

RICHMOND COUNCIL. NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

You are cordially invited to Council's Annual Business Meeting - - -Wednesday January 22, 2020

Council President, Harvey V. Lankford, M.D., extends an invitation to all Richmond Navy Leaguers & friends asking that they join us at our Annual Business Meeting --- and a review of Council's varied activities throughout 2019. Arrive early and enjoy the complimentary wine and cheese island.

Following dinner, Council's Annual Business Meeting will be conducted and the Officers and Board Members will take their oath of office. Council members are asked to mail-in their proxy forms.



Navy Leaguers and guests enjoy the pre-dinner social hour of wine and





EVENING SCHEDULE

DATE: Wednesday 22 January 2020 PLACE: Willow Oaks Country Club

6228 Forest Hill Ave R, VA 23225

6:00 pm Social Hour TIME:

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Annual Meeting

COST: \$35.00 per person

cheese at last year's Annual Meeting 			Complimentary wine and cheese island		
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Harvey V. Lankford, M.D.



NOW HEAR THIS

Still wondering about what to give for Christmas? Have YOU bought your Richmond Council Challenge coins yet?

Shortly after you receive this edition of The Lucky Bag, we will commemorate "A Day which will live in Infamy..." at our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event on 7 December at the Virginia War Memorial. The only sign-up required (by 3 Dec) is for the box lunch afterwards if you wish to stay for that part. The impressive ceremony itself is free. We would love for all of you to

In January 2020 at our Annual Business Meeting, directors and officers will be elected for the coming year. Please attend this important event and take part in the fellowship, enjoy a good meal together and then get down to Council business.

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It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Council President for the past year! Thank you for your support and assistance. We have a great team that diligently staffs the office, truly does slave (!) over The Lucky Bag (now in color), organizes trips and seeks new ways to support our sea services, adopted ships, supported units and youth programs. Members can help our Council by participating in events, promptly paying their dues invoice and finding sponsors and new members. Even more, we need you to step forward to volunteer your time and skills and be a larger part of the team. Do not wait for us to ask you. Instead, give us a call! I look forward to serving along with you in 2020.

NAUTICAL WORDS

"All hands" means the entire ship's company. A ship calls "all hands" to meet and they all show up. Wouldn't it be great if Richmond Council could have that with its crewmembers? Please join us for EVERY activity! Z

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Lewis W. Brandt

Grandpa's...are you a fixer? What a joy it is when tear-filled eyes are turned into smiles, as a fractured toy with a little glue and a lot of luck is returned all fixed. Unfortunately, toys are not the only things that get broken. In the Christmas story, I think of Joseph when he learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with a child that he knew was not his. He wanted to put her away privately to spare her pain, but his heart was broken and no grandpa could fix it. However, when the angel told him the story of the child, his actions followed Prov. 3:5,6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct vour paths". Our motto, "In God we trust" is a truth that does wonders! It healed Joseph's broken heart and gave us the greatest story ever told. &

CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU

Good Morning, Navy League Richmond!

I am ENS Francesca Treglia, and I am currently serving onboard the USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG-96), an Aegis Class Guided Missile Destroyer. We have been on deployment for several months now, and as we look to make our way back home, I want to reach out and say, THANK YOU, for all of your support over the past several months. I am the "great"-niece of Mal and Susan Leubkert. I look forward to getting back home to visit with them and enjoy our coffee at the kitchen table!

Every care package that was sent went to Sailors who did not have people sending them anything. It truly made all of the difference for them. Seeing their faces as they realized a package was for them was truly price-

I am currently the 1st Lieutenant onboard, and I am responsible for all major Deck Evolutions such as Replenishment's at Sea, Boat Deck Operations, Flight Operations, and I am accountable to 24 Boatswain's Mates and Deck Seaman. They are the hardest working people on the ship, (and perhaps as their Division Officer, I am a little biased); however, they run this ship.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the BAIN-BRIDGE and our Naval services. The mission is completed because of you all back home. &

Very Respectfully, **ENS Francesca Treglia** 1st LT, USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG-96)

REMINDER

PEARL HARBOR . REMEMBRANCE DAY SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 VA WAR MEMORIAL 11 AM

DECEMBER 8, 1941

"With confidence in our armed forces with the unbounded determination of our people - we will gain the inevvitable triumph, so help us God."

Taken from President Roosevelt's address to a Joint Session of Congress Monday December 8, 1941

NAS OCEANA HANGAR TOUR

On October 8 our bus arrived at NAS Oceana, the Navy's only Master Jet Base on the East Coast. F-18 Super Hornets promptly left in full afterburner. They do it every day. Strike Fighter Squadron 213 "Blacklions" Public Affairs Officer and pilot LT Mitchell Monas was his usual friendly and personable self and gave a great guided hangar tour while the armament specialist talked about weaponry.

Once upstairs we were greeted royally by Blacklions Commanding Officer Patrick Baker, Executive Officer Leslie Mintz, Administrative Officer LCDR Kyle Terwilliger, previous Admin Officer LCDR AJ Seator and others. The flight surgeon had been called away so we did not get to hear him, but we did not have enough time to do everything anyway.

Moving over to the Quarterdeck, Base Commanding Officer CAPT John Hewitt welcomed us. Space permitted only a part of our group to make Council's donation presentation with the CAPT and Chaplain LCDR Alan Snyder and Chaplain LT Mike Crandall. There was also a surprise meeting with Base Public Affairs Officer Jennifer Hayes who some of us have known by phone and email for several years. Council Board Member John Heistand, who works there, was also a surprise participant. Next, we visited the Base Chapel to appreciate more of what the chaplain's office does for our military personnel and their families.

One last note. PAO Hayes was asked why everyone seemed so friendly and accommodating at Oceana more so than other places. She explained that the Naval Aviation Community is just like that. They serve, so our visit today was an opportunity to thank and support them.

ANCHOR CLUB - U.S. NAVY STYLE

Newport News Shipbuilding inspectors working on the mid-life overhaul of the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) found one of its anchors needed replacing. The world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the former USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), came to the rescue despite being decommissioned in 2017. Hundreds of refurbished parts from the ENTERPRISE have been removed for use on other ships. In this case, it was a 32-ton part. (Adapted from *The Daily Press*)



Eighteen Navy Leaguers and guests made a trip to Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana and were treated to an outstanding Hangar tour.



Weapons technician gave a detailed presentation of the M61A1; a six-barreled, rotary action Gatling gun used on F-18 Hornets. The guns are capable of providing a firing rate of 4,000-6,000 rounds per minute.



Presentation of Donation Check (L to R): Council Director, Ed Gibbons; Council President, Harvey Lankford; Chaplain LCDR Alan Snyder, USN; Base Commander, CAPT John Hewitt, Chaplain; LT Michael Crandall, USN and Council Director, John Harler.

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 again had an actionpacked month. We have continued our deployment, having now operated under the tactical control of three different Fleet Commanders, conducted a port visit to Souda Bay, Greece and transited the Suez Canal to operate in the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility.

After nearly a month at sea, NOR-MANDY and her crew spent four days of well-deserved rest in Souda Bay, Greece. While in port, we had the distinct pleasure of hosting Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO Policy Andrew L. Winternitz. NORMANDY showed off her impressive capabilities during a tour. Furthermore, members of the NORMANDY crew conducted a community relations event at a local boys home, refurbishing an exterior fence over the course of two days. Events like these are a great way for the Navy and local communities to interact. It allows for our Sailors to make positive impacts on a potential global scale. I could not be more proud of our Sailors for taking on these endeavors and showing the Greek community what NORMANDY and the U.S. Navy are all about.

Upon completion of our visit to Souda Bay, we transited through the Suez Canal en-route to the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility. A transit like that can be a difficult test of navigation management. Our team executed with precision and excellence, leaving our mark on our first tasking in Fifth Fleet. As I have told the families and friends of NORMANDY, the team is performing at a high level. They are exceeding the bar at every opportunity. They continue to adapt and overcome in a dynamic environment demonstrating just what the NORMANDY spirit is!

The stories of NORMANDY and her historic deployment are being told through press releases and photography all linked on the NORMANDY Facebook

page. As ardent supporters of NOR-MANDY, I hope you are following along and enjoying the ride!

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!

New York City! CARTER HALL headed to New York City for Veteran's Day. The ship conducted public tours, enjoyed liberty in this world class city, and marched in the Veteran's Day Parade. We looked forward to representing the US Navy and the entire veteran community during that weekend.

Training, training, training! Our Sailors continue to work hard to demonstrate and build their proficiency. CARTER HALL recently went underway to support the Marines to demonstrate the ability to get gear and personnel from ship to shore. One highlight from the exercise showcased the ability to use a helicopter to get a HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) to shore. Our sailors worked hard and were rewarded as the crew was able to enjoy Halloween with their family and friends.

Our Sailors and Marines will train and work hard as we continue to train for future operations and deployments! 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
Greetings from USS GRAVELY!

October was an eventful month for GRAVELY as we completed operational tasking for 2019 and shifted our focus towards preparing for our upcoming

maintenance period. We began the month underway in the operating areas surrounding Norfolk, conducting a two week exercise with the Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Following the high priority training exercise, we returned to homeport and conducted some inport training. We then transited to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown to offload our deployment loadout of missiles and ammunition. Throughout the month, we also conducted the first of an upcoming series of inspections with the Afloat Training Group (ATG). ATG inspected GRAVELY's eighteen Warfare Areas and, as expected, GRAVELY Sailors performed well, passing all reviews and earning high marks. As the month closes, our Commanding Officer (CDR Mike O'Reilly) redirects the crew's focus from the operational phase that we have maintained for the last two vears to the maintenance phase as we are fully engaged in preparing the ship to enter into the dry-dock. GRAVELY expects to conduct extensive repairs and upgrades to our combat weapons systems and engineering plant.

Very Respectfully, XO CDR Corey D. Odom



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!

October has been a busy month for us as our last full month underway before returning home, NORTHLAND has completed over 40 drills this patrol, and we have seized over 7,000 kg of contraband. Many members, new and old, have earned a variety of qualifications, helping us complete our counter drug mission in the Eastern Pacific and making all of our accomplishments possible.

NORTHLAND's crew was able to get some well-earned down time in two Mexican port calls, Chiapas and Huatulco. Mexico was full of culture and adventure, offering the crew a wide variety of activities from shopping for souvenirs to lounging at the beach. Some crewmembers explored nature on horseback while others trekked through the jungle to reach a secluded waterfall in the mountains. It was the first trip to these port calls for most of the crew and

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SEA SERVICES LUNCHEON

Richmond Council held its annual Sea Services Luncheon honoring the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. James River High School string ensemble serenaded us during the social time. Their NJROTC Color Guard formally began the event. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lewis Brandt who was a previous liaison with our adopted ship the amphibious vessel USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50).

President Harvey Lankford introduced the Head Table, uniformed personnel and special guests. Representing those who had sacrificed, a Missing Man presentation was made by Cadet Senior Chief Fred Hines, James River High School NJROTC, Senior Enlisted Leader. Our traditional cakecutting-by-sword ceremony was led by our speaker and the entire Head Table. We were pleased to have more Marines in attendance than ever before, representing Ft. Lee, Marine Recruiting, Marine League and Marine JROTC. Oorah!

After lunch, President Lankford presented a "Who We Are and What We Do" introduction of Council. This was followed by the introduction of our guest speaker. Council's CARTER HALL Ship Liaison, Pat Robson, welcomed CAPT Brian Finman. He had formerly been XO on CARTER HALL but is now Commodore of Amphibious Squadron Four (PHIBRON 4). We were fortunate to have such a personable and high-quality speaker.

We concluded with a Challenge Coin presentation by Past-President



Representing the Sea Services for the traditional cake cutting ceremony (L to R): Master Chief Steve Prince, James River High School NJROTC; Qawnana Crockett, Navy League National Office; LtCol Morina Foster, USMC, CO USMC Fort Lee; Capt Mike McDonald, USMC Recruiting; ENS Raymond Decatur, USN, XO NOSC; CAPT Brian Finman, USN, Commodore Amphibous Squadron Four; CDR Kris Klaiber, USN, NRD; LtCol Brent Reiffer, USMC, MCJROTC & YN1 James Robinson, USCG Recruiting



Council members & guests enjoyed music provided by a string ensemble from James River High School.

John Harler and Liaison Pat Robson and then the Benediction.



James River High School Cadet gave presentation on Missing Man Table

AMERICA DIVISION SEA CADETS

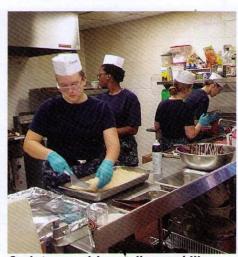
During the weekend of 18-20 October, cadets from AMERICA Division spent the weekend with the USCG at Station Milford Haven in Hudgins, Virginia.

The men and women of Station Milford Haven trained the Cadets in First Aid, Culinary Arts, the art of Bolo throwing and the fun of using a needle gun to prepare a chock for painting. As a finale, the cadets were treated to a patrol on the 45' Response boat - Medium. A perfect ending to a perfect weekend.

Bravo Zulu to all the personnel at Station Milford Haven that made this possible. You are the greatest!



Patrol in Ready Response Boat



Cadets acquiring culinary skills

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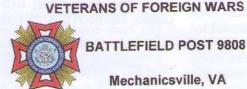


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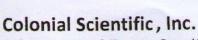
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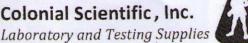






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was a memorable experience for all!

Just before the end of October, we had our third successful drug interdiction. We launched our small boat at first light and pursued a Low Profile Vessel or (LPV). LPVs are specially designed boats built specifically to avoid detection while smuggling narcotics. Our teams performed a textbook pursuit and the vessel quickly complied with orders to halt. This was another case completed with all hands on board and was a great way to finish patrol before heading back through the Panama Canal and home to our families!

NORTHLAND's crew has gotten a bust every single month this patrol and we will continue to push hard during our last few weeks underway. Thank you for your continued support and Happy Thanksgiving!

Very Respectfully,

XO LCDR Joshua DiPietro



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