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DATE: THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2019

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As visitors approach the Museum, they will appreciate its impressive magnitude - - - the steel mast soars over treetops; reminiscent of the flag-raising by the Marines following the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1944. Inside, you may stand in the famed "yellow footprints" and experience the intensity of a Drill Instructor as he molds new recruits or you may test your skills firing an M-16 at the laser rifle range. The planned tour starts following the presentation of "We, The Marines" at the Medal of Honor Theater.

Several of the favorite exhibits include the iconic Battle of Belleau Wood (WWI) - - - the pre-invasion briefing before boarding a Higgins Boat and the invasion of Iwo Jima; experience the Battle at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea - - - and step from a helicopter's ramp onto a landing zone at Hill 881 near Khe Sanh in Vietnam.

The immersive experience is carried throughout the museum. Real tanks jut out from displays onto the museum floor. As a break in the action, Navy Leaguers and guests may enjoy lunch on the 2nd deck at the Devil Dog Diner or at Tun Tavern, before continuing their tour of the numerous galleries that may culminate at the Marine Gift store located in the atrium.

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8:30 AM James River Bus Departs
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Harvey V. Lankford, M.D.



NOW HEAR THIS

We had a very busy spring with the following events involving individuals, small groups and large groups. Jump in and get involved with us!

- May 07 – Navy League Sea Air Space Exposition
- May 15 - Richmond Council 31st Annual Golf Outing
- May - Nine JROTC Awards ceremonies
- May 22 – Navy Recruiting District Assistance Committee (RDAC) meeting
- May 27 – Memorial Day wreath presentation, VA War Memorial
- May 28 - **USCGC NORTHLAND** pre-deployment: meet the new XO, lunch onboard
- May 30 – “Our Community Salutes”-

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recognition of new enlistees

- June 06 – Bedford Memorial - 75th anniversary of D-Day
- June 07 - Bus trip to Tall Ships, Norfolk Harborfest. (two buses!)
- June 09 – Sea Cadets Annual Award Ball
- June 10 - **USNS COMFORT**: on-board pre-deployment check presentation
- June 15 - Flag Retirement Ceremony, VA War Memorial
- June 19 - Council's Summer Luncheon with Executive Director of U.S. Fleet Forces
- June 21 – Navy Recruiting District-Richmond (NRD) picnic; presentation of Sailor of Year award
- June 22 – Navy Operational Support Center-Richmond (NOSC) Change of Command Ceremony

Save the dates for our coming events!

- Aug 22 - Bus trip, National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Sept 20 - Oceana Naval Air Station Airshow ✍

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Lewis W. Brandt

Did you ever feel the need to just get away from something that was wearing you out? I know that some folks will testify to living with their mates for fifty years and never a cross word has passed their lips. That experience is probably the exception and not the rule. There was the story of the man and wife who had been arguing and finally the husband said, *"Honey, I think you need to get away from me for a little while, so I'm going fishing!"* Jonah was weary of God calling him to go up to Nineveh to preach so he thought he would get away from God by taking a trip. However, David says in **Psalm 139:8, "If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, You are there"**. The Psalmist is saying that there is no hiding place from God. We can run for a long time, but at some point along the road we all have to come face to face with Him. **"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation", II Cor 6:2.** ✍

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OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES NEW ENLISTEES

"Our Community Salutes" recognizes new military enlistees from the Richmond Area.

The Richmond Navy League was well-represented on May 30th event by Board Member Pat Robson. This article is written like an interview. Pat described fighting back tears during the National Anthem, saluting at attention during the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, and being engulfed with humility and gratitude for the young patriots. On a lighter note, he admitted that none of them tapped into his reservoir of profound military experience, knowing that he could not advise them much because our Navy and its personnel are vastly different from his experience decades ago. He concluded that "no wisdom was needed from me. They are about to learn their biggest life lessons on their own. God bless 'em". ✍

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Thanks to our faithful sponsors and golfers, the 2019 31st Annual Golf Outing fund-raiser was a *wonderful success*. 140 golfers, our largest number ever, enjoyed a perfect spring day and an exciting and competitive round of 18 holes of Captains Choice golf play.

The day was kicked off with lots of nice raffle prizes donated by our sponsors, a delicious BBQ lunch and the singing of our National Anthem led by Richmond Navy League member Michael Denton. What a special treat! Congratulations to our 1st & 2nd and place winners pictured below.

Special thanks to all the Richmond Navy League board members and golf committee who volunteered many long hours in preparation for and on the day of the outing. We also thank the staff of The Hollows who did a fantastic job of preparation and service especially in view of our larger than expected number of golfers. We could not have done it without all of you.



Before Tee Time, golfers enjoyed a BBQ lunch



Having nine foursomes in-play is a wonderful demonstration of the strong support council received from NRD (Navy Recruiting District-Richmond). Note: not all NRD teams are represented in photo.

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The First Place Winning Team with a score of 57: (L to R): David Stallard, James Ambrose-Captain, Brian Atchley and Josh Atchley



Council's Golf Co-Chairman has presented trophies to the 2nd Place Team with a score of 58: (L to R): Robbie Johnson, Jeff Edwards-Captain, & Scott Summers. Fourth player, Wes Hall, was not available for photo.



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USS NORMANDY (CG-60)
CO: CAPT Christopher Stone
XO: LCDR Jeremiah N. Petersen
CMC: CMDRCM Douglas Newman

Adam J. Fiedler, M.D., Liaison
AHOY, Richmond Navy League!

NORMANDY has been undergoing a maintenance availability this month which has given us ample time to focus on training and crew welfare. We sent a small group of junior Officers to a navigation simulator for a week of intense bridge resource management training culminating in our watch teams being evaluated by our strike group's staff.

Furthermore, we had the privilege of promoting nearly 30 enlisted sailors and seven Officers to the next higher rank, as well as recognizing our Sailor's of the quarter. As always it is impressive to see the hard work these young men and women put in every day!

We also got the exceptional news that we received two more awards. The first being the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Ship Safety Award for the fourth consecutive year as the

best of 22 Cruisers in the U.S. Navy. As well **NORMANDY** and HSM 72 Det 1 earned the Chief of Naval Operations Ship-Helicopter Safety Award as the top Cruiser or Destroyer in the U.S. Navy for aviation operations!

NORMANDY also conducted a unique event; we held a steel beach picnic on the fo'c'sle (front of the ship) in port in order to show the gratitude to the hard work accomplished by the crew. Typically these events are conducted while out to sea, but it is imperative that we show our dedication to our Sailors no matter where we are.

Finally, as **NORMANDY** ramps up for its upcoming deployment we held our pre deployment briefs, one on board for our single Sailors and then a second at an auditorium on base for family readiness. Both were great briefings from Fleet and Family Support Center. Preparing our entire team, families and all for when **NORMANDY** gets to conduct our mission!

Thank you for your continued support and outreach. ✍

Warm regards,
CAPT Christopher D. Stone
Commanding Officer



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)
CO: CDR Bruce W. Golden
XO: CDR Matthew R. Shellock
CMC: CMDCM Donavon Gray

Report from Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings from the FIGHTIN 5-0!

As we enter into June, we are thankful for the hard work of our Sailors and Marines. Since the New Year, **CARTER HALL** has been diligently working to pass the various qualifications to receive the basic certification as an active Navy warship. These certifications have required the ship to be underway to demonstrate mastery in warfare areas and our ship has been "knocking it out of park".

In May, we received a 2 week notice from the Board of Inspection and Survey (better known as INSURV) to be ready for inspection. In the past, the Navy notified the ship 6-12 months out to allow the ship to properly prepare, but now the Navy is beginning to notify ships 2 weeks out to receive a more

accurate assessment. INSURV sends inspectors to inspect the material condition of the ship and the corresponding documentation to determine the readiness of the ship before sending the Congressionally mandated report. Our Sailors and Marines quickly went to work preparing the inspection binders and cleaning the ship from top to bottom. We are proud of the hard work of our Sailors and Marines as **CARTER HALL** passed the inspection and set the standard for this new short notice INSURV inspection.

Our Sailors and Marines will continue to train and work hard as we complete the Basic Phase of training leading to future operations and deployments! We are: Working for Peace, Ready for War! ✍

Very Respectfully,
LCDR Chaplain Williams, CHC



USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Justin R. Hodges
XO: CDR Michael T. O'Reilly
CMC: MCPO (SW/AW) Larae Baker

Report from Alan Palmer, Liaison

No Report.



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Charles L. Banks
XO: LCDR Joshua Di Pietro
COB: ETC Joseph W. Leu

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison

Cutter **NORTHLAND** is finishing up preparations to depart for our summer Eastern Pacific Patrol. The crew is quickly putting everything back in its place after our dry dock period and they are enjoying spending time with their families before getting underway.

As transfer season has come again, we are having to say goodbye to many members of the **NORTHLAND** family, and are busy ensuring the new crew members have everything they need to succeed this summer.

We would like to thank the Navy League again for their patrol donations and for at-

tending our Navy League and Ombudsman Lunch. The crew is going to love the snacks and the new workout equipment.

Thank you for your continued support of **NORTHLAND** and her missions. We look forward to updating you with the progress of our summer patrol. ✍

VFA-213 BLACKLIONS UPDATE

The World Famous Fighting Blacklions of Strike Fighter Squadron 213 would like to congratulate the following Sailors on their selection as Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 2019: Senior Sailor of the Quarter: AT1(AW) Joey Lamadore; Junior Sailor of the Quarter: AD2(AW) Kortne Muhammad; Blue Jacket of the Quarter: AN Anthony Fortkort; and Plane Captain of the Quarter: AD3 Chelsey Fannon. Additionally, on May 30, 2019 the Blacklions' Commanding Officer, Commander Patrick Baker, was proud to promote other Sailors to Third, Second, and First Class Petty Officers. Bravo Zulu to all! ✍

LCDR Kyle "Sweet P" Terwilliger
VFA-213 Admin Officer

75th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AT BEDFORD

The 75th Anniversary D-Day event at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA was held June 5-6. It was attended by 12,000 people of whom 35 were D-Day survivors. Vice-President of the United States, Mike Pence, gave a stirring keynote address.

A top-notch aeronautical show was another centerpiece of this year's celebration. It included WWII aircraft such as a C-47 that flew at Normandy, a B-17 Flying Fortress, Stearman biplane trainers and others. The air show concluded with the "Heritage Formation" of modern-day aircraft accompanied by a P-51 Mustang. The WWII fighter peeled off for the "missing man" aerial salute to the fallen. Richmond Council was represented by member Jim Dageforde who described a very patriotic and memorable experience at Bedford. ✍

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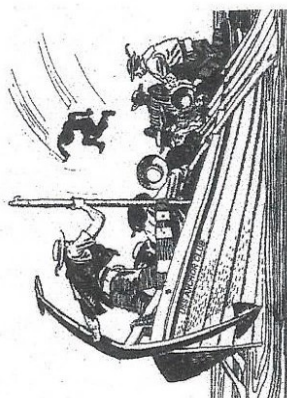
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