



## NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES RICHMOND, VIRGINIA COUNCIL

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### Anchor Club Donations

In February of 2008, Richmond Council Navy League's Past President and longest-standing active member, Ed Gibbons, founded the *Anchor Club*. Ed, himself a Marine, got the idea from the Marine Corps League's *Leatherneck Club* to which he also belonged. The idea was to offer Council members the opportunity to go above and beyond the call of duty by contributing additional financial support for the mission to support our Sea Services and Youth Programs. By the end of 2008, there were 104 members of the *Anchor Club*. Since that time, annual membership has exceeded over 100 members every year.

The history of donations to the Anchor Club demonstrates a continuing commitment of our members to support the sea services. From 2008 to 2022, members donated \$192,823 to the Anchor Club, an average of \$12,855 per year. In 2022, 128 members donated \$15,496. Though the minimum donation to the Anchor Club is \$100, many of our members donate more than \$100. There are 23 members who have donated \$100 or more every year from 2008-2022.

Our Anchor Club donations are our primary source for supporting our adopted ships and units, care packages, Sea Cadets and nine high school JROTC programs in the Richmond area. From 2012-2022 we provided \$87,804 in support to our adopted ships, units and mailed care packages to deployed personnel. We also provided \$50,830 in support to the America Division Sea Cadets and \$10,989 to our Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units.

Anchor Club donations can be made by check or credit card directly to The Richmond Council. The Membership Brochure can be used to make this donation.

Council's  
Adopted ships



USS NORMANDY (CG 60)



USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50)



USS GRAVELY (DDG 107)



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904)



USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912)