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A Word from the President



Here we are - A New Year. A new team of officers and directors. A new set of challenges and opportunities facing us in our support of the sea services.

2009 was an excellent year for Savannah Council with an increased number of recognition programs for our nearby Navy, Coast Guard and Marine units, an impressive slate of speakers, ship visits, change of command ceremonies and a wide range of support activities for the excellent men and women of these services. A sincere thank you to Jim Keller and his team.

Our challenges for 2010 are significant and your support is needed. Before the month ends, you will receive information on our plans and goals for the year. With your help, Savannah Council's contribution to our valuable sea services will reach new heights.

Best wishes for the new year.

Tom Latham

**Jan. 26 Dinner Meeting
6:00 P.M., Hunter Club**

**Reserve Your Seat Today!
Reservations must be made by
Friday, January 22nd
by contacting Sybil Cannon at
912-964-5366 or RSalty2@att.net.**

Our Next Speaker - January 26

Rear Admiral Robert C. Parker, USCG
Director, Security and Intelligence
US Southern Command, Miami, FL

Rear Admiral Parker is a 1979 graduate of the U.S.



Coast Guard Academy. He holds a graduate degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and completed a one-year National Security Fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1999. He has over 12 years of sea duty, including 3 commands, that have included operations as diverse as counterdrug law enforcement, migrant operations and fisheries enforcement in the North Pacific, Gulf of Alaska, North Atlantic, Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, and search and rescue operations during the winter crab fishing season in the Bering Sea.

RADM Parker assumed duties as the Command's first Director of Security and Intelligence on 11 April 2008, where he directs U.S. military operations and intelligence efforts, and coordinates interagency operations in Southern Command's theater. He is the first U.S. Coast Guard officer to serve as a Director in any Department of Defense command.



Pearl harbor Remembrance Day

-- by Gary Johnson



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was held December 6th at the Mighty Eighth. Air Force Museum.. There were patriotic readings and music as well as a solemn service to commemorate this day in our history.

CAPT Kent Flowers, CO of the Savannah State NROTC presented the main address. which was well received by all. Other participates included the Benedictine choral group, a Coast Guard Color Guard from MSU Savannah, and the Sea Cadets. We also had Two Pearl Harbor survivors and ten World War II Veterans.

The Savannah Council, Navy League of the United States is co-sponsor with the Fleet Reserve Association. Approximately 180 attended which was a record attendance for this event. The event was also covered by TV and was a front-page story on Monday in the *Savannah Morning News*.



A letter from our Sea Cadets Instructor:

Thank for allowing Blumenfeld Division to participate. Our cadets reported that it was "awesome" and "amazing" and "really cool" to hear the veterans speak and to listen to Captain Flowers. One of them, just 12 years old, said to me, "Captain Flowers stands on the shoulders of the men and women who fought at Pearl Harbor and someday I am going to stand on his shoulders too." The cadets listen and understand far more than we as adults imagine, and the legacy of service and pride in our country is being passed on to this future generation.

We appreciate all that each of you did to contribute to this remarkable event. We also deeply appreciate the honor, courage and commitment displayed by the former and current members of our armed forces.

Respectfully,

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Christmas Party 2009

For those of you who missed it, we're sorry, because the SCNL Christmas Party at the Savannah Yacht Club on December 11th was the clearly "THE PLACE TO BE."

The 2009 Christmas Party Committee of Shirley McCarthy, Mary Lou Crowe, Mike Campbell and Debbie Keller came up with a super recipe for "A GREAT PARTY -- NAVY LEAGUE STYLE." They simply combined:

a room full of lively music, lots of delicious food, seasoned it with good friends, added a pinch sugar from Santa, and sprinkled it with "**Eight Dancing Marines.**" . . . then placed it all in a beautiful venue for four hours and see the results here.



Above Left: Sigrid and Phil Kirk, Navy Leaguer of the Year. Above: Santa Mike Campbell and Bob Gephart. Left: Bob Cutler and Gurtrude Yeargin. Below: Savannah Steve and Karen Angers (wife of Cliff Angers, SCNL Treasurer)



Sea Chanters Concert

Make plans now to attend the upcoming Savannah concert by the Sea Chanters, the U.S. Navy's professional touring choir! The Sea Chanters perform a variety of music, ranging from traditional choral selections to Broadway musicals. They perform often at the White House, and have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and with the National Symphony Orchestra.

The Sea Chanters' Savannah concert will take place at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 20th at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Performing Arts Auditorium. The Navy has asked the Navy League to follow the same procedure as other members of the public in order to obtain tickets to the concert. Watch for an advertisement in the Savannah Morning News. Clip that coupon and mail it back to the newspaper to claim your free tickets.



2010 Officers & Directors

This slate of officers and directors will be sworn-in at our January meeting.

President	Tom Latham
Vice President	John Innes
Vice President	Frank McCarthy
Vice President	Debbie Keller
Vice President	Michael Jordan
Judge Advocate	Ed Robb
Treasurer	Cliff Angers
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Treasurer's Report: 2009 Final Results (Unaudited)

Through twelve months of 2009, Savannah Council has generated income of \$15,686, with total expenditures of \$16,855. This has resulted in a net loss of \$1,169 for the year. Our cash position continues to be healthy with a year end balance of \$ 22,000 in the bank.

Your Council continues to spend the great majority of its funds on programs which directly support our sea services. This past year 74% of expenditures supported these programs.

Relative to our approved budget for 2009: we were right on target for revenue and nearly \$ 3500 under on expenditures due to prudent monitoring of management expenses, and the lack of ship visits. We were slightly over budget in supporting the growing Sea Cadet Division.

2010 Local Dues Alert:

Dues notices will be arriving shortly by mail and can also be accessed on the website. Please respond promptly to this dues notice and send your check directly to me at:

202 Wickersham Drive
Savannah GA 31411.

Cliff Angers

The Navy League of the United States Is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong sea services-United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine.

Visit our website at <http://savannah.navyleague.us>

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Upcoming Events:

January 26th
Monthly Dinner Meeting
Hunter Club, Hunter AAF
(see notice on front page for information)

February 2nd
Board of Directors
Air Station Savannah
Training Room

February 20th
Sea Chanters Concert
Armstrong Atlantic State University