Hay is our new Sea Cadet Commander, an important official position in our organization. Arnold Seyden is associated with Foster's Pub at Tybee Island. So our ranks continue to grow with interesting and dynamic individuals. Each member is urged to sign up a friend, relative or colleague in order for our rolls to steadily grow. Membership application forms are

available at each of our meetings or may be obtained by contacting the Membership Chairman.

Charles Gibowicz
Membership Chairman



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