

Christmas at the White House trip at long last

On 14 December, Navy Leaguers and guests dodged Mother Nature. Just a few days before, a snowstorm hit Richmond resulting in the cancellation of our Pearl Harbor Day ceremony. For the White House trip, a morning temperature prediction of 25 F turned about to be wrong. Instead, it was a balmy 35, but our bus loading time of 430 am meant there were hardy souls who travelled north. The laborious White House permission process that had begun in hot August finally came to fruition for this cold early morning tour of the traditional Christmas-decorated White House.

Afterwards, the group had a choice of a chilly walk or a bus ride to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History where the original Star-Spangled Banner from Ft. McHenry is displayed. The Stars and Stripes Café is appropriately named for a Navy League group hang out.



After visiting the Star-Spangled Banner, our two James River buses re-crossed the Potomac. This was the last bus trip of a very successful travel year for the Richmond Navy League.