



Savannah Steamer

2009 MACKIE AWARD WINNER

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Savannah Council, Navy League of the United States

Savannah Steamer Wins National Award

The *Savannah Steamer*, the monthly newsletter of the Savannah Council, has been selected as the 2nd place winner (Medium-Sized Council) of the 2009 Donald M. Mackie Award. The Mackie Award honors excellence in print and web-based communication, and has been presented since 1964. This is the first time our council has been honored with this recognition.

Special thanks goes to former *Steamer* editor **Phil Kirk**, who stepped down at the end of 2009 after many years of faithful leadership crafting the newsletter, and

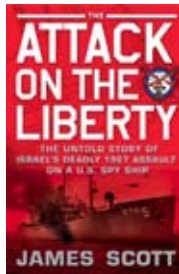
who completed all of the paperwork necessary to apply for the award. Also deserving recognition are current editor **Michael Jordan**, who served as designer for the *Steamer* last year, as well as Immediate Past President **Jim Keller** and all the other board members who contributed articles for the monthly issues. Last but not least, our newsletter would be little but words on paper without the hard work and talent of council photographer **Lynn Wright**.

Our Next Dinner Meeting - Speaker, Author James Scott



Please make plans now to join us for our monthly dinner meeting at the Hunter Club at 6pm on Tuesday, October 26th. Our speaker will be author and journalist James Scott from Charleston, S.C. Mr. Scott will speak about his book *Attack on the*

USS Liberty. Using newly-obtained documents from both sides of the globe, Mr. Scott tells the gripping tale of the June 8, 1967 attack on a US Navy spy ship by Israeli military fighter



jets and torpedo boats, which resulted in the deaths of 34 American sailors and wounded 170 more. Mr. Scott's father was an officer aboard the ship.

October 26th Dinner Meeting 6:00 P.M., Hunter Club - Hunter AAF

Reserve your seat today! Reservations are due no later than close of business on Friday, October 22nd. The cost is \$20 per person. Please contact Sybil Cannon at 912-964-5366 or RSalty2@att.net to reserve your place.

WWII Monument Dedication



At 3pm on Sunday, November 7th, Chatham County's Veterans Council will dedicate the new WWII Monument on River Street. The Monument, titled "A World Apart", will feature a 20-foot-high copper and bronze-clad globe split into two parts, one representing the European Theatre of the war, and the other the Pacific Theatre. An en-

graved granite wall standing in a walkway between the two parts will list the names of local men and women who gave their lives in the war. The monument site is located just west of the Hyatt Regency on River Street.

For more information on a fundraising gala on November 6th and other opportunities to help the Veterans Council of Chatham County reach their \$1 million fundraising goal for the monument, visit . . . www.veteranscouncilofchathamcounty.com.

A Word from the President



Tom Latham, President Savannah Council, Navy League of the United States

These are interesting and exciting times for the Savannah Council and our support of the fine young men and women in the sea services. Our September 28th meeting at Coast

Guard Station Tybee Island was an excellent and memorable event. Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Mark W. Adams (the Station's Officer in Charge) and Chief Boatswain's Mate Christopher Bouchard (Executive Petty Officer) were great hosts and did excellent work with the many details that are important to a successful evening. Commander Timothy Tobiasz, Commanding Officer of Air Station Savannah, had our members and guests on their feet waving and cheering as he piloted the helicopter that demonstrated a water rescue. Members then enjoyed views of the river and the setting sun while making short work of an excellent buffet.

Our Council has earned two important awards that recognize the excellent work being done by so many of our members. In addition to being selected for an Outstanding Council Award, our Council newsletter has been selected as the second place winner among medium sized Councils of the 2009 Donald M. Mackie Award. Both awards will be presented at the Honors Ceremony at the Navy League's 2010 National Convention in Jacksonville on Friday, October 22nd.

To the many members whose contributions have made these awards possible – Thank You.

Tom Latham

Naval History Trivia

Did you guess the answer to last month's naval history trivia question? Here it is again:

When and where was the first performance of the US Navy's march, "Anchors Aweigh?"

"Anchors Aweigh" was written in 1906 as a march for the Naval Academy Class of 1907. The music was composed by Lt. Charles A. Zimmerman, bandmaster of the Naval Academy; the lyrics were written by Midshipman Alfred H. Miles. The song was first played during the Army-Navy football game on December 1, 1906, at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Before a crowd in excess of 30,000, Navy won the game 10-0, their first win in the match up since 1900.

2011 Officers and Directors

The following slate will be presented for a vote by the membership at our monthly dinner meeting on November 30th:

2011 Officers and Directors

Officers

President	Bob Gephart
First Vice President	Michael Jordan
Vice President	Mick McCay
Vice President	Larry Wills
Vice President-Legislative Affairs	Frank McCarthy
Judge Advocate	Ed Robb
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Secretary	Frank McCarthy

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Class of 2011

Louis Hohenstein
J.E.B. Harper (a)
John Innes (b)

Class of 2012

Jeff Zureick
Larry Maurer
Jerry Hogan (c)

Class of 2013

Danica Grone
Joe Tillman
Alexia Pittas Webster

Past President

Tom Latham

- (a) Filling slot vacated by Tom Johnston
- (b) Filling slot vacated by Larry Wills
- (c) Filling slot vacated by Mick McCay

Nominating Committee: Cliff Angers, Bill Edwards, Jim Keller (Chairman), Phil Kirk and Larry Maurer

NOW HERE'S NEXT MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Name the only Confederate States Navy vessel to circumnavigate the globe in the American Civil War.



Last Month's Meeting at Coast Guard Station Tybee



President Tom Latham presents Awards of Appreciation to Senior Chief Mark W. Adams (the Station's Officer in Charge) and Chief Christopher Bouchard (Executive Petty Officer)



LEFT: Midshipmen from the Savannah State NROTC Program.

Savannah Coast Guard Aviators Perform Daring Rescue at Sea

A group of Savannah-based Coast Guard aviators saved seven lives last month in a daring early-morning rescue that pushed their aircraft and its crew to the maximum of their abilities.

The four-person crew, made up of LCDR Jeffrey Graham, LTJG Joe Forgeng, AET2 Benjamin Rosen, and AST2 Jason Booher, took off from the Coast Guard Air Facility in Charleston, SC in the middle of the night and found the survivors clinging to the wreckage of a vessel 25 miles offshore. AET2 Rosen was able to spot the group using his night vision goggles.

The Savannah-based crew deployed their rescue swimmer, AST2 Jason Booher, into the water as another Savannah helicopter and a C-130 rushed to the scene. Five of the survivors, including a five-year-old child, were hoisted into the first chopper, placing that



aircraft at the limits of its hoisting capabilities. The remaining two survivors were hoisted into the second helicopter. The Coast Guardsmen in the first chopper provided immediate medical treatment to the survivors, who were suffering from dehydration and mild hypothermia.

When the two helicopters touched down at Air Station Savannah, both aircraft were out of fuel and the crews had been flying between six and eight hours—mostly at night and with the aid of night vision goggles. All of the rescued survivors were moved into waiting ambulances and survived their ordeal.

The brave Coast Guardsmen from that first helicopter on the scene have been invited to be our guests at our October 26th dinner meeting. Please join us in recognizing their outstanding efforts.

Marine Corps Recognition Awards



On Friday October 1st, Tom Latham and Jim Morison attended an early morning muster of the MALS-31 squadron at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort to present recognition awards on behalf of the Savannah Council. Previously scheduled award events had been delayed because of the squad-

ron's deployment, and consequently these awards were for the last two quarters. The awards consisted of US Savings Bonds and books from the Commandant's reading list. Tom spoke to the squadron about Savannah Council's appreciation of their hard work and dedicated service to our country.

For the 3rd quarter, Cpl Amanda Steele was selected as NCO of the Quarter and LCpl Luke Willis was Marine of the Quarter.

For the 4th quarter, LCpl Dion Davis was NCO of the Quarter and Cpl Ossiel Rivera was Marine of the Quarter.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 2010



Please make plans now to join the Savannah Council, Navy League of the United States and the Fleet Reserve Association as we commemorate the deadly attack

which thrust our nation into the Second World War. This annual remembrance event will take place at the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum at 2pm on Sunday, December 5th. We will enjoy patriotic readings and music, and several Pearl Harbor survivors and WWII veterans are expected to be in the audience at this always-well-attended occasion.



Membership Corner **Debbie Keller**

Our newest member, Tom Broderick, DDS, sponsored by Billy Ray, brings our Navy League of the United States membership to 278, and our retention rate is 83%. Please welcome Tom to the Savannah Council when you see him.

The Savannah Council would like to send as many members as possible their *Savannah Steamer* newsletter by email. By doing so we would cut down on the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter, which is currently the largest administrative expense we have. Another plus is that you would be receiving a better newsletter by email since it is in color.

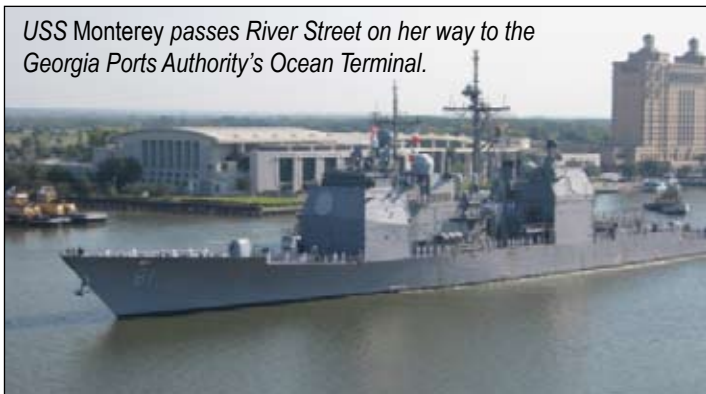
In an effort to prepare for this conversion, if you have changed your email address or have an email address but have not given it to us, now is the time to send it to dtkeller29@aol.com and be included as we move forward into the age of electronics.

As always, if you are in need of an application for a friend or have a question about your membership, please contact **Debbie Keller**, Membership Chair, at dtkeller29@aol.com, 912-598-0940, or look for a member of the membership team at the back of the dining room at our next dinner meeting.

USS Monterey Visits Savannah

The Aegis cruiser USS Monterey (CG-61), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, visited Savannah Tuesday-Friday, October 12-15th. The Savannah Council enjoyed a reception aboard the vessel on Tuesday evening, and sailors helped with community service projects at the West Broad Street YMCA and the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. The *Monterey's* crew was on a break in their training cycle, and will begin an independent deployment to the Mediterranean next year.

USS Monterey passes River Street on her way to the Georgia Ports Authority's Ocean Terminal.



USS Monterey receives a cannon salute from Old Fort Jackson.



Savannah Council President Tom Latham makes presentations to Monterey Commanding Officer Capt. James Kilby.



Alderman Tony Thomas present the Key to the City of Savannah to Monterey Commanding Officer Capt. James Kilby.



Chatham County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis presents the Key to Chatham County to Monterey Commanding Officer Capt. James Kilby.

Sea Cadets join Coast Guard Auxiliary for Training

In late September, the Savannah Sea Cadet Squadron enjoyed two days of training offered by the local US Coast Guard Auxiliary. On the first day, Kent Shockey taught the Boat Georgia course to the newest cadets, while senior cadets went on patrol with the Auxiliary for advanced training in boat-driving, search patterns, communications and more. Training on the second day focused on chart reading, knot-tying, line tossing, boat operations, communications, search patterns, and patrol skills.



SEA CADETS* OF THE YEAR FOR 2010



PO3 Ne'Quell S. Singleton, USNSCC, is the daughter of Jerome and Roxanne Singleton. She joined the unit just over 18 months ago to support her younger brother Jerome, who thought he might like the program. At the time she joined she was 60 lbs heavier than she is now, ran a 22 minute mile and was often lacking in direction at school. Now she is a senior at Johnson High School, where she is Vice-President of the DECA club. She has earned ribbons for physical fitness, community service, recruiting, and leadership training. She has excelled at her Recruit Training, Airman Training, and Petty Officer Leadership Academy, and recently staffed our regional recruit training in Mayport, Florida. PO3 Singleton plans to attend Savannah State, where she hopes to join the ROTC program, and eventually attain her commission as a US Navy officer. In September, as a part of the National Sea Cadet month festivities, she received the Navy League's Teddy Roosevelt Youth Medal as Savannah Squadron's Cadet of the Year for 2010.

***There are two groups within our Sea Cadet programs: The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is for young people between the ages of 11 and 13. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for young people between the ages of 13 and 17.**

Savannah Council President Tom Latham with PO3 Ne'Quell Singleton (left) and PO2 George Pittas-Giroux (below)



PO2 George A. Pittas-Giroux is the son of Alexia Pittas Webster, Esq. and Dr. Justin A. Giroux. He is a seventh grader in the advanced learner program at the Georgia Cyber Academy where he is consistently on the High Honor Roll. PO2 Pittas-Giroux has excelled over the past two years as a Navy League Cadet. He now serves as the NLCC Company's Leading Petty Officer having command of ten junior cadets. He has earned ribbons for academic achievement, marksmanship with "sharp shooter" endorsement, and the recruiting incentive ribbon. This month begins his third year in the program.



You are cordially invited
To attend the
Savannah Navy League Toys for Tots Christmas Party

(Please Note the New Venue This Year Based on the Input From Our Members)

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

**Location: Billy's Place at McDonough's
20 East Perry Street**

**Cocktail Buffet Appetizer Party
\$24.00 Per Person-Cash Bar
All You Can Eat Menu**

Hot Foods

Crab and Shrimp Pastries, Spinach Artichoke Pastries, Blue Cheese Pastries,
Cocktail Franks in Sauce, Meat Balls in Sauce, Assorted Chicken Wings in Sauce,
Chicken Finger Bites in Sauce

Cold Foods

Assorted Cheese Tray with Crackers, Shrimp Pinwheel Sandwiches,
Roast Beef Pinwheel Sandwiches, Vegetable Tray with Feta Ranch Dressing,
Assorted Relish Tray, Fruit Tray with Strawberry Fruit Dip

Cash Bar

Well Drinks & House Wine - \$5.00 Domestic Draft Beer - \$3.00

Christmas Music – Live Piano

Reservations and payments due No Later Than Sunday, Nov 28, 2010

Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift card for the MARINE CORPS TOYS for TOTS DRIVE

Tear off and return along with your check payable Navy League Savannah to:
Larry Wills, 38 Cotton Crossing West, Savannah, GA 31411

Name: _____ No. of Guests: _____

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Larry Maurer	
Immediate Past President	Jim Keller

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 26th - 6pm

Monthly Dinner Meeting
Hunter Club

Friday, November 5th - 6pm

Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Service
Emmet Park, East end of Bay St.

Sunday, November 7th - 3 pm

WWII Monument Unveiling
River Street

Thurs, November 11th - 10:15 am

61st Annual Veterans Day Parade
Downtown Savannah

Sunday, December 5th - 2 pm

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony
Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum

Tuesday, November 30th - 6 pm

Monthly Dinner Meeting - Hunter Club

**Note change of date to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving*

Thursday, December 9th 5:30-7:30 pm

Navy League Holiday Party
Billy's Place (above McDonough's
20 E. Perry St. downtown)

No regular dinner meeting in December

Treasurer's Report *Cliff Angers, Treasurer*

Through the first three quarters of 2010, Savannah Council's *income* was \$12,486, with total *expenses* for this same period of \$15,309. Our *loss year-to-date* is \$2,823. Program expenses in support of the sea services have accounted for 79 percent of our total expenses.

I am happy to report that the hugely successful evening at USCG Station Tybee was executed at a financial breakeven.



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Recipient of the Outstanding Council Award

Invite a Guest to Our Next Meeting!