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RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

BLUE ANGELS CELEBRATE 76 YEARS

The Richmond Navy League attended the Blue Angels Air Show on Friday, September 16. This year the Blue Angels celebrated their 76th anniversary. The annual Air Show at Naval Air Station Oceana was canceled in 2020 and 2021 because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. It's the first time the Blue Angels have flown at Oceana since 2018. The Richmond Navy League attended the 2019 Air Show, but the lead demonstration team was the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, not the Blue Angels.

This year, 40 Richmond Navy League members and friends attended the Air Show and were provided a real treat by the demonstration team of six F/A-18 Super Hornets.

There was also a demonstration by five Super Hornets, home based at Naval Air Station Oceana, including one plane from the Richmond Navy League adopted unit, VFA-213 Blacklions. The Coast Guard provided a Fly-by with two aircraft. Additional demonstrations were provided by stunt pilots: Michael Goulian, Skip Stewart, Matt Younkin, Jessy Panzer and Bob Carlton who flew a jet powered glider. (photo credit NAS Oceana Facebook) 🇺🇸



Jets flying in formation.



Blue Angels pilot enjoying high-fives with enthusiastic fans.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patrick D. Harris



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

The response to our recent events has been very positive. We had 17 teams and 68 golfers sign up for the September 14 Golf Outing. Registrations for the Blue Angels Air Show on September 16 were greater than expected and we had to change our reservation with James River Transportation from a 38-passenger bus to a 50-passenger bus. And finally, the sale of raffle tickets was very successful. We had gross sales of \$3,800 with a net of \$2,800. These funds will be used to support our adopted ships, Sea Cadets and JROTC units.

We have two events scheduled for the remainder of the year. Our annual Sea Services Luncheon will be on October 12 at the Willow Oaks Country Club. Our speaker is RADM Andy Lennon, USN (Ret) the Executive Director of the United States Naval Sea

Cadet Corps (USNSCC). In December, our annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Day event, that we hold in partnership with the Virginia War Memorial, will include a lunch and a guest speaker. (See the next issue of *The Lucky Bag* for more information). Captain Greg "Chaser" Keithly, USN (Ret) the Executive Director of the Tailhook Association and technical advisor to the movie *Top Gun Maverick* will make a presentation on naval aviation.

I encourage you to attend these two events to recognize our sea services and the men and women who serve in them. ✍

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

POWER OF THE TONGUE –

There is an old playground rhyme that tends to be trotted out by children on the receiving end of an insult: *Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words can never hurt me.* It's a reassuring mantra for kids who want to respond to a bully, but the problem is, it's not true.

The Apostle James says the tongue is like either a bit in a horse's mouth or a small rudder of a large ship where in either case, a small part can control and direct a large body. The bit and the rudder are small but extremely important. If they are not controlled, the entire horse or ship is out of control. Something as small as the tongue can have tremendous power for either good or evil.

If the tongue is like a bit in the mouth of a horse or the rudder on a ship, it begs the question: *Who or what holds the reins, or directs the rudder?* Some people have no hand on the reins or rudder, and therefore say whatever comes into mind. Others direct their tongue from their emotions or as-

pects of their carnal nature. James points us towards having the Spirit of God directing the hands on the reins and rudder, that is our tongue.

The wisest man who ever lived, King Solomon, had much to say on this subject: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue.* (Proverbs 18:21)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. (Proverbs 25:11)

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24)

A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)

(Medical commentary here – the bone marrow is the source of our immunity, and therefore pleasant words and a cheerful heart strengthens our immunity!)

We are living in a time where there is great division and where folks seem to be bent on canceling out those with whom they hold a different perspective. This division is propagated by a war of words, especially on social media, where bullying has found a new playground upon which to operate.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could heed the wisdom of James and Solomon and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and words before we speak them? ✍

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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 7

Pearl Harbor Day

VA War Memorial

Guest Speaker and

Luncheon

(details to follow in
next issue of *The Lucky Bag*)

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

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GREAT DAY FOR GOLF !!

On 14 September 2022, under a clear sunny sky, with low humidity and moderate temperature, 60 players headed out for a day of golf at the Richmond Council Navy League's 33rd Annual Benefit Golf Outing, at the Hollows Golf Course. Before heading out to play, everyone was treated to a wonderful BBQ lunch by the Hollows kitchen staff. As folks were eating, there was a raffle drawing for door prizes, 50/50, and a \$1000 gift certificate for a shopping spree at Green Top Sporting Goods. Good fellowship and conversations were had by all. The Richmond Council thanks all of our sponsors and players for their expression of support for our sea services by sponsoring and participating in our major fundraiser of the year. We also thank all of the volunteers who made the event successful. We give a special thanks to the Navy Talent Acquisition Group (Navy Recruiting District, Richmond), Executive Officer CDR Seth Harbin, MC1 Taylor Jackson and LS2 Deron Randall, who took time from their important duties at Navy Recruiting to volunteer their time to help with our outing.

Congratulations to our winning teams:

- 1st Place: Dominion Team
- 2nd Place: Shelton Thomas' Team
- 3rd Place: Doug Reed's Team



L to R: Navy League President, Pat Harris; Navy Talent Acquisition Group: XO CDR Seth Harbin, LS2 Deron Randall and MC1 Taylor Jackson; and Golf Co-Chairman, John Harler, M.D.



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Shannon Hill's Team – Engineers of Youngblood and Associates.





Thanks to the volunteers at our raffle, mulligan and 50/50 tables: Navy League Board Members Vaughan Dize, Melissa Hill and Laura Walker.



Melissa Hill with Kevin O'Donnell, Herndon Law Group Team Captain.



Who wins two door prizes? John Sharpe, that's who!

GREENTOP SPORTING GOODS \$1,000.00 RAFFLE WINNER

At the Summer Picnic, in June, the Richmond Navy League began selling tickets for our first ever fundraising raffle. The tickets were \$20 each and the prize was a \$1,000 gift certificate to Green Top Sporting Goods. The drawing for the winner took place on September 14 at our 2022 Golf Outing. With gross sales of \$3,820 from the sale of nearly 200 tickets, we raised a net of \$2,820 to support our adopted ships, Sea Cadets and JROTC units.

The winner of the \$1,000 Raffle Prize was Brian Berger. In addition to buying the winning raffle ticket, Brian helped the Navy League by promoting the raffle among his numerous contacts and by placing Richmond Navy League Raffle placards in stores in the Richmond area. Thanks for your support, Brian and congratulations on winning the \$1,000 raffle prize. 🎉



First Place Winners, Dominion Team: L to R: Rusty Bowman, Captain Terry Hann, Jr., Sean Feely and Jacob Chastain.



Golf Chairman, Doug Reed, calling out the numbers for the prize winners.



Melissa Hill pulls out the winning \$1000.00 raffle ticket. Congratulations Brian Berger!

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., M.D., Liaison

August Update

NORMANDY used a brief in port period to finish up her final Basic Phase events in preparation for deployment; conducting critical preventative and corrective maintenance to ensure full mission capability. Sailors demonstrated tactical perseverance and resiliency continuing to tackle head on our Strike, Air, Surface, Electronic, Cryptologic and Intelligence Warfare certifications, completing their final certifications. **NORMANDY** welcomed aboard Air Department HSM Squadron 70.3, The Spartans. Together **NORMANDY** and HSM 70.3 spent countless hours together demonstrating interoperability and mission lethality. **NORMANDY** and HSM 70.3 will be participating in the Gerald R. Ford Strike Group Surface Warfare Advanced Tactics Training in the next month alongside **DESRON 22, USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS, USS RAMAGE** and **USS MCFAUL**.

As a crew, **NORMANDY** welcomed three new chief selects: LSC(Select) Mark T. Manimtim, YNC (Select) Myles Oliver and MMC(Select) Michael L. Joint. The crew is incredibly proud of these three individuals and cannot wait for them to officially take their place in the Chief's Mess. ✍

Very Respectfully,
LTJG Maude Manzi, USN, ASWO



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

CMC: CMDCM Adam Singleton

Pat Robson, Liaison

No report at press time. ✍



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

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

With less than a month left of the ship's ISRA (Incremental Selected Restricted Availability), **GRAVELY** is almost ready to go back underway! Sailors are conducting their final push on maintenance to ensure that **GRAVELY** is ready to be fully operational again.

While at Marine Hydraulic International (MHI), **GRAVELY** has continued to keep the morale aboard very high! Just a few weeks ago, **GRAVELY** had its first command picnic since its return back from deployment. It was a great time for Sailors to unwind and enjoy the company of their shipmates and loved ones. At the picnic, Sailors were also able to enjoy food and games, such as "dunk-a-khaki." Sailors had the opportunity to dunk chiefs and officers including the Captain in a dunk tank!

Also, just recently, **GRAVELY** Sailors were allotted the opportunity to visit Gravelly Elementary School! It has been a tradition for **GRAVELY** to visit Gravelly Elementary School on the students' first day of school, ever since the school opened in 2011. **GRAVELY** Sailors enjoyed helping students transition from summer break to being back in the classroom. They helped students off the buses and helped them find their classrooms as they arrived. Sailors were able to enjoy lunch and recess with the students as well. It was a day full of excitement among students, staff, and Sailors alike!

Stay tuned for more updates on our **GRAVELY** Seadogs' latest accomplishments as we get closer to going back underway! We appreciate all the support that you give us and could not

be as successful as we are without you being a part of our awesome support system! ✍

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Very Respectfully,
Alexis Harrell-Parada, ENS, USN



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

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison
Vaughan F. Dize, Assistant Liaison

No report at press time. ✍

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SCHOOL ON JUNE 23**



Veteran's gather before tailgate party.

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