



# CONGRESS 2009

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**Join us 13-18 October**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, on the Downtown Riverfront**

***While in Jacksonville Discover World Class Art, Cultural, Entertainment, Shopping & Leisure Activities***

**The Cummer Museum of Arts & Gardens**

The largest fine art museum in Northeast Florida. Noted for Old Master and American paintings, beautiful formal gardens and renowned collection of Meissen porcelain. National award-winning art education center enhances the cultural experience of more than 150,000 visitors annually.

<http://www.cummer.org/>



**Saturday visit the Riverside Arts Market**

Since its grand opening on Saturday, April 4th, 2009, the Riverside Arts Market (RAM) has introduced an amazing new arts and entertainment venue to Northeast Florida. Unprecedented in size and scope, RAM provides a dependable marketplace for artists to sell their creations weekly, as well as providing family

[www.riversideartsmarket.com](http://www.riversideartsmarket.com)



**Stroll along San Marco Square**

Discover incredible dining of every kind, upscale clothing boutiques and sensational art galleries. Theatre Jacksonville, the oldest community theatre in the country dating back to 1938, is also located within the square. Don't miss the San Marco fountain of lions that reflect the neighborhood's association with the Venice, Italy business district!



**A full array of leisure activities can be found on our 2009 Congress**

**Visit Jacksonville Micro-site at:**

**<http://www.visitjacksonville.com/nous>**

**During the Congress a Visit Jacksonville leisure time representative will be located at the Crowne Plaza to assist you with all your leisure needs**

## Naval Order of the United States Congress 2009 15-17 October Program Highlights

### Wednesday, 14 October 2009

0830 – 1645 Congress Registration Desk Open – Lobby  
0900 – 1630 Meetings throughout the day  
1100 – 1530 Optional - Bus trip to St. Augustine - two hour inner harbor schooner ride w/ sandwich & beverages (\$50@)  
1650 – 1845 Mini bus ride out to *Fleet Landing* Community for Reception  
2000 – 2200 Hospitality Suite Open (Room 330)

### Thursday, 15 October 2009

0800 - 0930 Congress Registration Desk Open – Lobby.  
0930 - 1015 Formal Opening Ceremonies - Welcome to Jacksonville by Mayor John Peyton  
1030 - 1130 General Session - Committee reports  
1200 - 1345 Luncheon – Luncheon Speaker - Captain David Poyer, USN (Ret.)  
1400 - 1510 General Session  
1520 - 1630 Presentation by Captain David Poyer, USN (Ret.) - "*The State of the American Sea Novel Today*"  
1800 - 1945 Commander General's Welcome Reception  
2030 - 2230 Hospitality Suite Open (Room 330)

### Friday, 16 October 2009

0830 Commander General Calls Congress to Session  
0840 - 0940 Civil War Naval History - author David Poyer (author of the *Civil War at Sea* series) & Billy Ray Morris, III, underwater Archeologist w/ diving adventures on *CSS Virginia* & *CSS Alabama*  
0950 – 1020 "*St. Augustine Light House*" - Ms. Kathy Fleming  
1030 – 1120 "*Top Ten Moments in Jacksonville History – an Overview*" - Ms. Emily Liska, Jacksonville Historical Society  
1120 - 1130 *USS C.F. Adams (DDG-2)* Historic Naval Ship Museum Project - Mr. Bert Watson  
1200 - 1345 Admiral George Dewey Award Luncheon (co-sponsored by area Navy League Councils) w/ National Navy League President & First Coast Commandery Companion Mike McGrath Admiral Dewey Award Presentation.  
1400 - 1440 RADM Jay DeLoach, USNR (Ret.), Director, Naval History & Heritage Command  
1445 - 1520 Dr. Bill Dudley, Naval Order Historian General "*The US Navy in Jacksonville in WW I and WW II*"  
1520 - 1715 Free time to visit a USCG Cutter across the River; tour Jacksonville Maritime Museum, Museum of Science and History (*walking distance*) or visit the Jacksonville Landing, (take water taxi or *Jax Skyway* or walk across the Main Street Bridge) and then take Riverside Trolley to the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens  
1730 - 2230 Optional Event - St. John's River cruise on the new *Princess II* - dinner, Jacksonville Symphony - Orchestra Seats; water taxi back to Hotel - \$85@; Or dinner on your own  
2100 - 2330 Hospitality Suite Open (Room 330)

### Saturday, 17 October 2009

0830 Commander General Calls Congress to Back to Session  
0840 – 0940 2009 – 2011 National Elections  
1000 – 1110 "What do Maritime Historical Organizations Have to Offer in the Twenty-First Century?" Panel Moderator RADM George Huchting, USN (Ret.) with RADM Jay DeLoach, USNR (Ret.) Director, Naval History & Heritage Command; Mr. Michael McGrath, National President Navy League of the United States; Mr. Clarence King, National Commander, American Legion; Mr. Paul Ghiotto, Curator, Jacksonville Maritime Museum, National Park Service Law Enforcement Officer (Ret.)  
1145 – 1330 2009 LCDR Lee Douglas Memorial Luncheon – Outstanding Commandery Award Presentation – by Commander General - Guest Speaker: G.W. "Bill" Reynolds, III, PhD "*Jetty Man – Mayport the 50s*"  
1345 – 1615 Optional – Drive out to Ft. Caroline National Monument with First Coast Commandery Companions to meet National Park Service Officer for tour  
1345 – 1715 Afternoon Free  
1800 – 1900 Distinguished Sea Service Award Reception  
1900 – 2200 DSSA Formal Banquet - Color Guard provided by CDR Tim Cooper, USN, CO *USS Constitution*; Admiral William Fallon, USN, (Ret.) is the 2009 DSSA Honoree Captain Greg Streeter, USN (Ret.) of Jacksonville will assume duties as Commander General of the Naval Order  
2215 - 2330 Hospitality Suite Open (Room 330)