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Savannah Council United States Navy League A Word from the President



Now Hear This,

A hearty well done and thank you goes to USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56) for the reception hosted by the ship on 2 October. Approximately 140 guests were on board to welcome the ship to Savannah for the Oktoberfest weekend festivities. Our next ship visit is expected the first weekend in December when a US Navy frigate will be in Savannah to participate in Christmas On The River and commemorate Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The Pearl Harbor ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, 6 December at the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum. A reception on board the ship tentatively is planned for Friday, 4 December. For those bringing guests, please remember that the names of your guests (including spouses who are not Navy League members) should be given to Tom Wright by Monday, 30 November. Also, remember that the names given to Tom should match the name of the guest as it appears on their photo identification (driver's license, etc.) The use of proper names will greatly assist the check-in process at the security gate.

Our Sea Cadet unit will be participating in several upcoming events. Under the command of LTJG Kevin Hay, the unit will be marching in Savannah's Veterans Day Parade on 11 November. Additionally, the unit will participate in "Massing of the Colors" on 15 November at Savannah Christian Church. This inspirational service, which begins at 4:00 PM, is a perfect venue for children, as well as adults, to celebrate what "Old Glory" means to our country.

Navy Leaguers, please mark your calendars to reflect changes in two November meeting events. First, the November Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 November at 5:30 PM at the USCG Air Station on Hunter AAF (this is a change in location). Second, our November dinner meeting (during which we will be voting on Savannah Council Officers and Directors for 2010) will be held on Tuesday, 17 November at the Hunter Club beginning at 6:00 PM (this is a change in date because of the Thanksgiving holiday).

Ladies and gentlemen, your continued support of our sea service personnel DOES result in a positive impact. Thanks for taking time to make a difference for our military families. Savannah Council is growing (albeit slowly) and more members would enable us to further extend our support base. Will you be the sponsor of our next new member?



(left to right) USS *San Jacinto* (CG 56) CO CAPT J. Cordle receives the key to the City of Savannah from Aldermen Tony Thomas and Van Johnson during the Savannah Council's reception aboard ship on October 2.

That Is All. Carry On.

Jim Keller, President

Upcoming

October 18
Sea Cadets
Drill competition
Hunter Army Airfield

October 27
Dinner Meeting
Harbor Pilots
CAPT Robert J. Coeey
Craig Maggioni

November 2
Recognition Event – MALS-31
Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station

November 3
Board of Directors
USCG Air Station
Hunter AAF

November 11
Veterans Day Parade

November 15
Massing of the Colors
Savannah Christian Church

November 17 (new date)
Dinner Meeting
CAPT Mark Bernier, USN
CO, Naval Hospital Beaufort

December 1
Board of Directors
Savannah State University

December 6
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Mighty 8th Air Force Museum
U.S. Navy ship visit

December 11
Savannah Council Christmas Party
Savannah Yacht Club



Nominations for 2010 Officers and Directors

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers and directors for 2010:

Position	Nominees for 2010
President	Tom Latham
Vice President Legislation	Frank McCarthy
Vice President	Debbie Keller
Vice President	Michael Jordan
Vice President	John Innes
Treasurer	Cliff Angers
Judge Advocate	Ed Robb
Secretary	Robert Gephart
Director Class of 2010	
Board Member	Seth Kovensky
Board Member	JEB Harper
Board Member	Warren Onken
Director Class of 2011	
Board Member	Louis Hohenstein
Board Member	Tom Johnston
Board Member	Larry Wills
Director Class of 2012	
Board Member	Jeff Zureich
Board Member	Larry Maurer
Board Member	Mick McCay
Board, Past President	Jim Keller

The election will be held at our regular dinner meeting on November 17th. Nominations will be received from the floor but the person nominated must be contacted in advance and agree to serve. The new board will be installed at our January meeting. More information and pictures are available on our website

Many thanks to our out-going board members, which include Jinny Latham, Don Civitanova, Richard DeBorde, Phil Kirk, Sam McLaughlin and Gary Johnson.

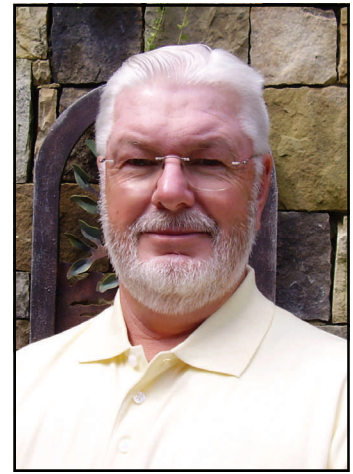
Our Next Speakers—Two River Pilots

Oct. 27th Dinner Meeting
6:00 P.M., Hunter Club

Craig Maggioni, a native Savannahian, is the most recent addition to the Savannah River Pilots Association. He is a graduate of Jenkins High School and a 2005 Honors Graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. He is also commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve.



CAPT Robert J. Cooley is a veteran of more than four decades' service as a ship master, guiding vessels ranging from battleships, aircraft carriers, and submarines to freighters in and out of ports up and down the east coast. Bob worked for 27 years in the New York City area before moving to Savannah 15 years ago.



Reserve Your Seat Today!
Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 23'd
by contacting Sybil Cannon at
912-964-5366 or RSalty2@att.net.

USCG Quarterly Guard Award

Petty Officer Marc Harrell of USCG – MSU – Savannah was selected by his unit as the Guardian of the Quarter, for the period ending 30 Sep. Mike Campbell and Bob Gephart, accompanied by Tom Latham and Jim Keller, were privileged to present PO Harrell with Savannah Navy League's recognition awards in Orleans Square on 7 Oct. These awards consisted of a \$100 US Savings bond, a book from the commandant's reading list, and an invitation to PO Harrell and his wife to attend our 27 Oct Dinner Meeting as our guests. Please make a point to meet them at the meeting and make them feel welcome. --Bob Gephart

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6th for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. It will take place at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum at 2:00 pm. The officers and crew of the US Navy ship visiting that weekend will take part in the ceremonies. There will be a patriotic reading and music as well as a solemn service to commemorate this day in our history. The Savannah Council is co-sponsor with the Fleet Reserve Association of this well-attended event. Hope you will join us.

From Our September 22nd Meeting



Our speaker, LTC Jose Aguilar, Garrison Commander at Hunter Army Airfield, and his wife Suzanne.

President Jim Keller welcomed the sea cadets of the ADM Adolph H. Blumenfeld Division who were there in force. He introduced commanding officer LTJG Kevin Hay, fifteen cadets and six instructors. A streamer to mark the 25th anniversary of the division was presented, and eight cadets received a 25th anniversary ribbon.

Cadet Ben Webster was awarded the Teddy Roosevelt medal as Cadet of the Year 2009, and Cadet Jordan S. Hay received the Teddy Roosevelt medal for 2008. Cadet Adam Webster presented an award to LTJG Hay for his outstanding service. Kevin Hay had a power point presentation to help describe Sea Cadet activities.

Following dinner Jim Keller presented the names of the nominating committee and commented on its function. Vice President Tom Latham introduced the speaker for the evening, LTC Jose L. Aguilar, USA, Garrison Commander, Hunter Army Airfield. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Suzanne Calahong who is also a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He expressed appreciation for the kind gestures being shown to departing troops.

He characterized HAAF as a power projection platform. It presently has approximately 7,200 soldiers, airmen, and coast guardians on station. It is home for the aviation units of the 3rd Infantry Division. Other units include Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, 1st Ranger Battalion, 3rd Battalion 160th SOAR, and 224th Military Intelligence Battalion. There are 602 homes and 2,000 barrack spaces.



Savannah Council President Jim Keller presents the 2009 Teddy Roosevelt Award to Sea Cadet Ben Webster.

Savannah Council Hosts Coast Guard Night at the Sand Gnats

We offer a special welcome to Ed Conant, as a new transfer member to Savannah from the Washington, DC Council. Ed's arrival brings the SCNL membership to 284.

The following is a notice I received from The Navy League of the United States which I am happy to share with you concerning a Membership Contest. Applications that are currently in circulation may be used simply by adding **Priority Code 4Q2009** to the application.

(Entry form in October issue of [SEAPOWERS](#), pg. 55)

**Enter for a
chance to win
\$500!**

The Navy League
Membership Contest

Entries accepted
Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2009
winner announced Jan. 20, 2010



Greetings Navy Leaguers!

I am pleased to announce the start of our Fall 2009 Member-Get-A-Member Contest.

The Navy League has an incredibly important mission, and strong recruitment and retention programs are essential to our ability to carry out and sustain this mission.

Your Membership and Marketing Committee and staff have been working on developing initiatives to assist local Councils' recruiting and retention efforts. This contest is intended to not only increase our membership but to encourage friendly competition as we focus our efforts on reaching out to more diverse segments of our communities.

Thank you for your support of the Navy League's mission, and good luck to all!

Thomas E. Jaffa, CTP

National Vice President, Membership, Marketing, and IT

If you are in need of a membership application for a prospective member, or just need a little help renewing your membership, please contact me and I will see that you receive the assistance you need. Debbie Keller, 912-598-0940 or dtkeller29@aol.com.

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Michael Jordan
Debbie Keller
Warren Onken
Don Civitanova
Frank McCarthy
Larry Wills

First Past President
Gary Johnson

Newletter Editors
Phil Kirk
Michael Jordan

Photographer
Lynn Wright

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Invitations will be mailed in early November

SAVANNAH COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Friday
DECEMBER 11, 2009

6:30 – 10:30

SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

Entrée: Choice of
Carved Prime Rib au jus with Horseradish

or

Potato Crusted Tilapia with a Light Beurre Blanc

Dessert: Chocolate Tower filled with Chocolate Mousse
Plate drizzled with Raspberry Coulis, Chocolate Sauce & Fresh
Berries

\$55.00 per Person--Cash Bar

Entertainment: Savannah Steve



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.

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