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RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

SUMMER LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY JUNE 21 AT WILLOW OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

Richmond Marine Terminal (RMT), formerly known as the Port of Richmond, is one of six terminals that comprise the Port of Virginia.

Ships quietly enter and leave the Richmond Marine Terminal on a daily basis and most of our residents have to be reminded occasionally that Richmond, VA has its own port. RMT, known as Deepwater Terminal, is visible from I-95, yet it goes largely unnoticed.

In the 1960's, the Port of Richmond was known primarily as a livestock port. Cattle and hog pens (and their distinctive odors) were vast on the grounds of the port. In 2023, the livestock is gone, replaced with ocean containers, breakbulk freight, and barges from Hampton Roads.

The Richmond Marine Terminal has the distinction of being a Teamsters Union port, instead of the International Longshoremen's Association, which has allowed it to remain active (and even busier) during ILA strikes.

GUEST SPEAKER



**THOMAS G. CROSS
DIRECTOR, STATE & LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
PORT OF VIRGINIA**

Richmond should not be allowed to keep its secrets. We have a major transportation facility within minutes of drive-time, yet we know little about it. As an organization that supports our nation's Merchant Marine, we owe it to ourselves to learn more about our robust enterprise. Our keynote speaker, Tom Cross, Director of State and Local Government Affairs for the Port of Virginia, will share Richmond's "secret" with us. *z*

SUMMER LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

DATE: Wednesday 21 June 2023

TIME: 11:30 AM Registration
12:00 PM Luncheon
12:45 PM Program

COST: \$ 25.00 per person

PLACE: Willow Oaks Country Club
6228 Forest Hill Ave
Richmond, VA 23225

Reservation Deadline for SUMMER LUNCHEON: To be received by Wednesday JUNE 14, 2023

****Refund Policy 2023: Cancellations will be accepted & checks returned UP TO and INCLUDING the "deadline date****

RESERVATIONS FOR SUMMER LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY JUNE 21, 2023

Name: _____ Tel: _____ email: _____

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Regular meal served **unless** special meal is indicated (please circle): 1 OR 2 Veggie Meal(s)

Total # of Res. _____ @ \$ 25.00 per person Enclosed: \$ _____

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Adam J. "Jay" Fiedler, M.D.



It is that time of the year when area high school JROTC units present awards to their outstanding cadets. The Richmond Council participates with the schools in this endeavor. Presenting an award to the Top Cadet is always rewarding to the recipient, but also for the Navy League Liaison making the presentation.

Our Summer activities are heating up:

- The Parade of Sail at Norfolk Harborfest, June 9th
- Summer Luncheon, June 21, featuring Thomas G. Cross, Director State & Local Affairs at the Port of Virginia.
- Family & Friends Summer Picnic, July 15. There will be a door prize, and a gift raffle. In addition, raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1000.00 cash will be available (see Vaughan Dize at the raffle table to purchase a ticket); drawing will be held at our Sea Services Luncheon in October. Please sign up so we can give Mission BBQ a head count.

We look forward to seeing you at these events! 🍷

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

ENTRAPMENT SYNDROME –

In medicine, there are several nerve entrapment syndromes such as carpal tunnel syndrome and others. When a nerve gets compressed by the surrounding bone and soft tissues, it causes symptoms such as loss of sensation, numbness, and an odd painful sensation called dysesthesia, along with loss of function, and atrophy. The remedy for this is a procedure called entrapment release in which a surgeon opens the bony and soft tissues and releases the entrapped nerve.

While thinking about this recently, it seems to me that there are also spiritual entrapment syndromes as well. The Bible says that, as followers of Christ, we are to be in the world, but not of the world. I often hear people say they do not recognize our culture today. It seems the world has turned upside down, where good is called evil and evil is called good.

If we allow the worldly culture to press in around us, we can become entrapped in such a way that we become insensitive (numb), painfully excluded (canceled), and feel powerless (loss of function, atrophy) to know how to respond.

The Bible talks about how our beliefs can be based on either truth or falsehood. If a belief is based on a falsehood, it's based on a deception, which is like the soft tissue pressing on the nerve. The Biblical remedy is also a release by the truth in the Word of God (the Sword of Truth, i.e., God's scalpel) which releases us from the deception of falsehood.

So, if we have become insensitive, painfully excluded, and powerless to respond, let us seek the Great Physician, whose Sword of Truth will give us the confidence to avoid evil and to know what is good, allowing us to live with the assurance of God's way. 🍷

WELCOME ABOARD !

The Richmond Council Navy League is proud to welcome you as a member. In the weeks ahead, when you attend one of our Navy League events, please let the person at the registration desk know that you are a new member attending your first function.

NEW MEMBER

Keith Feitig



Council Director & Liaison, George Feitig, presents Highland Springs High School MCJROTC Cadet Staff Sergeant, Duane Gary, with the Cadet of the Year Award.



Goochland High School Marine Cadet, Joshua Usry, has recently been accepted to the Coast Guard Academy. Congratulations!

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George L. Feitig, Jr.

**COME JOIN US FOR A FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC
SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023
FROM 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 354
4800 WELBY TURN, MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23113**



The Richmond Navy League Council 2023 Picnic will take place Saturday, July 15 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at American Legion Post 354. The Summer Picnic **is free** for Navy League members, family and friends. Last year the Summer Picnic drew about 70 participants.

Post 354 is located on five acres of land along the bank of the James River and provides a beautiful private setting for all kinds of indoor and/or outdoor events. The address for Post 354 is 4800 Welby Turn, Midlothian, VA 23219, in Chesterfield County off Robious Road (Rt. 711), about two miles west of Chesterfield Towne Center. More information about Post 354 can be found at their website <https://www.americanlegion354.com/>

The site includes a main building with a large meeting hall and an outdoor patio, with bench seating, and a panoramic view of the James River. Also, outside there are two covered pavilions with 37 picnic tables. The site has over 300 spots for parking. Options for group activity include: cornhole, volleyball, horseshoes, badminton and fishing along the riverbank (license required).

Mission BBQ (<https://mission-bbq.com/virginia/richmond/>) will be catering the picnic for the Navy league. Mission BBQ has a long history of supporting Navy League events. Mission BBQ will be serving pork and chicken BBQ, macaroni & cheese, beans, a desert tray, tea and lemonade.

A 15-minute historical overview, Richmond Navy League 65 Years of Service 1957-2022, will be presented in the main building after lunch is served. There will be a drawing for a free Mission Bar-B-Que gift basket and a \$50 Wawa Gas Gift Card at \$5 a ticket. We will also be selling \$20 raffle tickets for a \$1,000 gift certificate. The drawing for the gift certificate will take place at our Fall Sea Service Luncheon on October 11. The proceeds from the Raffle will be used to support our adopted ships/units, care packages for deployed personnel, the Sea Cadets and our nine Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please complete the Summer Picnic Registration Form, to allow us to provide an attendance estimate for the caterer. Your Summer Picnic registration must be received by July 1. **Please send your registration form by US mail to P.O. Box 11201, Richmond, Virginia 23230, or email your registration to the Navy League Office at navyleaguerichmond@comcast.net or telephone us at (804) 355-7557.** If you have any questions, please email us or give us a call. **(Family & Friends Picnic continued on page 4)** 🍷



**Richmond Navy League Summer Picnic Registration Form
Saturday, July 15, 2023
American Legion Post 354
4800 Welby Turn, Midlothian, VA 23219**

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2023

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Number of people in your group: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Suggestions for group activities or other suggestions: _____

**Please return form to: Richmond Navy League
P.O. Box 11201 - Richmond, VA 23230
Phone: 804-355-7557 Fax: 804-355-8788**

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ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

(Note: these reports may be edited to fit space available)



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)
CO: CAPT Errol A. Robinson
XO: CDR Anthony T. Bryant
CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

George L. Feitig, Jr., Liaison
Dennis Biggs, Ass't Liaison

USS NORMANDY, returned from a Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) with Carrier Strike Group TWELVE alongside **USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN-78)**, **USS McFAUL (DDG-74)**, **USS RAMAGE (DDG-61)**, and **USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG-116)**. The crew began their Pre-overseas Movement with a well-deserved leave period to see family, friends, and loved ones. During staggered leave periods, work as usual was still going on around the deck plates. **NORMANDY** had a routine Continuous Maintenance Availability this month, fine tuning equipment and completing preservation throughout the ship. The crew worked diligently the entire month, to accomplish all scheduled repairs and support all contracted work. **NORMANDY** received mess line and galley equipment upgrades, that will benefit the crew throughout deployment. While maintenance and preservation were the highlight of the month, **NORMANDY** Bridge and Combat Information Center teams executed Bridge Resource Management Training, to refine skills in Navigation and Seamanship. This training opportunity led by Commanding Officer, CAPT Errol Robinson, fortified his standards and allowed the teams to hone their skills, to maintain the standard of excellence in which all U.S. Naval Vessels are expected to operate. ✍

Very Respectfully,
LTJG Elizabeth Armstrong, PAO, USN



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)

CO: CDR Brad A. Fancher
XO: CDR Steven E. Grey
CMC: CMDCM Adam Singleton

Pat Robson, Liaison



Greetings Richmond Navy League!

CARTER HALL has been staying busy with pre-deployment work ups, including various exercises that challenge us to sharpen our skills and getting into our battle rhythm with the 26th MEU and the rest of the entities that make up the BATARG (Batan Amphibious Ready Group). As part of these exercises **CARTER HALL** performed a Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP) at sea.

Especially noteworthy, recently **CARTER HALL's** Supply Department was awarded the Logistics Readiness Excellence Award for FY '22 from Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic (SURFLANT).

CARTER HALL's Operations Weapons Department Sailors were awarded with Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, for their performance during Her Air Warfare and Surface Warfare certifications, through live fire demonstrations from Crew Served Weapons, MK 38 25MM Light Weight Gun Systems, and 20MM PHALANX Closed in Weapons Systems.

CARTER HALL also recently held a promotion ceremony for one of our officers, Jacob Seelman, promoting him from Ensign to Lieutenant Junior Grade, and congratulating him on a job well done!

The **CARTER HALL** crew wishes to

extend its gratitude for the ongoing support of the Richmond Navy League! ✍

Very Respectfully,
Chaplain Jerry Ireland, USN



USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Hunter D. Washburn
XO: CDR Brian C. Sanchez
CMC: CMDCM Dion C. Dupree

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

USS GRAVELY in port. Report pending. ✍



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Andrew Dennelly
XO: LCDR Elizabeth Tufts
COB: MKC Alan Kinney

Report from Vaughan F. Dize, Liaison

On May 25, 2023, Council's Liaison, Vaughan Dize, presented the Coast Guardsman of the Year Award to DC2 John A. Deviese.

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USCGC Northland cont. from page 5

NORTHLAND's deployment has been pushed back to July 3rd. Deployment is due to end August 8th. (subject to change).

NORTHLAND took extensive damage on their last deployment by a storm off Hatteras, returning home. The storm wiped out the railings around the bridge and they lost lifesaving equipment. The flight deck that was installed in December has to be replaced. The Galley is down due to a leaking grease trap. Cooks had to have meals delivered from local restaurants. ✍



USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912)
CO: CDR Jeremy M. Greenwood
XO: LCDR Brian A. Baffer
COB: BMC Cody Johnson

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison
Thomas A. Jennings, Ass't Liaison

Following a routine inport maintenance period, **CGC LEGARE** shifted colors and got underway, to help keep our nation's Coast Guard Semper Paratus. Furthermore, we received nine Cadets from the prestigious U.S. Coast Guard Academy, for their summer training program and five shipmates from the disbanded crew of a sister cutter, **USCGC SPENCER**, which is entering a scheduled, year-long drydock period for mid-service life upgrades.

Additionally, we said farewell to a few shipmates, heading to a buoy tender in Alaska, communication schoolhouse for initial training. One was hand-selected for the one and only U.S. military's operational tall ship, the **BARQUE EAGLE**. These opportunities were only possible due to proactive deck-plate leadership, to prepare the individuals for higher responsibilities.

The first few days of the deployment were spent renewing the cutter's aviation certification which consisted of many landing and fueling evolutions with H60 Jayhawks from nearby Air Station Elizabeth City. Certification concluded with a successful Crash-On-Deck drill. **LEGARE** proved to be mission ready and after a day full of suc-

cessful flight operations, **LEGARE** steamed forward to deployment.

While in transit, many crewmembers received OC Pepper Spray training to ensure they could receive initial qualifications. They participated in the initial round of Damage Control and Navigation drills, to prepare all-hands from well-known maritime catastrophes, and to protect individual crewmembers, as well as the safety of the cutter.

Unfortunately, **LEGARE** will not be participating in the New York City's 2023 Fleet Week as initially planned, due to operational needs. However, the crew will be challenged with the core

service missions from search and rescue among many other. Unlike the other military services, the Coast Guard has demanding operations even in peacetime, and this is an example of that need for a sudden switch. As the crew shifts from restoring the bunting and ceremonial flags, to preparing the decks for operations, it is fitting for **LEGARE's** motto "*Facta Non Verba*" (Deeds not Words), as the hull and crew is always ready for the needs of the country. ✍

Very Respectfully,
XO Brian A. Baffer



On May 1, 2023, Council Directors & ship Liaison's, Tom Hassell and Tom Jennings, presented USCGC LEGARE deployment dollars and goodies for the crew before going out on deployment. Pictured above from L to R: Tom Hassell, ENS (now LTJG) Kreischer, ENS (now LTJG) Ulrich, Command Chief Johnson and Tom Jennings.

To paraphrase CO Jeremy Greenwood, who recently expressed in a letter to the Navy League, "the 'donated deployment boxes' will greatly contribute to making life onboard more comfortable. Moreover, your donation of gift cards to the Ship's Store will be an amazing way to reward crewmembers for jobs well done and as prizes for morale game nights!"



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