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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly dinner meetings of the Savannah Council are held on the **4th Tuesday** of every month except December at the Hunter Club on the Hunter Army Air Field (HAAF) military base. The price of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Guests are welcome. The social hour starts at 6pm, followed by the meeting, a buffet dinner and always an outstanding speaker.

BUFFET SELECTIONS: Tossed salad, chicken Parmesan, roast sirloin tip round, fettuccini Alfredo, fresh broccoli, garlic bread, and for desert, chocolate mousse. Coffee and ice tea.

SPEAKER: Captain Tim Lindstrom, Chief of Staff to ADM Cassius, Commander, Submarine Group 10, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, will give us an up-date on the Trident submarine force and other activities at Kings Bay.

We must have an accurate count of the members and guests planning to attend so that the club can set up enough tables and prepare enough food. If we don't know you are coming there may not be room for you. If you come late, you may not be able to sit at the table of your choice. So please call Sybil Cannon at 964-5366 or respond by e-mail to gary.john@comcast.net. Checks (\$16 per person) are preferred over cash because they speed up the check in.

CALENDAR ("TBD" means To Be Determined, check the Council web site or see next issue of the *Steamer*)

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
23 September	Thursday	5pm	USCG Reserve Recognition party	USCG Air Station @ HAAF
28 September	Tuesday	6pm	September Dinner Meeting CAPT Tim Lindstrom, Sub Group 10	Hunter Club
01 October	Friday	6pm	* USS <i>Hawes</i> (FFG-53) reception	GPA Ocean Terminal #1 or #2
07 October	Thursday	5:30pm	Board of Directors	TBD
23 October	Saturday	Noon	Annual NL Coast Guard Picnic	Tybee Island Community Park
26 October	Tuesday	6pm	October Dinner Meeting BGEN Searcy GA Air Natl Guard	Hunter Club
02 November	Tuesday		ELECTION DAY	Your precinct
04 November	Thursday	5:30pm	Board of Directors	TBD
11 November	Thursday		VETERANS' DAY	
23 November	Tuesday	6pm	November Dinner Meeting Elections for year 2005 CAPT Rob Hawkins, USMC	Hunter Club
02 December	Thursday	5:30pm	Board of Directors	TBD
07 December	TBD	6pm	Pearl Harbor Day * U.S. Navy ship TBD	TBD
17 December	Friday	6pm	Christmas party Toys-for-Tots	Savannah Yacht Club



* Ship-board receptions are sponsored by the Council in cooperation with the ship's force and the City of Savannah. The Council provides beverages. Members attending are asked to bring finger-food or covered dishes. Guests are \$5.00 each.

CDR Peter Troedsson, USCG, Commander, Coast Guard Air Station Savannah (pictured left receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from President Robinson) was the speaker at the July meeting. He described the missions of the Air Station, the role of area Coast Guard personnel during the G-8 summit and the Coast Guard's expanded responsibilities assigned by the Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. Representative Max Burns (pictured right with Sea Cadets Antione Wilson, Jordan Hay and Nicklous Lee) was the speaker at the August meeting. Rep. Burns represents the 12th Congressional District. A few members expressed concern about a member of Congress speaking to the Navy League, but such appearances are consistent with the mission of the Navy League as described on the back page.

Rhumb Line. . . a straight line drawn on the navigation chart between two points.

We invited both Congressmen Jack Kingston and Max Burns to speak at the August meeting, but only Congressman Burns was able to come. He gave an excellent presentation on upcoming legislation and answered many questions from members. We will have Captain Timothy Lindstrom, Chief of Staff of Sub Group Ten, Kings Bay as our speaker at the September 28th meeting. For the October 26th meeting we will feature Retired Brigadier General William Searcy of Georgia's Air National Guard.

USS *Hawes*, a Navy frigate, will be in Port for OctoberFest. A reception is planned for Friday Evening, October 1st. USCG Cutter *Metompkin*, now in dry dock at Global Marine for repair, will be manned with her full complement in September and we promised the CO, Lt. Matt Carter a reception for him and his crew on Thursday afternoon, September 23rd on the grounds of the Coast Guard's Station Tybee. At this time we will also recognize the reservist serving these last 3 years at the Marine Safety Office. As you can see, we are going full steam ahead.

Hunter Army Air Field Gate Pass We have been attempting to simplify the procedure for entering Hunter AAF. Retired and discharged members of the military and their spouses are eligible for a DoD sticker. Vehicles with DoD stickers are not required to stop at the guard shack at the gate. To get a DoD sticker for your car, go to MP Headquarters during working hours (enter through the Stephenson Gate, go to the end and turn left. MP HQ is at the next bend in the road). You will be required to fill out and sign a form for each vehicle and to show driver's license, car registration, proof of insurance, and proof of military service. All others will still have to stop and get a 24-hour pass. Be sure to have drivers' licenses for everyone in the car, car registration and proof of insurance.

Help! Help! Help! Volunteers needed! We need a dedicated individual willing to fill the position of Commander of our Sea Cadets. Do you know of a recent Navy veteran serving as an excellent example in a leadership role to give the Sea Cadet Program one weekend a month. Please contact me if you know of such an individual. Our Board Member, Pam Harwood has volunteered to be the designate as the point-of-contact to public education and awareness matters. Our nominating committee has now been elected and may be calling on you to serve our organization. If you have any interest in serving on our Board of Directors please contact our Immediate Past President, John Findeis.

Membership Satisfaction Survey You will find a survey form with this issue. A similar survey form was passed out at our last meeting and 27 members returned the form. The results showed areas that need attention, but 27 people do not represent a consensus Please read it and complete it. It gives you, our valued members, an opportunity to grade our efforts and alert us to where we need to apply more of our attention. We value your input, promise to publish the results, and give those areas you have indicated needing more attention our full effort. Please complete the survey and turn it in at the September meeting to Hugh Robinson. We will have extra copies to fill out at the meeting if you forgot yours. Or, reproduce it from our web page where you will find it under "Member Survey".

.....Hugh L. Robinson, President

SOME NOTABLE EVENTS IN NAVAL HISTORY IN THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

31 October 1941 USS *Reuben James* sunk by German submarine U-552
 07 December 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 23-25 October 1944 Battles of Leyte Gulf
 05 November 1968 VADM Zumwalt launches Operation SEA LORDS in Vietnam (Swift Boats and PBRs)

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Class of 2004 (Ends 31 Dec 04)	Class of 2005	Class of 2006
Ray Cuthbertson	Gilbert Wells	James Chapman
Al Naismith (See note above)	Robert Cannon	Neil Bodenstein
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NOMINATIONS FOR 2005: The Nominating Committee met and presents the following slate of officers and directors:

President - Hugh Robinson
 1st Vice President - Betty McCarthy
 2nd Vice President - Gary Johnson
 3rd Vice President - Ed Robb
 Secretary - Betty Batta
 Treasurer - Ellen Snedeker
 Judge Advocate - Gwendolyn Waring

Directors for three year terms expiring 31 December 2007: Al Naismith, David Dix, Gene Buttell & Pat Lynch
 Elections will be held at the November meeting. John Findeis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

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MERCHANT MARINE NOTES

The American Flag Merchant Marine is one of the four Sea Services supported by the Navy League. VADM Albert Herberger, USN (Ret.) Chairs the Navy League's Merchant Marine/Maritime Industry Affairs Committee. Your editor serves on this committee, which will meet during the Navy League's Winter Meeting which will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway hotel in Arlington VA on 4-7 November (see this month's issue of *SeaPower* for details of the Winter Meeting).

The Short Sea Shipping Cooperative Program (SCOOP) will hold a meeting at the New York Hilton on 13 October during the Third Annual Short Shipping Conference which will be held on 13-15 October. Short Sea Shipping is an initiative of the U.S. Maritime Administration that was launched in October 2003 to support coastal shipping as a means of diverting some of the domestic freight now moving by truck on the coast Interstates (I-5, I-10 and I-95) to coastal ships. SDI is a founding member; your editor serves on the Legislation and Finance subcommittee.

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES was founded in 1902, with the support and encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. It is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization WITH Membership open to all patriotic Americans not on active military duty. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating our citizens, including our elected officials, and to supporting the men and women of the sea services (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US flag Merchant Marine). It has over 70,000 members world-wide, organized into 330 councils which, in turn, are organized by State and Region. Membership is two-tiered, National and Council. National headquarters are at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington VA 22201-3308. Telephone: 800-356-5760. Web site: www.navyleague.org *SeaPower*, the official publication of the Navy League, is published monthly; it is one of the benefits of membership.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

- We of the Navy League of the United States stand for a strong America — a nation morally, economically, and internally strong
- We support all Armed Services to the end that each may make its appropriate contribution to the national security.
- We believe that the security of our nation and of the people of the world demands a well-balanced, integrated, mobile American defense team, of which a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine are indispensable parts
- We know that in a free nation an informed public is indispensable to national security and, therefore, we will strive to keep
- the nation alert to dangers which threaten — both from without and within.
- We favor appropriations for each of the Armed Services, adequate for national security, economically administered
- We oppose any usurpation of the Congress's constitutional authority over the Armed Services.
- We urge that our country maintain world leadership in scientific research and development.
- We support industrial preparedness, planning, production.
- We support efforts of our government to achieve worldwide peace through international cooperation.
- We advocate a foreign policy which will avoid wars — if possible; if not, win them!