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The Rhumb Line In May I shared with you a list of members whom I called *unrecognized heroes*, individuals who work in behalf of the Council quietly doing their assigned task, not a board member or an officer but individuals dutifully giving of their time and talents.

Such a person is Phyllis Farrell whose title on my organization chart is "Sunshine". Aptly named in a way because there is always sunshine on her countenance as she acquires the plaques and certificates we need. I never have to call and ask Phyllis nor call to remind her about the need of such. The plaque is always there handed to me for each ship visit, the certificate of recognition is always within the speaker's podium for each meeting's speaker. And Phyllis I appreciate that.

A crew that is always present at our meetings that may go unnoticed mans the membership table. Called hospitality, it is headed by Mac Storm and filled in his absence by his neighbor Ron McGee. Again, one never has to call and ask or remind these gentlemen about the next meeting. That table is always manned and supplied with membership brochures, copies of *Sea Power* and other membership information about your Navy League. If they see an individual looking a bit lost, they immediately take him in tow.

I would like to shine a spot light on a our past president, a man always willing to pitch in on any task such as being our official photographer at meetings and ship visits, serving on the Nominating Committee and now the Committee on Coast Guard City, USA. John Findeis I thank you for taking these chores on. I have mentioned just a few of my "*Unsung heroes*", for there are many, many individuals whom I will be forever indebted to in my years serving as your President. To all of you, I thank you in behalf of the entire membership.

Hugh L. Robinson, President

September Meeting

We will meet at the Hunter Club on September 27th starting with a social hour at 6:00pm. The cost is \$16.00. Call Sybil Cannon for reservations at 964-5366.



Our speaker for the September Meeting is Navy Region Southeast Commander and Rear Admiral Annette E. Brown, USN. Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) is the senior Navy command on board NAS Jacksonville. The Admiral has administrative responsibilities that includes evaluation of shore activities, standards of performance, security, disaster preparedness, safety, joint services, financial management, public affairs, state and local government liaison, environmental protection, and legal affairs. The Admiral is also the immediate superior in command of nine operational and five support groups within the southeast United States and the Caribbean. This senior level command, located at NAS Jacksonville since 1942, has been represented by either a one or two-star billet since early inception.

Up-Coming Events

01-Oct-05 October Fest: We're expecting a US Navy Destroyer to visit for October fest. Keep checking the website for updates.

06-Oct-05 Siege of Savannah/Count Pulaski Re-Internment: We're expecting a US Navy Destroyer to visit and participate in the Siege of Savannah Anniversary and Count Pulaski Re-Internment.

15-Oct-05 Coast Guard Team Savannah Picnic: We will join with GPA in hosting Coast Guard Team Savannah at Lott's Island for a Family Picnic from 11 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, October 15th. Coast Guard Team Savannah is composed of Air Station Savannah, Marine Safety Unit Savannah, Station Tybee, Aids-To-Navigation Team Tybee and USCGC Tarpon.

25-Oct-05 October Dinner Meeting: We've invited RADM Brian Peterman, USCG, Commander Coast Guard District 7, to join us for our October meeting.

Membership

We are almost there! The Savannah Council now has 291 members! Just 9 more new members signed on and we reach our objective of 300. Please help in this effort. Take a guest to our next meeting and to the forthcoming ship receptions. I'm sure that once they see what we are all about, your friends will join. Local dues are waived for the remainder of this year. Please do your share to keep the Savannah Council NLUS a vibrant organization. If you need any information or application forms, give me a call at 598 7969 or email me at cgibowicz1@bellsouth.net.
Charles Gibowicz
Membership Director

Nominating Committee Report

According to our by-laws a Nominating Committee is to be established annually no later than September. The Nominating Committee selects at least one nominee for each office and nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual election meeting. John Findeis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Officers and Directors for 2006, reports the following nominations.

Officers:

President - Gary Johnson, First VP - Betty McCarthy, Second VP - Charles Gibowicz, Third VP - Ray Cuthbertson, VP of Legislative Affairs - Gene Buttle, Secretary - Deborah Keller Treasurer - Ellen Snedeker and Judge Advocate - Gwendolyn Waring.

Directors for 2006-2008:

Ed Robb, Bill Edwards, Jim Keller and Aunette Shipes

The elections will be held at our November meeting.

Items of Interest

Navy Birthday to be Celebrated at October Meeting

On Friday, October 13, 1775, meeting in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress voted to fit out two sailing vessels, armed with ten carriage guns, swivel guns, and manned by crews of eighty, and to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. This was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew and as such constitutes the birth certificate of the Navy.

This resolution of the Continental Congress marked the establishment of what is now the United States Navy.

Over the course of the War of Independence, the Continental Navy sent to sea more than fifty armed vessels of various types. The navy's squadrons and cruisers seized enemy supplies and carried correspondence and diplomats to Europe, returning with needed munitions. They took nearly 200 British vessels as prizes, some off the British Isles themselves, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes. In addition, the Navy provoked diplomatic crises that helped bring France into the war against Great Britain.

The Continental Navy began the proud tradition carried on today by our United States Navy, and whose birthday we celebrate at our October meeting.

USCGC Diligence Visit



The USCGC Diligence made an unexpected visit to Savannah in September and our council hosted a reception for the officers and crew at Kevin Barry's. We had a nice turnout at the reception in spite of the last minute notice and all had a good time.

This is a picture of the Captain and XO presenting a ships medallion to Gary Johnson and Ray Cuthbertson from the Savannah Council.

Donation from Georgia Ports

Ellen Snedeker, treasurer, reports that that a \$ 2000 check was received from the Georgia Ports Authority to help fund the annual Coast Guard Picnic in October. A big thanks to GPA.

- **Website**

Be sure to check the website for news and updates. You can enter the member's only section by logging in as member for username and member for password, In this section you can view and print the member directory.

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