

# THE NAVY LEAGUE NEEDS YOU

**48,000 strong - - - the number of civilian Navy Leaguers who support our U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine!**

**Navy League Councils located in over 45 cities in the United States are augmented by Councils in foreign countries, including Japan, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom and Mexico**

## Who We Are

The Navy League was founded in 1902. Its mission is to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services, to support youth programs that introduce young people to the values of our sea services, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and JROTC units. The United States is a maritime Nation whose national economic and security interests are inextricably tied to the freedom of the seas.

The Richmond Navy League, a nonprofit group of civilian volunteers, is one of Richmond's best kept secrets. And we want to change that. We're proud of the work we do to support America's sea services.

Our organization is open to anyone interested in providing hometown assistance to those who serve in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

We especially encourage the family members of active servicemen and women to join us in supporting our troops.

Although veterans are warmly welcomed and encouraged to join, the Navy League is not a veteran's support organization. **Prior Military Service is not a requirement for membership.** Rather, we are civilians who support those on active military service and their families.

**Join the fun!**  
**SUPPORT OUR SEA SERVICES**



### From a Position of Strength

*Excerpt from Sea Power Magazine*

Our priorities as they relate to the Navy League mission are clear, and our mission as we set out to inform and educate the American public, as well as our local and national lawmakers, has never been more important.

Our Navy requires a strong financial commitment to ship-building and critical investments in the next generation of warfighting technology. Our Marines require ongoing support of the U.S. Marine Corps Service and Strategy, including that of adequately equipping and maintaining more than 192,000 active-duty Marines.





USS GRAVELLY (DDG 107)

*A selection of events are for  
have lunch with the crew  
visit the White House ---*



## What We Do

### *Miscellaneous Activities*

Throughout the year members may select many diversified Council activities, such as:

- Day cruises aboard Navy and Coast Guard ships
- Tours of Military bases, often offering interactive demonstrations
- Commissioning Ceremonies (i.e. carrier USS GERALD R. FORD)
- Shipboard Change of Command Ceremonies
- Air Shows featuring state of the art Military Aircraft, as well as, the thrilling performance of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels
- Touring Military Museums
- Welcoming Council's adopted ships home from deployment
- Attending the Navy League's National Sea-Air-Space Symposium in the Washington, D.C. area
- Attending Council's social dinners and luncheons
- Participating in Council's Annual Golf Outing.

Richmond Council provides support to local Junior ROTC Units, Naval Sea Cadets and other youth programs that teach young teenagers the values of military service, such as honor, duty and respect to the Nation and its services.

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### *Care Packages*

Richmond Council has shipped over 1800 Care Packages to forward-deployed members of the military - - The public can help by providing names and addresses of forward-deployed military of all branches.

*"On behalf of the entire FITZGERALD Family, I offer a heartfelt thank you for your support following the tragic collision which occurred on June 17, 2017. . . As the ship's Commanding Officer, I can personally attest to an increase in crew morale resulting from your kindness. The Navy would not be able to accomplish its mission without your support".*

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### *Annual Spring Golf Outing*

This fund-raiser is enjoyed by members and guests of all golf levels - - - duffers as well as low handicappers. Complimentary lunch and a variety of beverages enhance this fun outing!



Join with active duty Military - - - Sailors from Council's adopted ships and Recruiters for a round of golf



red each month in Council's newsletter, "The Lucky Bag". Spend a day at sea ---  
 - tour a Military base --- attend an air show --- enjoy a luncheon & guest speaker ---  
 and a variety of other Council's activities!



Luncheons scheduled each Spring, Mid-Summer and the annual Sea Services Luncheon in October.

*"You guys give us a reminder as to why we are here . . . We are doing what we have to do to ensure it stays away from our family and friends. Thank you again so much".*

*"Knowing that there are organizations like the Navy League that care for and support our Soldiers and Sailors, is outstanding and just a quick reminder of the patriotism and pride that goes along with being an American".*

**ATTENTION ALL NAVY LEAGUERS -**  
 COME SPEND A DAY AT SEA ABOARD  
 ONE OF OUR ADOPTED SHIPS  
**USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50)**

Council's adopted ship, *USS Carter Hall* returned from its eight month deployment in October. Captain Peterson has extended an invitation to Richmond Council members to spend a day aboard ship en route from Yorktown Naval Weapons Station to Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. This promises to be an exciting day aboard this proud ship.

You will lunch with the crew and will be free to explore the ship.

**CAUTION:** Carter Hall has lots of ladders (stairs to landlubbers) so be prepared for lots of climbing with comfortable shoes and casual attire.

**NOTE:** Sorry this outing to be restricted to Richmond Council members and their spouses only. Local dues.

If interested in this trip, declare your interest promptly. Space is limited.

Cost: \$35.00 pp (second option)

**Schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Option)**  
 Date: Wednesday, January  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904)

**Ship Sponsorship**

Council members take pride in sponsoring four adopted ships: USS GRAVELY, USS CARTER HALL, USS NORMANDY and U.S. Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND. Sponsoring these adopted ships includes providing equipment not readily available through DOD channels, such as athletic equipment, TV sets, electronic equipment and games, recreational items and includes Council's deployment dollars program and monetary contributions to the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund.

**The Lucky Bag**

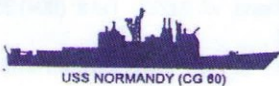
Our informative newsletter – 11 issues annually



**Commemorating Pearl Harbor**

An annual observance by the Navy League is held at the Virginia War Memorial, a wreath laying ceremony.

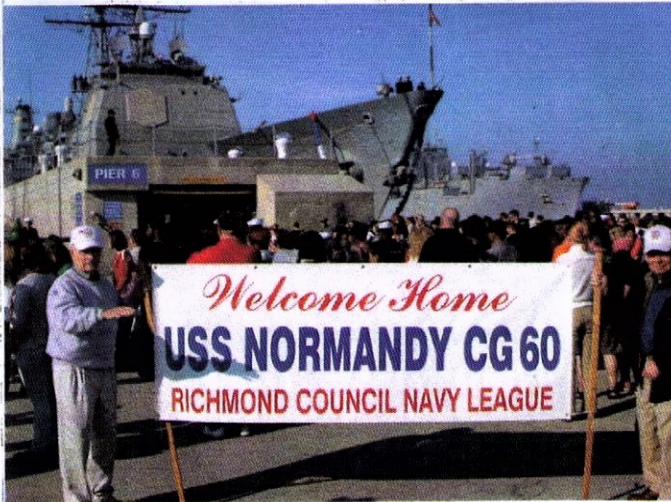
**COUNCIL'S ADOPTED SHIPS**





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## Come Join Us

Our mission translates into two main initiatives:

- To inform the public and political leaders of the vital importance of a comprehensive and fully prepared sea service

- To provide support for active duty sea service personnel and their families, as well as, America's Youth through programs like the Sea Cadet Corps and nine JROTC Programs

Please join us in supporting members of our Military and their families.

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### YES! Please enroll me as a new Navy League member

Richmond Council Annual Dues ..... ~~\$30.00~~ <sup>35.00</sup>  
Subsequent Local invoices mailed to you each December

#### National Dues:

National Navy League Membership is required  
Subsequent National invoices mailed separately by National

Individual 1 year electronic .....\$ 25.00  
Individual 1 year paper .....\$ 55.00  
Individual 2 year paper .....\$100.00  
Life Membership.....\$500.00  
(age dependent, please call)

Total Dues: Richmond + National = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check payable to: Richmond Council NLUS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor ID: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Prior Military Service is not a requirement for membership

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