

RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

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As the Army's national landmark, the National Army Museum is an enduring effort to tell the Army's story and honor the accomplishments, sacrifices and commitment of American Soldiers. The Museum is the first comprehensive and truly national museum to capture, display and interpret over 245 years of Army history. The Museum brings to life that history in times of war and peace as told through the eyes of Soldiers. The Museum also offers educational experiences illustrating the Army's role in building and defending our nation, humanitarian missions and technological and medical breakthroughs built on Army ingenuity. (continued on page 3)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patrick D. Harris



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN 2023

In December you will be receiving your 2023 dues Renewal Notice from the Richmond Navy League Council. We hope that you will renew your commitment so that we can continue to support the Sea Services, Youth programs and other activities. Unfortunately, like many other non-profit organizations, our membership has been declining. We currently have 200 members. We would like to increase our membership by 50 new members during the coming year. That is an ambitious goal but if every member would recruit just one new member, we would double our membership.

New members bring additional funding resources but more importantly they also bring a variety of experiences and interests that can help advance the mission of the Navy League. More members will also provide us a larger pool of individuals to support our events and

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activities.

A trip to the Blue Angels Air Show or a portside visit to one of our adopted ships are likely to be first time experiences for most new members.

A list of many of the events that we have planned for 2023 is listed below. Included in this agenda are new events and activities and others that we have not supported for many years including a trip to the new National Museum of the Army at Fort Belvoir in February. We are also reaching out to our four adopted ships to see if we can schedule some cruises or portside visits.

If you have any suggestions to recruit new members or other ideas to boost the Navy League, please share them with me or any other Board member. We look forward to your continued support and involvement in the Richmond Navy League Council in 2023.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

THE PROMISE

Before the foundation of the Earth, God developed His plan for His people:

Your eyes saw my unformed body, all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139: 16)

He also said through the Prophet Jeremiah:

For I know the plans (purpose) I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (destiny). (Jeremiah 29:11)

God's plan was to give His people the freedom to choose, but He hoped that they would choose to follow His way. *It didn't take long before His people were deceived and chose evil.* (Genesis 3)

God then formed a plan to redeem His people. This plan began with God making a promise to a man named Abram. As a result of that promise, His name was changed to Abraham, meanIng, 'father of all multitude, and he would become the father of many nations. About 1700 years later, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was born in Bethlehem of the lineage of Abraham.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let us realize that the plan that God developed before the foundation of the Earth was that we all, like Abraham, receive a call from God to fulfill the purpose/destiny for which we were created. When we lose our way, we need to consult the One Who created us, and He will get us back on the path of His way.

And that's a Promise!

2023 EVENT AND ACTIVITY AGENDA - RICHMOND NAVY LEAGUE

Listed below are our plans for events and activities in 2023. Please note that some events and dates have not been finalized and are marked with an asterisk.

• January 25 - Annual Membership Meeting, Willow Oaks Country Club

• February 23 - National Museum of the United States Army, Fort Belvoir

• March 29 - Spring Luncheon, Willow Oaks Country Club

• April* - Amphibious Base Little Creek/Assault Craft Unit 2 visit, Norfolk

• June*- Harborfest/Tall Ships, Norfolk

• June 21 - Summer Luncheon, Willow Oaks Country Club

• July* - Navy League Family & Friends Summer Picnic, American Legion Post 354/Midlothian

• August* - USS Wisconsin and Nauticus visit, Norfolk

• September* - Blue Angels Air Show, Virginia Beach

• September* - Golf Outing, Hollows Golf Club

• October*- Fall Sea Service Luncheon, Willow Oaks Country Club

• November* - National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico

• December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance, Virginia War Memorial

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

LT Rizwan Bilgrami

SPONSOR

John A. Harler, .M.D.

National Museum of the U.S. ARMY Ft. Belvoir, VA continued from front page

The construction and maintenance of a national museum of this scale was and is a massive undertaking. The Museum is a joint effort between the U.S. Army and the nonprofit, <u>The Army Historical Foundation</u>. The U.S. Army designated the Army Historical Foundation as the official fundraiser to support the building's construction on federal land—an 84-acre site at Fort Belvoir, Va.

While a joint construction effort, the U.S. Army now owns and operates the Museum. The Foundation will continue its fundraising role in support of Museum programs and will manage all retail, catering and special event services.

The National Museum of the United States Army is open to the public. Free, timed-entry tickets are required for entry and are available through the Museum's website, <u>theNMUSA.org.</u> Group Tickets for 10 people or more are now available and can be requested online. The Army Historical Foundation supports the Museum's ticketing reservations for larger groups and organizations.

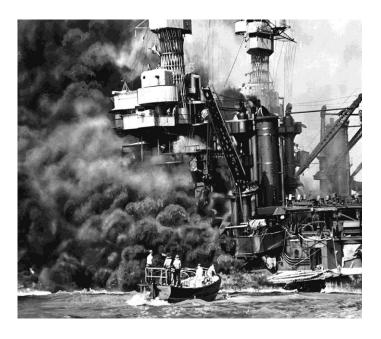
For more information about the museum, visit their website at: https://www.thenmusa.org/.

Our bus will leave Richmond at 8:30 AM & will leave Ft Belvoir at 2:30 PM. Beverages and snacks will be provided during the to and from bus trip. Lunch is available individually at the Army Museum Café.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

DATE: Wednesday 7 December 2022 TIME: 11:00 AM PLACE: VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL GUEST SPEAKER: CAPT GREGORY "CHASER" KEITHLEY, USN (Ret)

Following the Remembrance Ceremony, *prepaid* members and guests will proceed to the Freedom Hall (Lower level in the War Memorial) to enjoy a social and lunch.



Remember Pearl Harbor

The Richmond Navy League extends an invitation to all citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia as our Nation's colors are presented by the Varina High School Navy JROTC Color Guard. The observance will include a wreath laying ceremony and the tolling of the bell at the recitation of each name of those Virginians who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 1941 ---PEARL HARBOR HAWAII 0800

81 years ago, Japan launched its surprise attack on Pearl Harbor killing 2,433 and wounding 1,178; the United States lost 18 surface warships (sunk or seriously damaged); 188 aircraft destroyed and 159 damaged.

The next day, December 8, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt addressed a joint session of Congress, describing the attack on Pearl Harbor as, "*A Day which will live in infamy- - -*" The United States declared war on Japan.

You are cordially invited to Council's Annual Business Meeting Luncheon Wednesday January 25, 2023 at Willow Oaks Country Club

Council President, Patrick D. Harris, extends an invitation to all Richmond Navy Leaguers & friends asking that they join us at our Annual Business Meeting Luncheon and hear the review of Council's activities during 2022. Arrive early and enjoy the complimentary fruit and cheese island.

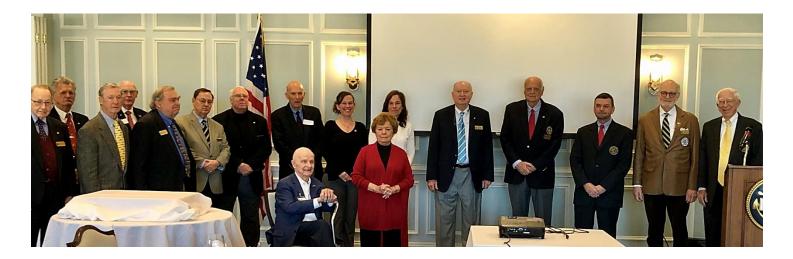
Following the luncheon, Council's Annual Business Meeting will be conducted and the Officers and Board Members will take their oath of office. Council members are asked to mail-in their proxy forms.



SCHEDULE

DATE: Wednesday 25 January 2023 PLACE: Willow Oaks Country Club 6228 Forest Hill Ave R,VA 23225 TIME: 11:30 AM Social **12.00 PM Annual Meeting begins**

COST: \$ 30.00 per person Complimentary fruit and cheese island



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Make reservation(s) for: COUNCIL'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2023

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Regular meal served <u>unless</u> special meal is indicated: Please circle 1 or 2 - Veggie Meal (NO meat); If no special meal is indicated, a regular meal will be served. All meals are gluten free

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ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



USS NORMANDY (CG-60) CO: CAPT Simon Charles McKeon XO: CDR Anthony T. Bryant CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

George L. Feitig, Jr., Liaison

USS NORMANDY recently returned from deployment with the USS GER-ALD R. FORD Carrier Strike Group. Report pending.



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50) CO: CDR Brad A. Fancher XO: CDR Steven E. Grey CMC: CMDCM Adam Singleton

Report from Pat Robson, Liaison

Ater nearly a month at sea, USS **CARTER HALL** is back in port at Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB), Little Creek, VA. The ship is currently in Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV) to prepare for a deployment in the summer of 2023.

While in port, new crew members attended the Security Reaction Force-Bravo (SRF-B) to qualify as watch standers.



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

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

It's been a busy yet exciting time for **GRAVELY**! We are in the sustainment phase and are prepared to get underway at a moment's notice. Recently, the crew went on a two-week long underway. It was a great opportunity to go

back out to sea and conduct special evolutions such as flight quarters. The **GRAVELY** crew welcomed and collaborated with Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74, the World Famous Swamp Foxes for initial integration exercises.

Thanks to the hard work and efforts of **GRAVELY** and HSM 74, flight operations were a huge success!

During this two-week underway, the crew was able to enjoy a weekend in Mayport, Florida where **GRAVELY's** Chief Pinning Ceremony was held! Families and friends alike gathered with the crew to celebrate the induction of **GRAVELY's** nine newest Chiefs.

The crew has successfully completed their RE-2 (Ready-2) inspection and will shortly be undergoing The Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) material assessment. **GRAVELY's** crew is more than ready to show off all of her greatness and the truth that stands behind her motto, "First to Conquer!"

Because of readers like you, the crew is constantly reminded of the importance behind their grind on the deck plates. Thank you so much for the encouragement that you provide for us and we look forward to continuing showing you what **GRAVELY** is all about!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DDG107/ Official Navy Website:

www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/ddg107/

Very Respectfully, Alexis Harrell-Parada, ENS, USN



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

<u>Thomas T Hassell, Jr., Liaison</u> Vaughan F. Dize, Assistant Liaison

Greetings from USCGC NORTHLAND !

The majority of our patrol has been spent patrolling the Windward Passage, providing deterrence for unsafe illegal immigration ventures. However, *Northland* was also tasked by Coast Guard 7th District to serve as a stabilizing security presence in Port au Prince Bay, just outside the Haitian capital of Port Au Prince. This was an unusual operation for us, and one that was closely coordinated with the Haitian government, the U. S. Embassy in Port au Prince, and higher levels of both Coast Guard and Department of State leadership. **NORTHLAND'S** presence served as a sign of U.S. solidarity with the Haitian people amid the recent political and social instability.

After concluding operations in Port Au Prince, NORTHLAND steamed north to resume presence in Windward Pass. Over the course of several weeks, we stayed very busy in the operational area, carrying out both operations and training. NORTHLAND conducted a towing exercise with USCGC BERNARD C. WEBBER (WPC-1101), which involved extensive coordination with the deck team, bridge watch, and the CGC BERNARD C. WEBBER crew. We were fortunate to have great weather conditions that day, and conducted a successful towing evolution; highly important for maintaining proficiency. NORTHLAND also exercised the 76MM "big gun" and .50 caliber machine guns for three live fire exercises, again for crew training; also conducted a plethora of drills to include small boat trainings, man-overboard, damage control, and steering casualty among others. Finally, one dark and stormy night, NORTHLAND spotted a small sailing vessel underway in heavy seas. and escorted the vessel to safety.

Despite the tropical Carribean weather, and many, many changes to the patrol plan, **NORTHLAND's** Morale team did a great job, and the crew was still able to enjoy some fall festivities. Whenever we had a break in the action, **NORTHLAND** celebrated the fall season with fake pumpkin carvings, trick-or-treating, family game nights, a Halloween costume contest, flannel shirt day, and other events.

On November 14, **NORTHLAND** will return to USCG Base Portsmouth and to our family, friends and loved ones. The crew is very much looking forward to spending this holiday season at home with friends and family. As we close the chapter on this patrol, we would like to thank the Richmond Navy League for your continued support. Until next time, fair winds and following seas!

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NORTHLAND crew conducting small boat operations and training.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2023

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REAR ADMIRAL ROY FRANCIS HOFFMANN



Rear Admiral Roy Francis Hoffmann, passed away on November 8, 2022, in Midlothian, Virginia. Admiral Hoffman was a member of the Navy League for over 40 years. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., on November 18, 1925. Admiral Hoffmann is survived by his extraordinary wife of 72 years, Mary Linn Thompson Hoffmann, Midlothian, Va.

He enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 28 April 1943 and was commissioned from the University of Notre Dame NROTC Unit of 1 June 1946. He advanced through the ranks to Rear Admiral on 1 July 1974. Admiral Hoffmann was a highly decorated veteran of WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. He had command of four surface ships over his 35-year naval career, and was widely regarded as one of the best ship handlers in the U.S. Navy. After his Naval retirement. Admiral Hoffmann served as Port Director, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Executive VP and COO, Meehan Overseas Terminal, Richmond, Va.

Admiral Hoffmann's memorial service and burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date.

- 2023 INVOICE -

THIS INVOICE IS FOR RICHMOND COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE DUES AND VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

NATIONAL DUES ARE BILLED SEPARATELY.

Annual Dues: Richmond Council Navy League: January 2023 - - - \$35.00 Please mail your remittance before 13 January 2023

Additionally, voluntary contributions from Navy League members play a vital role in the support of Council's youth programs (Sea Cadets, JROTC), the Deployment Dollars Program, the Care Package Program in addition to providing funds for Navy Family Support groups and the Morale, Welfare & Recreational Fund aboard Council's adopted ships.

YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP:

<u>General Purpose</u> :	\$
Sea Cadet	<u>\$</u>
JROTC Youth Programs	\$
*Anchor Club: USS ANCHOR CLUB 2023 YOUR DONATION OF \$100 (OR MORE) WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CARE PACKAGES TO DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY; SUPPORT FOR OUR FOUR ADOPTED SHIPS AND FOR SUPPORT OF COUNCIL'S YOUTH RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM; THE U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS & JROTC UNITS.	\$
Total "Voluntary" Contribution	\$

*Members making a *"voluntary contribution"* of \$100.00 or more will be designated members of the **USS ANCHOR CLUB 2023** and will be listed in *The Lucky Bag* throughout 2023 under the Anchor Club banner.

NOTE: "Voluntary contributions" are considered in excess of Council's dues of \$35.00

	SUMMARY	
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Amount Enclosed	\$	

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Thanks for jumping on board !!!

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