

RICHMOND COUNCIL. NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

SPRING LUNCHEON WITH NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT RICHMOND MARCH 25, 2020 Willow Oaks Country Club

Our Spring Luncheon on 25 March will offer a chance to learn about a very tough job. Could you recruit 200 people in Virginia and DC to join the Navy - each month - and with the challenges of today's society? We are honored to have as our guest from Navy Recruiting District Richmond, the Commanding Officer, CDR Kristopher Klaiber.

Commander Kris Klaiber, of Ohio, received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Pensacola in 2002. In 2004, he embarked on four consecutive operational tours where he flew more than 2,200 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and other exercises. He was nominated for Hawkeye Naval Flight Officer of the Year. He later earned a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and completed Joint Officer Qualification. In 2018, CDR Klaiber reported to Navy Recruiting District Richmond as Executive Officer and in 2019 assumed command.

GUEST SPEAKER



COMMANDER KRIS KLAIBER
NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT
RICHMOND

Reservation Deadline for SPRING LUNCHEON: To be received by WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2020

Willow Oaks Country Club 6228 Forest Hills Ave DAY'S SCHEDULE

11:30 AM - Social

12:00 PM - Call to Order

12:15 PM - Luncheon

12:45 PM - Speaker

1:30 PM - Adjourn

COST: \$25.00 Members / Guests



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Harvey V. Lankford, M.D.



NOW HEAR THIS

If you missed our 62nd Annual Meeting, you missed a PowerPoint presentation of our activities during 2019. There were many, many "first-evers" for our Council. None of these were on the same day so they occurred throughout a very eventful year.

- First ever National Navy League representative at our Annual Meeting.
- First ever National Navy Leaguerepresentative at our Sea Services Luncheon
- First ever National Navy League representative accompanying us to a ship event
- First ever tables full of Marines for our Sea Service Luncheon
- First ever Golf income exceeded \$16,000
- First ever Richmond Council Challenge Coins

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- First ever *Lucky Bag* in full color on all pages
- First ever blast emails to general membership
- First ever TV spot our Africa Care Package Program

We are now preparing for our Spring Luncheon on March 25. Don't miss it! Page 1 of this issue needs your name and check now! Bring a friend.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By John A. Harler, M.D.

Richmond Council Navy The League's Care Package Program's FPO addresses for forward-deployed military had dried up over the past few years. We had been trying to find new Suddenly, "out of the resources. blue", in the process of assisting a JROTC cadet in receiving a scholarship, his father happened to notice the Navy in my email address. He had just been transferred from a Navy base in Africa. That led to a discussion of our Care Package Program. He was so interested that he provided us with the addresses of the two remote outposts in Africa.

You know the rest of the story about Camp Simba being attacked two days after our shipment and how 8 News came to visit us.

So, why am I referring to the Richmond Council Navy League's (RCNL) Care Package Program in the Chaplain's Corner, you may ask? Well, I'm glad you asked!

The Bible says that "Every good and perfect gift comes from above". (James 1:17) and "When the time is right, the Lord will make it happen". (Isaiah 60:22).

I conclude that a wonderful gift "in time" of need went to Camp Simba from the RCNL, and another came back to us in publicity. It all went to raising awareness of what can be done back home for our military when people care.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Time is quickly fleeting toward the time when you must have a REAL ID VA Driver's License to board a domestic flight, visit any military ship or base, or access any federally secured building or facility.

Currently, the date is October 1, 2020; however, each federally secured entity has been authorized to implement the change date to an earlier date when deemed appropriate.

If you are not familiar with this issue, you may contact the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles or call the Navy League office at 804-355-7557 for further information.



Congratulations to our nine AMERICA Division Sea Cadets that graduated Recruit Training Command (Boot Camp) BRAVO ZULU Cadets

WELCOME ABOARD!

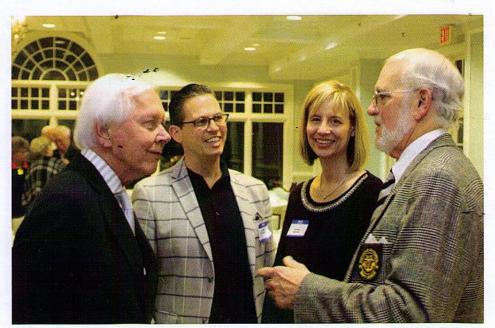
The Richmond Council Navy League is proud to welcome you as a member. In the weeks ahead, when you attend one of our Navy League events, please let the person at the registration desk know that you are a new member attending your first function.

New Member Dana K. Law, Jr. Sponsor John A. Harler, M.D.

RICHMOND COUNCIL'S 62nd ANNUAL MEETING

On 22 Jan 2020 Richmond Council celebrated its 62nd Annual Meeting. President Harvey Lankford opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then turned the Invocation over to our two Chaplains. Lewis Brandt had delivered powerful prayers over the years. John Harler thanked Lewis for his dedication and presented him with a Bible inscribed "Well done good and faithful servant". After Lewis blessed John as our new Chaplain, John delivered the Invocation. Our meal followed and was topped off with our traditional rum-raisin ice cream.

After dinner, the business meeting was called to order with a special surprise. President Lankford held up the official gavel and read the inscription not heard for years. It had been placed there in 1987 by Ed Gibbons. Ed was called up and helped bang the gavel. Ed declined to give a speech. Harvey chronicled our impressive list of 2019 events by PowerPoint, including many firsts like our new Richmond Council's Challenge Coins. Treasurer Bill Butler presented a thorough financial report. The Nominating Committee report was given by Sr VP Tom Hassell. The new Directors were announced in tag-team style with Lankford reading the bios and Hassell reading the names. The new Director-Nominees were Dennis Quearry, Don Pate, Ken Cardoza, Mike Kelley and Pat Harris. The returning Director-Nominees and Officers names were then read. All were elected by acclamation and sworn in by Judge Advocate Tom Hassell. Last year's President, Harvey Lankford, was then sworn in for a second term. After a

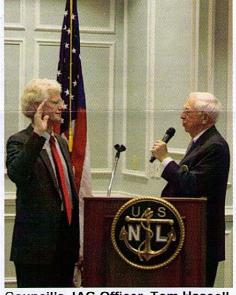


Richmond Council's new Chaplain John Harler makes a point or two with (L to R) Peter Trost, James Sweeney and his wife, Katrina



New Director, Don Pate and his wife Val, appear to be enjoying their evening

lengthy three-sentence Presidential speech, the meeting was adjourned with the Benediction delivered by our new Chaplain.



Council's JAG Officer, Tom Hassell, administers the Oath of Office to President Harvey Lankford



Richmond Council's Board of Directors for 2020 (Five Directors absent)

ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)

CO: CAPT Christopher Stone
XO: CDR Theresa L. Kaylor
CMC: CMDCM Douglas Newman

Adam J. Fiedler, M.D., Liaison

AHOY Richmond Navy League!

NORMANDY has brought in the New Year in typical vanguard fashion, leading from the front. We spent the entire month operating in the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility, alongside the Harry S. Truman conducting our first full month of Strike Group operations since reaggregating in December.

We had the opportunity for a port visit to Duqm, Oman, where the crew received some well-deserved down time. While in Oman we hosted the Commanding Officer of the Indian Naval Ship Sumedha for a tour sharing stories of our collective experience at sea and the regional goals of increased maritime security.

On 20 January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we held a commemoration event, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. Upon completion of the event, Normandy's Chief Petty Officer mess hosted a steel beach picnic for the crew! We had the honor of being joined by Rear Adm Andrew J. Loiselle, Commander of Carrier Strike Group 8 for the picnic.

We ended the month with hosting a Washington Post reporter to share what we are doing with the Nation back home. It is imperative that we portray the mission we are doing in order for the citizens of our nation to see what our great Navy is doing while abroad!

Thank you for your continued support and outreach.

Warm regards, CAPT Chris D. Stone Commanding Officer



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)
CO: CDR Matthew R. Shellock
XO: CDR LaDonna M. Simpson
CMC: CMDCM Donavon Gray

Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings from the FIGHTIN 5-0!

The New Year has quickly departed and CARTER HALL is off and After enjoying a wellrunning. deserved holiday leave block, the crew returned ready to face the opportunities of 2020. CARTER HALL got underway in mid-January to conduct helicopter operations to maintain our training standards and qualifications before pulling into Naval Station Mayport, FL for a liberty weekend. The crew enjoyed exploring the Jacksonville area, the historical sights of St. Augustine, and the many restaurants offering outstanding food. After a few short days, CARTER HALL set sail again to continue training evolutions in the Atlantic.

CARTER HALL is happy to announce the following Sailors of the Year:

- Senior Sailor of the Year: LS1 (SW/AW/SCW) Ryan Egesdal
- Sailor of the Year: BM1 (SW/AW)
 Rick Zuccaro
- Junior Sailor of the Year: DC3 (SW) Zachary Finzel
- Blue Jacket of the Year: SN Deena Hopkins

These Sailors set the example for our crew by maintaining the Navy's core values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Each of these Sailors set the standard and are representative of the hard work of our entire crew.

We are thankful for the extensive support and friendship that Richmond Navy League has provided to each of our Sailors and Marines.

We are: Working for Peace, Ready for War!

Very Respectfully, LCDR, CHC, Chaplain Williams, USN



USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Michael O'Reilly
XO: CDR Corey Odom

CMC: MCPO (SW/AW) Larae Baker

Alan Palmer, Liaison

Report not received prior to press time.



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Charles L. Banks
XO: LCDR Joshua DiPietro
COB: GMC Robert Boyer

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison

Greetings from USCGC NORTHLAND!

After ringing in the New Year, the crew jumped right back into work with maintenance, more preparations for the Aviation Availability, and a lot of training. The Deck Department played a key role in the new flight deck and installation of the new flight deck nets.

NORTHLAND's bridge teams were able to travel to TRACEN Yorktown to hone their navigational skills in the simulators. The teams practiced different scenarios ranging from pulling in and out of port as well as navigating in heavy weather and heavy trafficked areas such as New York Harbor. Meanwhile, NORTHLAND's pursuit teams were able to train on the water in the Over-the-Horizon boat to recertify members for the upcoming patrol.

NORTHLAND was paid a visit from the Navy League's Tom Hassell, Dennis Quearry and John Harler to present the crew with a gift of new free weights and fitness mats. The crew is very thankful for the generous gift and looks forward to using it to stay fit this next patrol! Additionally, the Navy League presented NORTHLAND's Sailor of the Year to SK1 Fremming. Bravo Zulu SK1!

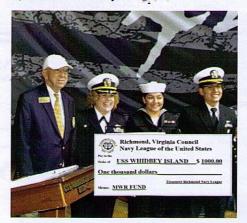
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DONATION TO USS WHIDBEY ISLAND - HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

This is the short story about our donation of \$1000 to the MWR fund of the USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41). The long story is how did we do that? People and time. It began last September at the Change of Command for our adopted ship USS CARTER HALL. After the event, we invited the speaker and Commodore of the Amphibious Squadron FOUR to be our Sea Services Speaker. CAPT Brian Finman did that. He also arranged for CDR Jean Marie Sullivan of the WHIDBEY ISLAND to be our Pearl Harbor Speaker. Duty called her away so CAPT Finman "filled in". Meanwhile, many, many phone calls and emails led to our promise to donate \$1000 to the MWR fund of the WHIDBEY ISLAND. There was no quid pro quo. Even though CDR Sullivan had not been our speaker, we still planned to donate. Many, many more emails and phone calls with the CO. the XO, the JAG and several others made arrangements for a trip to the WHIDBEY ISLAND itself. Almost daily phone calls and emails were made with changes in date, even twice in the same day. Eventually a group of four from Council attended the 35th birthday party for the WHIDBEY ISLAND. Our \$1000 check was donated, our 3foot long photo op check was put to good use, Challenge Coins were given, lunch was served in the ward room

and the ship was toured. We are indebted to CAPT Finman and CDR Sullivan and hope that she can be our speaker someday.



Aboard USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD-41), Tom Hassell (at left) presents check to WHIDBEY ISLAND'S MWR Fund, represented by CO CDR Jean Marie Sullivan and the ship's Sailor of the Year (SOY) and Public Affairs Officer (PAO).

COUNCIL'S AFRICA CARE PACKAGE – FOLLOW UP

Following our shipment of 10 large care packages to Kenya and Somalia, Channel 8 News Anchor, Amy Simpson, caught wind of our efforts and reported the following as a Special News Report on 8 January 2020:

The Middle East is not the only place in the world where U.S. service members face potential dangers each

day. That's why a group of volunteers and veterans in Richmond just sent care packages to a group of active-duty sailors and airmen serving in Africa. But before the shipment of 10 boxes even arrived in eastern Africa, those volunteers are already gearing up to send more. Over the weekend, the recipients in Kenya were victim to a deadly terrorist attack. A service member and two American contractors were killed.

"It made it reality that they truly are in harm's way," John Harler with the Richmond Council Navy League said. Even before the attack, the Richmond Council Navy League wanted to help. "We know that they are standing watch while we are being protected", added Harler. President of the Richmond Council Navy League said the boxes won't stop anytime soon; "we're going to keep this going as long as we can", Harvey Lankford said.

The Richmond Council Navy League told 8News they got an email this morning from the unit in Kenya. They said they're pulling together as a team after the attack, but do ask for continued prayers.

If you're interested in supporting another round of care packages, you can send a check to the Navy League office or use your credit card online on the "Please Donate" page on our website: www.navyleague-richmond.com.

Thank you. Z

GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

GOLFERS!!! GET PREPARED FOR A FUN DAY

It's time for all you golfers to pull out the clubs and start practicing for the Council's premier event, our Annual Golf Outing, which will be held on Wednesday May 13th at the Hollows Golf Club in Montpelier. Get your foursomes together and sign up for a fun day of golf. Full details for the outing, registration form and sponsorship form are shown in the 2020 Golf Outing Brochure which you can find on our web site.

The Golf Outing is our premium annual fund-raising event. Last year over \$16,000.00 was raised in cash and prizes. This was done *entirely* by the hard work of our Board Members and Navy League members obtaining sponsors who gave cash and prizes. To achieve this year's goal of \$17,000.00 we will need more sponsors than last year. Therefore, your Board is appealing once again to ALL Navy League members to participate in soliciting both cash and prize sponsors. During our daily activities we all come into contact with potential sponsors. Examples are the corporations or businesses we work for, the dealerships we purchase our vehicles from, banks and investment advisors, restaurants we frequent, real estate agents and from stores we buy our groceries and make major purchases.

We now have Navy League business cards with our website address which you can hand to prospective sponsors. Call the Navy League office to order your business cards at (804) 355-7557. The 2020 Golf Outing Brochure can be downloaded from the Council's website: www.navyleague-richmond.com and hard copies are also available at the Navy League office.

Thank You Sponsors!

Your Financial contribution to the Richmond Navy League provides Funds for programs supporting those serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Council's Youth Programs; The Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Local Navy and Marine JROTC Units.





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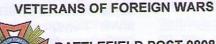
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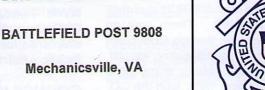
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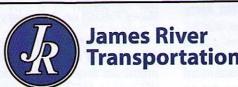


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Law Enforcement Division held a Boarding Officer and Boarding Team Member college consisting of classroom training on the different levels of Use of Force as well as hands on training to teach the new techniques recently transitioned in the Coast Guard.

Thank you for your support! NORTHLAND's crew continues to work hard as the next patrol approaches.

Very Respectfully, XO LCDR Joshua DiPietro

FREE SANDWICH FOR VIETNAM VETS

MISSION BBQ Sunday March 29, 2020 National Vietnam War Veterans Day



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