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The Lucky Bag

RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

DATE: Thursday December 7, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: Virginia War Memorial

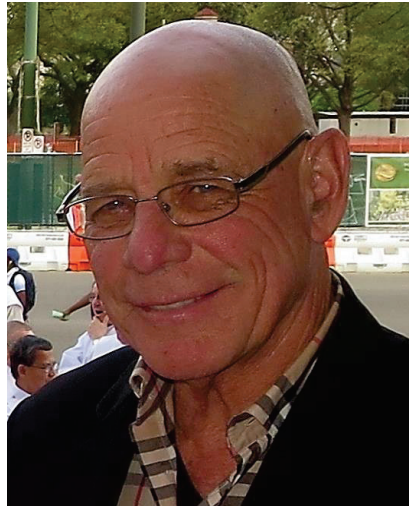
GUEST SPEAKER: CDR Dennis Bussey, USN (Ret)

Following the Remembrance Ceremony, members & guests are invited to gather in the Freedom Hall (lower level in the War Memorial) to enjoy a social and a boxed lunch, catered by *Homemades by Suzanne*. (Please remember to indicate on the reservation form whether you prefer a ham or turkey sandwich in your boxed lunch).

CDR Dennis Bussey hails from a long line of men of military service, from his maternal great grandfather who served as a 1st LT in the 33rd Regiment of Iowa Infantry volunteers and his paternal great grandfather, who served in Company K, 15th Regiment South Carolina Infantry, in the American Civil War. His brother served as a LT in the US Navy Supply Corps, including duty on the **USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG-16)**, as it was on the gun line in the Gulf of Tonkin in Vietnam. His stepbrother served as a CDR in the US Navy, as a fighter pilot, who flew 35 bombing and fire support missions in his F-4 Phantom jet in Vietnam. Dennis' wife was an LCDR in the US Navy Nurse Corps, during Operation Desert Storm.

Dennis' father, CWO4 Joseph Olin Bussey, USN (Ret.), served in the US Navy for 26 years. He survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor while on board the battle-

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**CDR DENNIS BUSSEY,
USN (Ret)**

ship **USS CALIFORNIA (BB-44)**. Dennis will tell us about this experience in his Pearl Harbor Day presentation.

Dennis served in the US Navy for 24 years, retiring in 1990 as a CDR in the Civil Engineer Corps. Five months after he graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1969, he found himself leading 120 US Navy Seabees, in a place called Marble Mountain, south of Danang in Vietnam.

Dennis retired for the 2nd time as a registered professional civil engineer in 2000 and moved to Richmond in 2009. In his retirement, Dennis became a historian of Richmond and founded the **James River Hikers**, leading history hikes of many historic Richmond areas. If only one sentence from Dennis as a teacher of history is remembered, let it be this: ***One can never understand history if contemporary standards are applied to past situations.*** ✍️

Reservation Deadline – TO BE RECEIVED BY: Thursday 30 November 2023

****Refund Policy 2023: Cancellations will be accepted & checks returned UP TO and INCLUDING the deadline date**

RESERVATIONS FOR: PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON – THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

Name: _____ Tel#: _____

Box Lunch preference: Ham _____ Turkey _____ Email: _____

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Cost \$ 15.00/meal Enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable (and mail) to: Richmond Council NLUS
P.O. Box 11201 Richmond, VA 23230 N.L.# (804) 355-7557