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Vice President's Message



What a "WHIRLWIND" of a 3rd Quarter, 2013! We are very excited to see our Navy League Council growing. Our membership is growing; meeting attendance is up with no less than 80-90 people attending at each meeting. We even hit over 100 at the August meeting held/hosted by the USCG Air Station on Hunter! We had a fabulous tour of

the helicopters, all the life-saving equipment used in search and rescue, and much more! What "personal attention" was given to us by the crew!

Moving forward – we have a great new program rolling out to help our local Sea Services in accordance with our mission statement known as *Family Services*, which is

helping families while their loved ones are deployed or who have just relocated to our Savannah area. We're just starting, so ALL YOUR Comments and Suggestions are needed and welcomed! You asked "What can we do to help the military families?" We responded and now have the beginnings of our Family Services and are in need of YOUR assistance.

Watch for more news and details in our Constant Contact e-mails. These e-mails are special and designed as OUR NAVY LEAGUE's newest and greatest link of communication. You'll notice it by the Navy League Banner and its turquoise color. It contains lots of information to "catch your attention and respond." Look for it in your e-mails a couple times a week.

You ARE the BEST and with you, we will move on to a Fantastic Fourth Quarter!

Pat

October Speaker

Special Agent Jeff Jenkins, NCIS, Ret.



Our October 22 dinner speaker, Jeff Jenkins, is a recently retired Special Agent from the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) where he had a 28+ year career. Jeff is a native Savannahian and a graduate of Benedictine Military School. He has a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Armstrong Atlantic State University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the

University of South Carolina.

From the Washington Navy Yard where he began his civilian law enforcement career, he completed numerous assignments, most recently in Kings Bay, Georgia, and in Savannah, Georgia. At Kings Bay, Jeff was in charge of the NCIS office responsible for counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and criminal investigations/operations in the state of Georgia. During the last three years, he was the NCIS representative to Southeast Georgia Joint Terrorism

Task Force at FBI Savannah. He coauthored the Kings Bay Local Integrated Response Plan in support of National Security Presidential Directive 28, U.S. Nuclear Weapons Command and Control, Safety and Security.

Jeff will provide us with an overview of the NCIS mission to support the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps.



October 22nd
Dinner Meeting 5:45 pm,
Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center

11111 Abercorn St (across from Home Depot)

Reserve your seat today! Reservations are due no later than close of business on Friday, October 18th.

The cost is \$22 per person.

Please contact Aunette Shipes: SavFoxey@bellsouth.net
or call 912-330-0932 to reserve your place.

USS Alaska Earns Two Prestigious Awards

Savannah Navy League's adopted submarine, the USS *Alaska*, has won 2 important awards. The ship is the winner of the Captain Edward Ney Memorial Award and, for the second year in a row, has been awarded the Omaha Trophy.

The Ney Award is presented for outstanding food service. High-quality food prepared fresh daily by culinary specialists is one of the Navy's biggest morale boosters. In the submarine category, USS *Alaska* took first place, and USS *Maine* was runner-up. Evaluations are based on both surprise and scheduled inspections.



The Omaha Trophy, which is sponsored by the United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM), is awarded each year to the best ballistic missile submarine in the U.S. Navy. Selection for the award is based on formal evaluations, meritorious achievement, safety, and other factors, such as community involvement and humanitarian actions.

Attending these important recognition ceremonies were

Tom Latham, Pat Yovich, Bob Gephart, and Alan Yovich. Congratulations to "our" submarine. They work hard within a strong team environment – and it shows.

New Alaska Chief Petty Officer Pinned

Savannah Navy League had the honor of attending YNC Derrick Sinegals' Pinning Ceremony on 13 Sept, and celebrating his promotion to Chief Petty Officer.



Recognition of Alaska's High Performing Crew

Savannah Navy League's ongoing program of recognizing the USS *Alaska*'s superior performers on a quarterly and annual basis is important in the support of our 'adopted' submarine. Individual and total crew morale is strengthened when an outside group recognizes their good work. Also it gives our members an opportunity to see first hand how fortunate the country is to have such a valuable resource as this crew.

A recent visit was made by Tom Latham, Bob Gephart, Pat Yovich and Alan Yovich to recognize several sailors as either Sailor of the Quarter, Junior Sailor of the Quarter or Blue Jacket of the Quarter.

Recipients were: STSSN Ian Johnson, MM2 Justin Barr, MT1 Craig Courtney, FTSN John Suszynski, STS2 Daniel Duprez, and MM1 Matthew Dowdell.



JULY



The July 24 dinner meeting at Carey Hilliard's was a power-packed evening for all. During the business portion of the meeting, we happily welcomed The Marshes as our newest Community Affiliate; Minda Widich is leading that group's participation in Navy League functions. Our featured speaker was LTC Terry Stautberg, USMC (ret.), Senior Naval Science Instructor of the NJROTC at South Effingham High School. Several of the cadets added to the presentation with their comments concerning training and leadership opportunities in NJROTC. The dinner meeting was capped off with a rousing Happy Birthday for SCNL Director, Bob Tully, as he celebrated his 80th that evening.

AUGUST

Our August 27 meeting was a milestone event, as we were hosted by USCG Air Station Savannah at their facilities on Hunter Army Airfield. More than 100 Navy Leaguers attended this event, the highest attendance in some years. The Coasties outdid themselves with tours and presentations detailing their capabilities. The facilities and, even more so, the dedication and in-depth knowledge of the crew were just outstanding. CDR Greg Fuller completed the evening with

SEPTEMBER



On Tuesday, September 24, our monthly dinner meeting was held at Johnny Harris. Our guest speaker was CAPT Steve Gillespie, accompanied by his wife, Becca. CAPT Gillespie is Chief of Staff of

Submarine Group 10 at Kings Bay Naval Base, GA. CAPT Gillespie's presentation detailed the many varied missions assigned our Navy's submarine forces, with special attention to Kings Bay's squadrons, which include our adopted submarine, USS *Alaska* (SSBN 732). It was another pleasant evening, made more so as we were able to sing Happy Birthday to CAPT Gillespie as he celebrated his 38th that evening.



a presentation including videos of some of the heroic rescues his crews have performed. Savannah is truly blessed to have these men and women serving our country here.



U.S. Coast Guard News

Coast Guard Night at the Sand Gnats Game . . . Another Success!

Savannah Navy League's annual Coast Guard Night at the Sand Gnats was a roaring success again this year. On Wednesday, 7 August, over 210 Coast Guard personnel and their family members joined more than 45 Navy League members for a picnic dinner and ballgame at historic Grayson Stadium. AMT1 Jay Atkinson, Coast Guard Station Savannah's Sailor of the Quarter, threw out the first pitch. The Sand Gnats came out on the wrong end of the score, but it was still a fun night for all the Coasties and Navy Leaguers attending.

This year's Coast Guard Night at the Sand Gnats was made possible by financial support from **Georgia Ports Authority, International Paper – Savannah Mill, the Sand Gnats organization, and Savannah Navy League.**



Gnate gets a big hug!

Station Tybee Change of Command

Left to Right:
Charleston
Commander, CAPT
Mike White; arriving
Station Tybee OIC,
BMCS Ronald B.
McCready; and departing
OIC, BMCM
Mark W. Adams.



USCG Station Tybee received a new Officer in Charge on 11 July 2013, as Master Chief Mark Adams turned over the reins to Senior Chief Ronald McCready. CAPT Michael White, Commander, USCG Sector Charleston, presided at the ceremony and made note of the significant accomplishments achieved by Station Tybee during the last few years. Master Chief Adams left to assume OIC responsibility for a cutter in the Northwest. Senior Chief McCready is arriving from a small boat station in North Carolina.

Sailors of the Quarter

Savannah Navy League joined our local USCG units in recognizing their selected Sailors of the Quarter. We presented each of these Coasties with a gift catalog and a book from the Coast Guard's reading list. **These gifts are made possible by Navy League members' local dues and contributions.**

MARINE SAFETY UNIT
Left to Right: Savannah
Council Board
member, Bob Gephart;
MST2 Jesse Wallace,
a two-time SOQ;
Board member
Joe Tillman; and CDR
Joe Loring, Commanding
Officer.



AIR STATION
Left to Right:
Savannah Council
Board member,
Bob Gephart;
Sailor of the
Quarter, AMT1
Jay Atkinson; and
CDR Greg Fuller,
Commanding
Officer



STATION TYBEE
SN Christopher
Baldwin with Bob
Gephart and
BMC Douglas E.
Anglebrandt,
Executive Petty
Officer reading the
citation.

Savannah Navy League hosts Reception for the USCG Cutter Crew

Few ever knew . . . a USCG cutter came into dry dock at Savannah Marine Repair a few weeks ago. Up from Miami, the USCG Cutter *Sitkinak* arrived for repairs, and the crew was lodged at one of the airport hotels. Our illustrious member, Tom Wright, “found out,” and the rest is history.

Sav. Navy League went into action, pulled together a Ship’s Reception in a matter of a few days at Kevin Barry’s on River St., (18 Sept.), and invited the crew. 17 attended, including the Exec. Officer, LTJG Sarah (Katie) Slevada, who decided to acknowledge an award earner, Sailor of the Quarter, FN Luis Padilla. Yes, be proud; our Navy League did the same. L. Padilla was presented with a Ribbon Gift Album and a book (to read in his spare time!) by Tom Latham. The crew surprised our



Savannah Navy League with a beautifully framed photo of the USCGC *Sitkinak* signed by each of the crew members!

A memorable time was had by all! Thank you to our 20-some members who came out to give a warm welcome to the crew! And THANK YOU to those that pulled it all together. What TEAMWORK, Joe Tillman, Tom and Lynn Wright, Tom Latham, and Pat Yovich.

Marine Safety Unit Family Day

On Saturday, August 17, a number of Savannah Navy Leaguers were guests at a USCG Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Savannah Family Day at the Tybee Island American Legion Post #154 to help celebrate Coast Guard Birthday Month. It’s a real treat to visit with these Coast Guard families. Kids enjoyed face painting, balloons, and an inflatable playground. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin’s were prepared by the Coasties, and a Coast Guard Birthday cake topped it off. Navy Leaguers enjoyed the food, fun, and fellowship with these patriots and their families.



Charleston Sector Change of Command

Savannah Navy League members traveled to Charleston, SC, on July 12 for a USCG Sector Charleston Change of Command ceremony held on the aircraft carrier, USS *Yorktown*. Outgoing Sector Charleston Commander (which we are a part of), Captain Michael White, Jr., was relieved by Captain Ric Rodriguez (and his lovely wife, Christine). We extended an invitation on behalf of our Savannah Navy League to have them as “guests” at our October meeting to get to know each and every one of you AND again as the Guest Speaker the early part of 2014!



Left: Maj. Gen. James Livingston, USMC (Ret.), Medal of Honor Recipient and Alan Yovich, who served in Vietnam at the same time. In the Medal of Honor Room Display aboard *Yorktown*, a recap of the General’s Marine Corps career and Medal of Honor details are displayed.



Dinner Meeting Schedule

NOTE that our 2013 Dinner Meetings are rotating between Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center and Johnny Harris Banquet Center on the following schedule:

Oct 22, 5:45pm Carey Hilliard's
 Nov 19, 5:45 pm` Carey Hilliard's
 Dec 13, 5:30-7:30 pm Christmas Party at
 Billy's Place (McDonough's Pub)
 20 E. Perry Street
 in Historic Downtown
 Savannah 912-234-0899
Reservations Required



Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center is located at 11111 Abercorn St. Ext.

Johnny Harris Banquet Center is located at 1701 East Victory Drive



NOTE: Regular Monthly MEETING RECEPTION TIME is now 5:45 pm. Please keep this schedule handy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Savannah Council Election of Officers and Directors

The following candidates have agreed to stand for election to council positions. Officers are elected for a term of one (1) year. Directors are elected for a term of three (3) years. This election will be conducted at the November 19 dinner meeting at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center at 11111 Abercorn St. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that meeting, so long as the nominee has agreed in advance to fill the position.

Title / Function	Name
President	Pat Yovich
1st Vice President.....	Mick McCay
2nd Vice President	Joe Tillman
Vice President	Jeff Zureick
Vice President	Larry Maurer
Vice President Legislative Affairs	Tom Wright
Judge Advocate.....	Ed Robb
Treasurer	Cliff Angers
Secretary	Larry Sprague
Director – Class of 2016	Gayle Engle
Director – Class of 2016	O. C. Fowler
Director – Class of 2016	Craig Maggioni

Pearl Harbor Remembrance 12/1



Our council will again sponsor the **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration** this year. At this ceremony, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and honor all those who selflessly served our nation at home and abroad during World War II.

This is the tenth year that we have sponsored this event, and it has grown in popularity every year. The first few years, there were 30 to 40 people in attendance, and the last 3 years we have had 200 plus at the event.

The annual remembrance event will take place at the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st. There will be readings, music, and a tribute to Pearl Harbor survivors and WWII veterans. Other events include a Twenty-one Gun Salute, Two-Bell Ceremony, and presentation of a Flower Wreath. Our principal speaker will be a currently serving senior Naval Officer.

This ceremony is cosponsored by the Savannah Council of the Navy League of the United States and the Fleet Reserve Association. There is no charge and reservations are not required. We hope you will plan to attend and be sure to invite friends and relatives.

Contact Gary Johnson at 912-644-7220 for more information or e-mail gary.john@comcast.net

2013 Treasurer's Report

Through Three Quarters

Cliff Angers, Treasurer

Total **revenue** for the first nine months of this year was \$32,297. This number includes \$8,700 in grants and corporate contributions. We are very appreciative of the generosity of these partners:

► **City of Savannah** ► **Georgia Ports Authority**, and our newest contributors, ► **International Paper** (USCG Sand Gnat Picnic partial sponsor) and ► **Pro Bass Fishing**.

We hope that we can add to this list of corporate supporters as we go forward. Please pass on to the Board any help and/or suggestions that you, our members, have in this endeavor.

Also included in our income is \$16,036 in special event revenue, primarily from the MSU golf tournament and our very successful sales of Savannah Navy League logo merchandise.

Total **expenses** for this period were \$28,555, which resulted in a net gain of \$3,742.

Our **cash position** at the end of September was \$22,529.

Parris Island USMC Recruit Depot Excursion

On Friday, August 2, several Savannah Navy Leaguers made an early morning trip to USMC – Parris Island to witness the graduation of over 400 new United States Marines. Dan Drake organized the event. Dan arranged for us to be escorted by a USMC Drill Instructor, so we had nice seats for the graduation parades and ceremony, complete with the USMC Marching Band. At the end of the ceremony, many of us joined families and friends in congratulating the newest Marines. Later, we visited the Parris Island Marine Corps Museum, which is remarkable in itself. Before leaving, we enjoyed a great lunch in the Parris Island Dining Facility – quite a contrast to the mess halls many of us remember!



Savannah Council Merchandise

Support Your Council! Holiday Sales!

Thanks to the Savannah Navy League (SNL) membership for a successful season of Logo Merchandise Sales. Members proudly wearing their logo products at SNL meetings, events, and throughout the community have increased SNL awareness in Savannah. Merchandise sales also help our mission in supporting the men and women who faithfully serve in the various Sea Services.



As the upcoming holiday season arrives, let's fill those Christmas gift lists with SNL Logo Merchandise products. Great gift ideas for men, women, children, friends, and family members are:

- Logo Baseball Caps
- Men's and Ladies Jackets (Navy)
- Men's and Ladies Regular Polo Shirt (Navy and White)
- Men's and Ladies Dri-Fast Shirt (Navy and White)
- Ladies elegant Shirts (Navy and White)
- Logo Tote Bags, Umbrellas Small and Large (Navy)
- Savannah Navy League Gift Certificates

(Special Note: Sizes for all apparel range from extra small to 3XXXL and will be offered at one price! Payment is not required until the orders are received and approved by the member.)

All items can be ordered through Bruce and Ann Ellis at upcoming dinner meetings and/or just call or e-mail us. Contact info: e-mail address baellis60@gmail.com or call (912) 660-5125.

Finally, wear those logos proudly on Veterans Day!

Joe Tillman Receives Award



Savannah Navy League's Joe Tillman was recognized at a Veterans Council meeting for his outstanding work organizing the "Take a Soldier Fishing" tournament that benefits the Wounded Warrior program. Joe was presented with a significant monetary award by Bass Pro Fishing, which was donated to the Savannah Navy League. Joe's continuing organization of golf and other events benefiting all military branches is an example we can all aspire to.

Savannah Council's Bob Cutler is 2013 Veteran of the Year

Savannah Navy League is happy to announce that one of our own, Bob Cutler, LCDR, USCG (Ret.) has been selected as the 2013 VETERAN OF THE YEAR by the Chatham Council Veterans' Council. Congratulations to Bob on this well deserved recognition

Massing of the Colors

The annual Massing of the Colors will be at Savannah Christian Church, 9150 Old Montgomery Rd, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3. Mark your calendars and make plans to support this inspirational and patriotic service. This is a change of location from previous years.

We are back at Billy's Place for our Navy League Christmas Party on December 13th.

\$28 per person Please contact Aunette Shipes:
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or call 912-330-0932 to reserve your place.

2013 Officers & Directors

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O.C. Fowler	Bruce Ellis
Gary Johnson	Bob Tully
John Innes	

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The full-color printed edition of the *Savannah Steamer* is published quarterly. Additional news to the members is posted via emails and updates to the Savannah Council's website and Facebook page.

The Savannah Council of the Navy League is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

Upcoming Events

October 13		U. S. Navy Birthday
October 21		Golf Tournament with USS <i>Alaska</i> Team at Westin Resort
October 22	5:45 PM	Dinner Meeting at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center
October 24	10:00 AM	50 Year Anniversary Celebration for USCG Air Station Savannah at USCG Air Station Savannah on HAAF
October 24	6:00 PM	Coast Guard Foundation reception honoring USCG Air Station Savannah's 50 Year Anniversary at Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
November 5	5:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting – USCG Air Station HAAF
November 8		Veterans' Golf Tournament at HAAF
November 10		U. S. Marine Corps Birthday
November 11		Veterans Day Parade with Sea Cadets
November 19	5:45 PM	Dinner Meeting at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Center ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
December 1	2:00 PM	Pearl Harbor Commemoration at Mighty 8 TH Museum
December 3	5:45 PM	Board of Directors Meeting - USCG Air Station HAAF
December 13	5:30 PM	Christmas Party at Billy's Place at McDonough's

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