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# The Lucky Bag

**RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

## ADMIRAL GRAVELY SPRING LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024**

Richmond Council Navy League is excited to announce the Guest Speaker at our Admiral Gravelly Spring Luncheon, Navy League member, CAPT John Paul Jones, USN (Ret.).

John Paul Jones retired in 2014 from the University of Richmond, where for more than thirty years he taught administrative, constitutional, maritime, and military law.

After graduating from Marquette University in 1969, he earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer and then, from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, flew 150 combat missions over Vietnam before coming ashore to teach fighter pilots to fly the Tomcat at Naval Air Station Miramar. He is twice a graduate of TOPGUN and was designated a Tactical Action Officer.

When he left active duty in 1976, he went back to school for a pair of law degrees and then served as a chambers clerk in the United States Court of Claims. He joined the law faculty at the University of Richmond in 1982.

### GUEST SPEAKER



**CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES, USN (Ret.)**

While teaching at U of R, he moonlighted as a visiting scholar at the CIA, edited the book, Dr. Mudd and the Lincoln Assassination, and wrote extensively for law journals and legal encyclopedias. For five years, he edited the Journal of Maritime Law and Com-

merce. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, he was recruited by the American Bar Association and USAID (U.S. Agency for International Developers) to assist several East European states with constitutional reforms.

Meanwhile, in the Naval Reserve, he served in Mid-Atlantic Navy and NATO intelligence commands and led the Naval Investigative Service Reserve Unit in Norfolk before retiring in 1989 with the rank of Captain.

### SPRING LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

**DATE:** Wednesday 20 March

**TIME:** 11:30 AM Registration

12:00 PM Luncheon

12:45 PM Program

**COST:** \$ 25.00 per person

**PLACE:** Willow Oaks Country Club

6228 Forest Hill Ave

Richmond, VA 23225

**Reservation Deadline for SPRING LUNCHEON: To be received by Wednesday March 13, 2024**

**\*\*Refund Policy 2024:** Cancellations will be accepted & checks returned UP TO and INCLUDING the "deadline date"

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Regular meal served unless special meal is requested (please circle): **1** or **2** Veggie Meal(s) / Fish Meal(s)

Total # of Res. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 per person Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Vaughan F. Dize



Greetings and Happy New Year to our Richmond Council Navy League Family.

Your Richmond Council Navy league will continue to support our adopted Navy and Coast Guard units, in addition to our Youth Programs. The Navy League of the United States held their 2023 National Convention in Dallas, TX. The Richmond Council received the following awards:

- Council Performance Award ( Meritorious Award for overall performance in 2022);
- Mackie Award-Newsletter: Silver Award for *The Lucky Bag*; Mackie Award-Website: Silver Award for Council Web Site.
- The Richmond Council was also recognized with the Retention Award for 88%-member retention.

But, the Officers and Directors can-

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not continue to achieve outstanding results without your support. We need to build the membership, add Community Affiliates and other sponsorships. If you know a potential member or business sponsor, invite them to our quarterly luncheons. The Board meets every Monday at 10:00 AM at our office on Laburnum Ave. Guests are welcomed.

We are citizens supporting our U.S. Sea Services: Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Sea Cadets and Merchant Marines

I look forward to serving as your Council's President. Let's make 2024 an outstanding year for the RCNL.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

### 2024 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VS. HOLY EXPECTATIONS



We have all declared New Year's Resolutions, haven't we? How did that work out for you? If you're like me, probably not too well! The problem with a resolution is that its success depends on us.

I have a personal trainer who selects the weights that he **expects** me to be able to use, to achieve a certain exercise. He doesn't tell me in advance how much it is. I trust him because he has proven himself trustworthy. By trusting in his expectations of me, I am able to grow in strength and confidence. Our relationship can be likened to Proverbs 27:17 - ***As iron sharpens iron; so, a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.***

### 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 member attending your first function.

### NEW MEMBER

Larry J. Morgan

Kenneth W. Lucas, Jr., M.D.

Similarly, we have a Heavenly Father who is worthy of our trust. He also knows how much we can handle, and he has what we might call Holy Expectations of us. The Prophet Micah reveals this in Micah 6:8 - ***He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***

When we put our trust in God, we receive the Holy Spirit who will guide us and empower us to fulfill these Holy Expectations. We will not be doing them on our own.

As you begin the New Year, enjoy the journey with the One in whom you can trust!



Edward S. Gibbons

March 20, 1927 – February 2, 2024

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**RICHMOND COUNCIL NLUS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
HELD AT WILLOW OAKS COUNTRY CLUB  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**

As we were enjoying the luncheon, John Harler stepped up to the podium and invited three new members to come forward to be recognized and receive their Navy League lapel pins. Maria Gallegos, Courtney Mustin, and Larry Morgan came forward to be recognized. Congratulations and thank you for your support of Richmond Council!

John Harler reminded those in attendance of the importance of sharing with others **who we are** and **what we do** to help recruit new members. He suggested that they might consider obtaining our business cards, ball caps, challenge coins, and brochures to share with prospective members.

Next, Tom Hassell and Tom Jennings, USCG Cutter **LEGARE's** Liaison and Assistant Liaison, respectively, came forward to share a gift that they had received from the **LEGARE** of a 9/11 flag that had flown from the mast of the **LEGARE** on 9/11.

Following the lunch, President Fiedler opened the business meeting with a review of 2023. He then called Treasurer Billy Butler to give the Treasurer's report. Bill reported good news and bad news, in that we are still in good standing, but that we had lost money for almost all activities in 2023 due to poor participation by membership.

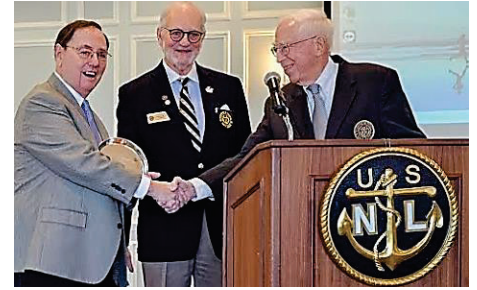
Next, Judge Advocate, Tom Hassell came forward and asked SVP Vaughan Dize to read the proposed slate of Directors for 2024. Having been done, the slate was approved by acclamation. Tom then swore in the Directors for 2024.

Following this, Vaughan read the slate of proposed officers for 2024 and these were elected by the 2024 Board of Directors. Tom next swore in the new officers including our new 2024 President, Vaughan Dize.

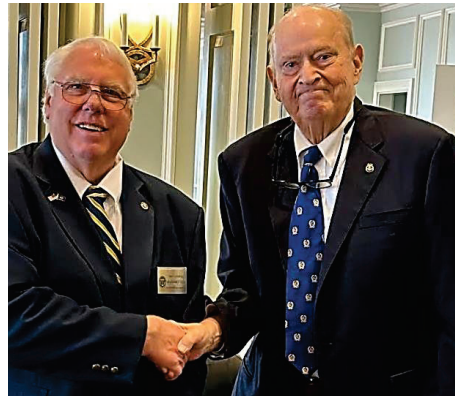
Tom Hassell and John Harler, being the only past awardees of the Honorable William Moscoe Huntley Award present, came to the podium. Tom explained that this award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Council beyond normal expectations and that this is not an annual award. The award is to be

decided by past awardees and this year the past awardees decided that the person most worthy for his years of tireless service to the Richmond Council is Mr. Billy Butler, Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding service, Bill!

Next, 2024 President Vaughan Dize spoke briefly with words of encouragement to the Council followed by the Benediction by Chaplain Harler.



**Judge Advocate, Tom Hassell and Chaplain, John Harler present the prestigious Moscoe Huntley Award to Bill Butler, Treasurer. (Past recipients include: Ed Gibbons, John A. Harler, M.D., Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., William W. McCathern, Jr., R. Milton Owen and CDR Walter D. Tucker) .**



**Outgoing President, Jay Fiedler, congratulates incoming President, Vaughan Dize.**



**Liaison, Tom Hassell, holds up the flag while Assistant Liaison, Tom Jennings reads the Certificate presented to Council from Jeremy M Greenwood, Commanding Officer, USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912):**

***To all who shall see these presents, greetings:***

***The 9/11 Patriot Day Flag accompanying this certificate has been proudly flown on USCGC LEGARE's Jackstaff on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from Coast Guard Base Portsmouth, Oubound to Sea.***

***Presented to:***

***Navy League of the United States, Richmond, Virginia Council in sincere appreciation for your support.***

**RICHMOND COUNCIL NLUS 2024 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

At Council's Annual Meeting, held 17 January 2024, the following slate of officers were installed:

- President:** Vaughan F. Dize
- Acting Sr. VP:** John A. Harler, M.D.
- Vice Presidents:** William W. McCathern, Jr.  
R. Milton Owen
- Treasurer:** Billy L. Butler
- Asst. Treasurer:** Robert E. Lusk, Jr.
- Chaplain:** John A. Harler, M.D.
- Judge Advocate:** Thomas T. Hassell, Jr.
- Secretary:** Carol K. Zembroski
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William J. Swackhamer  
Laura Walker  
Carol K. Zembroski



## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TOOLS

The Richmond Navy League offers four tools for our members to use to assist them in recruiting new members. The first is wearing a Navy League ball cap when shopping or otherwise going out around other people. People tend to notice these and will often stop you and inquire about the Navy League.



When they do, it would be wise to carry with you a couple of Navy League informational brochures to hand out.



After giving them a brochure, give them one of your business cards and ask for their contact information. The office will provide you with these business cards at no cost. If you are interested, contact the office at [navyleaquerichmond@com-cast.net](mailto:navyleaquerichmond@com-cast.net) and tell us if you prefer to have the Richmond Navy League's phone and email address or your personal phone and email address on the card. Please indicate if the phone number preferred is a landline or cell.



We also have our challenge coins which make a nice gift and encouragement to someone who seems seriously interested in joining.



## AMERICA DIVISION SEA CADETS



Bravo Zulu Cadets on a job well done participating as sideboys for the NOSC (Navy Reserve Center-Richmond) Change of Command! The Cadets got a lot of attention during the meet and greet. Pictured above: VADM John B. Mustin; Chief of Naval Reserve; SA Donahue; PO2 Burns and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Executive Director RADM Andy Lennon.



VADM John B. Mustin, Chief of Naval Reserve, discussing their future with the Cadets.

**ANNUAL INSPECTION WAS HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2024 AT NAVAL RESERVE CENTER-RICHMOND. OFFICIAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.**



The Color Guard presents the flags during the Pledge of Allegiance, opening of ceremony.



LCDR Regional Director Jeffrey Anderson inspects the Cadets with PO 2<sup>nd</sup> Class McCanna Carson taking notes as directed by LCDR Anderson.



Navy League President, Vaughan Dize, presents the Roosevelt Medal to PO 2<sup>nd</sup> Class McCanna Carson.



## THE NAVY BEHIND THE NAVY



With the Super Bowl set for Sunday, February 11th, I'll ask you to tolerate a football analogy. The star players – Mahomes, Purdy, Kelce, McCaffrey, etc. – will be the focus of cameras and commentary; the offensive linemen will go relatively unnoticed. Yet, the stars wouldn't be stars without them.

The Military Sealift Command (MSC) was established on July 9, 1949 and was originally the Military Sea Transportation Service. In 1970, it was renamed the Military Sealift Command. This year, 2024, is MSC's 75th anniversary.

The MSC is the Navy's offensive line. They refuel ships at sea, move necessary cargo to strategic positions, perform special operations and research to support Naval missions. They recover wreckage of planes and watercraft, tow vessels great distances, and even provide medical care in foreign countries.

When the **USS GRAVELY** shoots down two enemy missiles, that makes headlines. When the **USS CARTER HALL** recovered the Chinese spy balloon, that was on the national TV news. When the **USNS SEAY (T-AKR-302)**, delivered operationally necessary cargo to Saudi Arabia in 2022 to support Exercise Native Fury, we never knew it. There is a Navy behind our combatant Navy that we should honor, especially this year.

On February 11th, pay attention to the offensive linemen and then think about the anonymous 125 MSC ships that allow our superstars to be just that – **SUPERSTARS**.

Pat Robson  
Liaison, MSC  
Liaison, USS CARTER HALL



**Congratulations to the Mechanicsville High School NJROTC Program. They earned the Distinguished Unit with Honors this year for the first time in the unit's history! The program hosted its annual Area Manager Inspection, which included a formal uniform inspection of the cadets, awards and presentation ceremony, drill performances, and a pass in review of the corps. Commanding Officer, LCDR Colley, leads the corps. (photo courtesy of Hanover County Public Schools. Article extracted from *Mechanicsville.-Ashland Local*, December 13, 2023).**

## THANK YOU

Richmond Council Navy League,

I wanted to write you this letter to thank you for the support you have provided me and my NJROTC unit. I first wanted to thank you for the two years in a row, you awarded me the Mechanicsville High School Cadet of the Year Award alongside \$200.00 in checks. Because of you, I am able to lessen the cost of the college I'll be attending, which is the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Due to your generosity, I conducted further research on you and was astonished. Not only do you support my unit, but you assist eight other NJROTC and MCJROTC units in the area. On top of that, you are involved with the Sea Cadets. My fellow cadets and I are so grateful organizations like you exist, to help shape the youth in America. Although I will be leaving the Richmond area for quite some time, I hope to join a council in your organization to give back as you have done for me. Again, thank you for supporting me, as well as the other naval youth programs in the area.

Very Respectfully,  
Anthony Williamson

## POEMS ON DECK!

*Once upon a midnight dreary  
Standing watch with eyes quite bleary  
Now upon us is a new year,  
As I hear ring out cheer after cheer.  
The Michael Murphy stands proudly moored  
Starboard side Bravo 18, duty personnel aboard.  
Presently stationed in Hawaii's paradise  
The sacrifices at Pearl Harbor we recognize.\**

(\*Excerpt from USS Michael Murphy (DDG-112) deck log, 1 January 2020, Archives Branch, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C.).

Recently, our Navy's history department, the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) revived a quaint shipboard tradition that flourished in the darkest hours of the Second World War. NHHC now invites ships to compete with original poems marking in their deck logs the arrival of the new year.

Ordinarily, a ship's deck log is no page turner. It is instead the official diary of a watch, that is, one of the standard segments in which a ship's day is divided, at sea or in port. It is kept by the Quartermaster of the Watch, a junior non-commissioned officer, and certified by the Officer of the Deck, the watch team's leader (often, but not always, a commissioned officer). Specific entries in a deck log are required by a Navy regulation promulgated by the Chief of Naval Operations. The first entry of each watch period records where the ship is, what she is doing, and what larger group, like a flotilla or a convoy, she is part of, if any.

If the ship is underway, the log also records changes in her course and speed and the conditions of sea and sky through which she steams. The log's language is hardly English. A typical entry is rife with abbreviations, acronyms, and maritime jargon. Naturally, there is a standard form dictated Navy-wide. Today, a deck log may be generated manually, electronically, or even by voice recording, a la Star Trek's "Captain's Log. Star Date 4513.3." Bundled by the month, logs are shipped off to NHHC for preservation. The ship must save a local copy for a year. Eventually, all deck logs come to rest in the National Archives.

As important as deck logs are to naval operations, they are rarely page turners. Most entries are no more riveting than those in one's check register. Here is a sample:

. . . 8:00 p.m. to Midnight:- Steaming as before following in column astern of *QUEEN ELIZABETH* on course 246 (pgc) standard speed 12 kts. At 9:14 sighted Copensay Light 2 pts on stbd. Bow. At 9:22 increased standard speed to 14 kts. On signal. At 9:30 increased standard speed to 16 kts. At 9:47 Copensay Light broad on stbd. Bow bearing 291 (pgc). At 10:47 c.c. to 268 (pgc) and headed for skerries. At 11:40 opened to double distance. At 11:50 entered Pentland Skerries. 10 Av. St. 252. Av. Revs. 88.25.\*\*

R. Wilson  
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy

(\*\*Excerpt from USS New York (BB-34) deck log, 16 February 1918, Archives Branch, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C.).

But, once a year, every ship's company has an invitation to wax poetic. Since 2021, NHHC has held a contest to attract log entries that depart from the standard form in celebration of a new year with verse portraying the experience of shipboard life. First, Second, and Third Place entries are recognized and published by NHHC at its website. The First-Place winner is awarded a suitably engraved piece of copper plate from the hull of the frigate USS Constitution, the Navy's oldest vessel still in service. This year, one of the entries is from our own Carter Hall:

*Continued the watch streaming into 2024,  
Entered the Med excited for what's in store.  
We've done it all, seen it all.  
We are the pirates of the goo.  
Watch out dhow's we're coming for you!  
Just left 5th Fleet, not as much sunshine  
NR1 and NR4 SSDG's, Starboard Steering Gear  
Are Running.  
We shot down the Houthi drones,  
Houthi rednecks aren't that cunning.  
Finally reunited with the Mesa Verde,  
Our Sister,  
Showing us around the Aegean,  
Oh how we missed her.  
Ocean steaming, Bataan is still the Queen B,  
We are out here with the Greeks and the Sullivans DDG.  
Modified Zebra is set throughout the ship,  
LT Halliday is the OOD of this mighty warship.  
CO is in his crib,  
Let's wake him up to start the new year!  
Hoist the Jolly Roger,  
Our captain should ye fear  
He fiercely led us 329.3 nautical miles yesterday,  
And 46753.8 nautical miles throughout 2023.  
We are the bad ass Carter Hall,  
Sailors and pirates ... we really be all.\*\*\**

\*\*\*Courtesy of our Liaison, Pat Robson.

For more information, see David E. Johnson & Gary Guinn, MIDWATCH IN VERSE: NEW YEAR'S DECK LOG POETRY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, 1941 – 1946 (McFarland & Co. 2023).

-- John Paul Jones



## ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



**USS NORMANDY (CG-60)**  
CO: CAPT Errol A. Robinson  
XO: CDR Adam J. Samson  
CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

George L. Feitig, Jr., Liaison  
Dennis Biggs, Ass't Liaison

USS NORMANDY was operating in the East Mediterranean Sea, as a part of Carrier Strike Group TWELVE with USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN-78), USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG-119), USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG-116), USS BULKELEY (DDG-84), USS MCFAUL (DDG-74), USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG-68) and briefly the Greek Frigate HS Psara (F-454). **NORMANDY's** mission continues to be to promote stability and regional security through its presence.

The **GERALD R. FORD CARRIER STRIKE GROUP** executed three Air Defense Exercises to maintain and improve combat interoperability. As daily operations continue, Sailors operate in a heightened state of readiness, while using frequent Morale, Welfare, and Recreation events onboard to decompress when time allows. Sailors were able to conclude December with numerous themed events to include multiple MWR activities for two visits to Piraeus, Greece, "Secret Santa"/White Elephant gift exchanges, and dropping **NORMANDY's** very own Ball on New Year's Eve.

**NORMANDY** welcomed its new Executive Officer, CDR Adam Samson, a native from Woodbine, Georgia whose career spans across multiple deployments to both 6th fleet and 5th fleet. His impressive history of numerous joint and combined operations is supplemented by training upcoming officers at both Basic Division Officer's Course (BDOC) and Surface Warfare Officer's Course (SWOS), serving as Deputy Executive Assistant to Commander Task Force 80, and serving as a Flag Aide to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

Numerous sailors, including LTJG Holloman, FCC Hanson, and RP2 Caton, have been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their efforts thus far on deployment with MMC Squires earning the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. With their continued efforts, **NORMANDY** continues to, professionally and smartly, execute the Nation's tasking.

Very Respectfully,  
LTJG John E. Barber, CICO/AOPS

## UPDATE

**NORMANDY** returned home after an eight-month historic deployment with the **GERALD R. FORD** Carrier Strike Group on a breezy, cold and wintery morning, Saturday, January 20, 2024.



On Left: Council Director Bob Lusk, Liaisons Dennis Biggs and George Feitig along with council member Keith Feitig (taking the picture) were there to welcome **NORMANDY** back home.



The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, **USS NORMANDY (CG-60)**, returns to Naval Station Norfolk; the last ship of **GERALD R. FORD CARRIER STRIKE GROUP** to come home after an extended deployment. "For over 70% of **NORMANDY's** crew, this was their first deployment", said Command Master Chief William Palmer. (extracted from *Military News*; author: Kathleen Lunday; 1-20-24).

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**SHIP UPDATES cont. from page 7**



**Liaison George Feitig presents a check for the ship's MWR Fund to CAPT Robinson and Command Master Chief Palmer.**



**USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)**  
CO: CDR Brian C. Sanchez  
XO: CDR Greg Piorun  
CMC: CMDCM Timothy Bickerton

**Report from Patrick Harris, Liaison**  
**Courtney Mustin, Ass't Liaison**

On January 30, **USS GRAVELY** shot down an anti-ship cruise missile fired by Houthi rebels. **GRAVELY** shot down the missile using its Close-In Weapon System (CIWS) after it came within a mile of the destroyer. The incident appears to be the closest a Houthi weapon has come to a U.S. warship since the Navy began intercepting the military group's drones and missiles on October 19.



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

**Pat Robson, Liaison**

Greetings Richmond Navy League!

**CARTER HALL** continues its deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. The crew has had long underways in this deployment, but continues to accomplish great things. We began the busy month of December with a mass casualty drill to assess the medical casualty response team's skill-set in a stressful scenario on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



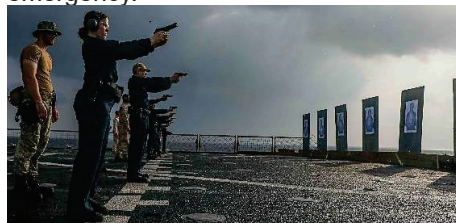
On December 5<sup>th</sup>, **CARTER HALL** conducted a Vertical Replenishment with the **USNS AMELIA EARHART** for some necessary supplies while in the Red Sea.



**CARTER HALL** conducted Security Reaction Force Bravo training on December 6<sup>th</sup>, teaching Sailors how to handle a combatant during a security violation scenario.



Sailors on the flight deck training team conducted a crash and salvage drill on December 8<sup>th</sup>, to maintain their steadiness and swiftness in the case of an emergency.



Sailors aboard **CARTER HALL** conducted a live-fire gun shoot with M9 Berettas on December 10<sup>th</sup>, to maintain

and sharpen their accuracy and handiness with the firearm.

Finally, Ensign Angelo Brown was promoted to the rank of Lt. J.G. during a ceremony in the wardroom on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Sir!

As always, we thank you for your support as we continue to uphold our motto, "working for Peace, Ready for War."

Very Respectfully,  
MC2 Moises Sandoval, PA



**USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)**  
CO: CDR Andrew Dennelly  
XO: LCDR Patricia Green  
COB: GMC Matthew Winters

**Vaughan F. Dize, Liaison**

**USCGC NORTHLAND** is currently dry docked at Colonna Shipyard, Norfolk, VA.



**USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912)**  
CO: CDR Jeremy M. Greenwood  
XO: LCDR Jonathon Upton  
COB: BMC Cody Johnson

**Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison**  
**Thomas A. Jennings, Ass't Liaison**

On January 10, 2024, Tom Hassell and Tom Jennings attended **LEGARE's** bowling party and had a little game playing with the crew. They asked for volunteers to come forward to answer questions. If the question was answered correctly, they won a cash prize.



**LEGARE continued on page 9**





Tom Hassell, USCGC LEGARE Liaison, presents the Coast Guardsman of the Year Award to IT2 Rolf J. Singler as Command Chief Cody Johnson stands by.

Thank you for all the generous gifts and recognizing me as Sailor of the Year! This is my third year aboard USCGC *Legare*, and your sponsor has given this cutter a second wind. Your dedication and support to our crew has been a blessing. The Richmond Navy League is truly the embodiment of *Legare's* motto, "*Facta Non Verba*" (Deeds not words). I am honored to have you part of our family and able to call you shipmate. I look forward to our next meeting.

Thank You,  
IT2 Rolf Singler  
USCGC *Legare*

December 11, 2023

Dear Richmond Navy League,

On behalf of the crew of USCGC *Legare* (WMEC-912), I offer my deepest thanks for your generous donation to the "Legare Library" project.

Additionally, it was an honor to attend the 82<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth's Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony. Thank you for holding *Legare* in such an honorable and touching event. I consider it a privilege to have gotten to hear CDR Bussey's speech and enjoy lunch with Mr. Hassel and Mr. Jennings.

Your support of this project has touched the lives of our unit's members. Thank you so much for everything you do to serve those of us serving.

Sincerely,  
C.A. Ulrich  
Assistant Operations Officer  
U.S. Coast Guard



On 25 January 2024, ship liaison, Tom Hassell, delivers pre-patrol goodies to LEGARE's crew. L to R: three LEGARE crewmembers, Tom Hassell (Liaison), XO LCDR Upton and CO CDR Greenwood.

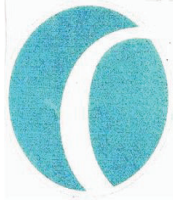
The crew of LEGARE expressed an interest in improving their library and the Richmond Council responded with a donation, which was much appreciated.

# 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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