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Rhumb Line . . . *a direct line between two points*

Hugh Robinson, President

The "Rhumb Line" commentary last month, included in full only on the *Savannah-Navy League* web page, drew comments from on high. Their fears were that any comments of mine concerning decisions by the Navy would reflect NLUS policy and/or needed legislation. Frankly, I would be presumptuous to believe that *my* personal reflections printed in *The Savannah Steamer* or displayed on our web page could be taken as National's Navy League policy. Please, Dear Reader, take it for what it is.

The Annual Report of the Savannah Council for the year 2004 is slowly coming together, and by the time you read this column the material should be in the hands of National Headquarters. No one can appreciate the multi-faceted commitments of your Savannah Council and the resulting challenges the board members and committees deal with throughout the year, until one has personally worked on this report. This has been an education for me. I can only appreciate, all the more, the hard work and dedication that members have contributed to the successful endeavors of 2004 To those I can only heap praises, thank you, thank you for a job well done.

New Community Affiliate Member

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Community Affiliate (CA). It is Global Ship Systems LLC. The company operates as both a prime and a sub-contract provider of repair and refit services to a number of major marine operators and shipbuilders throughout the United States and Europe. In addition to the company membership, each CA is allotted four individual members who are:

- Rob Creech, CEO
- John Bennett, SVP Repair
- Lindy Brown, VP, Operations
- James Stribling, President

Keep an "eye" out for them at the next meeting and welcome them to our council.

This Month's Meeting and Speaker

The meeting will be at the Hunter Club on February 22nd and will start with a social hour at 6:00pm. The cost is \$16.00 and reservations are required.

Our speaker will be:



Captain Leonard B. Jones

Captain Jones hails from Matthews, Georgia. He is a June 1978 Navy ROTC graduate of Savannah State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He began his Navy career with division officer tours as First Lieutenant in USS HIGBEE (DD 806) homeported in Seattle, WA and First Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer in USS

DAHLGREN (DDG 43) homeported in Norfolk, VA. From March 2001 until July 2004 he served as Director of the Latin American, Caribbean & Middle East Division at the Navy International Programs Office in Washington, DC, overseeing State Department Security Assistance and Department of the Navy Foreign Military Sales Programs. He is currently serving as the Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of Navy ROTC Unit Savannah State University, Savannah, GA.



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St. Patrick's Day – We are expecting two Navy ships for St Patrick's Day and will sponsor a welcoming reception at Ocean Terminal at 6 PM on Tuesday, March 15th. Keep checking our website for updates and details.

In Memorium

Robert Quinn, long time Navy leaguer, passed away last month. Our condolences to Anita Quinn and family. He will be missed by us all.

Anzio Sailors Lend A Hand In Savannah

Navy Leaguers enjoyed the Reception aboard the Anzio during her visit to Savannah in December. What most people don't realize is that Anzio sailors did more than just get a little liberty in port

While visiting Savannah, guided missile cruiser Anzio sailors returned the hospitality graciously shown by the community by lending a hand. In conjunction with "Hammer It Home in Savannah", a city developed program that repairs homes of low-income families, Anzio sailors mended a worn home. The residents of the home were an elderly couple whose financial and physical limitations restricted the repairs they were able to perform on their aging home.

"The home owners seemed touched by our presence. The most inspiring moment was when RP1 Stanley presented a framed 8-inch-by-10-inch photograph of the ship with our signatures on it and the inscription by the commanding officer on behalf of the crew: "From the sailors of USS Anzio," said Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt. So the ship visits are not just social events. The City gains by these visits economically by the sailors on liberty and by volunteer efforts such as this.

Submitted by: Charles Gibowicz

About Our Organization...

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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