

# Support Activities and Special Events

Legislative Interaction –

Congressman Jack Kingston; Congressman John Barrow; Kathryn Murph – US Senator Chambliss' Staff; Jared Downs – US Senator Isakson's Staff



Jasper Green Ceremony

Submarine Birthday Ball – Jacksonville, FL

Coast Guard Picnic at Sand Gnats baseball game  
MK2 Sean Bretz throwing first pitch



Tour of EPNG's Elba Island LNG Terminal

Support – USCG Station Tybee, MSU and Aids to Navigation Team morale funds.

Savannah State University NROTC Spring Review

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

USMC 4th Landing Support Battalion Hunter AAF

Landings Marine Ball - Savannah

Hospice Savannah Veterans Support

Navy League South Atlantic Coast Regional Meeting Savannah, GA



Sea Cadets – Veterans Day Parade

Massing of the Colors

Savannah Council Toys for Tots Christmas Party

Sea Cadets Annual Inspection; Training with CG Reserve

Take a Soldier Fishing Tournament –  
USS *Alaska* crew



Veterans Day Golf Outing – USCG members

St Patrick's Day Parade Entry

USS *Alaska* Blue CO & Crew

USS *Samuel B. Roberts* Crew

USS *Whidbey Island* CO & Crew

USS *Alaska* Omaha Trophy Award Ceremony

USS *Alaska* Battle E Award Ceremony

USCG Captain of the Port Golf Tournament

Tall Ships Support

USCG Tunnel to Towers 5K Run

Maritime Logistics Education Taskforce (MLET) Support

Savannah Harbor Golf Outing – USS *Alaska* crew





2012

# YEAR in REVIEW



2012 was another great year for Savannah Navy League. Savannah Council members continued to expand our recognition of outstanding sea service members, and increase offerings for their enjoyment. Highlights include:

- For the first time, three separate ships' crews marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade – USS *Alaska* (SSBN 732) Blue, USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (FFG 58), and USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD 41).
- Almost 300 (adults + children) attended the biggest ever Coast Guard Night at the Sand Gnats picnic/ballgame.
- USS *Alaska* and local USCG members were treated to golf outings and a fishing tournament.
- Council members toured the Elba Island LNG Terminal as guests of El Paso Natural Gas.



These are just a few of the many opportunities Savannah Council members had last year to interact with our local sea services. The following pages summarize many more events that we enjoyed. With your support, we can look forward to another great year in 2013.

For more recent activities, see our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/nlsavannah](http://www.facebook.com/nlsavannah)

# Recognition Programs and Promotion Ceremonies

Savannah Council presented recognition awards for outstanding performance to members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and participants in the Sea Cadets, Navy NROTC, NJROTC and Marine Corps ROTC programs.

USS *Alaska* (SSBN 732)

USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (FFG 58)

USCG – Marine Safety Unit Savannah

USCG – Air Station Savannah

USCG – Station Tybee

USCG – Aids to Navigation Team Tybee Island

USMC - 4th Landing Support Battalion - HAAF

Naval Sea Cadets - Savannah Squadron

South Effingham High School NJROTC

Jenkins High School NJROTC

Johnson High School NJROTC

Savannah State University NROTC

LCDR Kailie Benson, Executive Officer, USCG Marine Safety Unit Savannah, promoted to Commander (CDR)

Chief Petty Officer Dale Pope, USCG Station Tybee, promoted to Warrant Officer (WO4)

BMCS Mark Adams, OIC USCG Station Tybee, Promoted to Master Chief (BMCM)

USS *Alaska* (SSBN 732) Chiefs Promotion Ceremony



# Ship Visits and Receptions

USS *Monterey* (CG 61)

USCGC *Eagle* (WIX 327)

USCGC *Penobscot Bay* (WTGB 107)

USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD 41)

USCGC *Bayberry* (WLI 65400)



# Change of Command Ceremonies

USS <i>Alaska</i> (SSBN 732) Blue	Kings Bay, GA
USCG Aids to Navigation Team	Tybee Island, GA
USCG Air Station Savannah	Savannah, GA
USN Submarine Squadron 20	Kings Bay, GA



## Guest Speakers

**COL Daniel H. Wilson, USMC**, Commanding Officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Confirmed that today's US Marine Corps is as smart, tough and dedicated now as ever.

**LTC Cory Sena**, Deputy Commanding Officer, Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield. Discussed the brigade's upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

**CDR Kevin Byrne, USN**, Commanding Officer, USS *Alaska* (SSBN 732) Blue, homeport Kings Bay, GA. Discussed ballistic missile submarine mission capabilities and a "typical week underway".

**U.S. Navy CAPT (Ret.) Tom Huff** on the past, present, and future of naval aviation.

**CDR Rob Williams, USN**, Commanding Officer, USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (FFG 58), homeport Mayport, FL. Discussed "Sammy B's" recent deployment to East Africa and the Indian Ocean.

**USMC GySgt (Ret.) Aulton Kohn**. Presentation detailing his experiences in Vietnam, and his role in Youth Leadership in Beaufort, S.C.

**COL James T. (Tom) Roberts, USA (Ret.)** Discussed political / cultural/ military developments in Iraq.



**Dr. Fran Bohnsack**, South Atlantic Gateway Director for the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD)



**LCDR Bill Strickland, USCG**, Assistant Operations Officer, USCG Air Station Savannah, and unit Instructor Pilot/Flight Examiner and Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWA) Aircraft Commander. He and crew were among the very first responders to arrive in Haiti after the devastating earthquake.



**Scott Yackel**, Chief Pilot, Chatham County Aviation Unit. His mission capabilities include SWAT, water rescues, and aerial law enforcement, in addition to mosquito control.

**Carlton Joyce, Sr.** presentation of the role of U.S. Navy forces during the D-Day Normandy invasion