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RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

**JOIN US IN A TOUR OF THE
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
MARINE CORPS – QUANTICO, VA
SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2023**

***AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING
& MEMORABLE !!***



As visitors approach the Museum, they will appreciate its impressive magnitude - - - the steel mast soars over treetops; reminiscent of the flag-raising by the Marines following the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1944. Inside, you may stand in the famed "yellow footprints" and experience the intensity of a Drill Instructor as he molds new recruits, or you may test your skills firing an M-16 at the laser rifle range. The planned tour starts following the presentation of "We, The Marines" at the Medal of Honor Theater.

Several of the favorite exhibits include the iconic Battle of Belleau Wood (WWI) - - - the pre-invasion briefing before boarding a Higgins Boat and the invasion of Iwo Jima; experience the Battle at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea - - - and step from a helicopter's ramp onto a landing zone at Hill 881 near Khe Sanh in Vietnam.

The immersive experience is carried throughout the museum. Real tanks jut out from displays onto the museum floor. As a break in the action, Navy Leaguers and guests may enjoy lunch on the 2nd deck at the Devil Dog Diner or at Tun Tavern, before continuing their tour of the numerous galleries that may culminate at the Marine Gift store located in the atrium. ✍

DAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30 AM James River Bus Departs
****NEW LOCATION****
Glenside Park & Ride
4069-4099 Crockett St.
Richmond, VA 23228

10:00 AM Arrive at USMC Museum

12:00 PM Lunch at Museum - On your own /Tun Tavern or Devil Dog Diner

2:30 PM Board bus for return

4:30 PM ETA Richmond

**COST: \$40.00 NL MEMBERS
\$50.00 NON-MEMBERS**

Includes: soft drinks, waters & snacks on the bus & gratuity

RESERVATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023
(Payment must be received with reservation form)

*****Refund Policy (effective 2023): Cancellations will be accepted & checks returned UP TO and including the deadline date*****

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Name: _____ Tel: _____

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Total # of _____ @ \$40.00/NL Member and Family Member

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P.O. Box 11201 Richmond, VA 23230

Wheelchairs are available at no charge, based on a first come, first served basis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Adam J. "Jay" Fiedler, M.D.



We just held our annual gold outing at The Hollows Golf Club on Wednesday, 13 September. While the event was a success, with 88 players and numerous sponsors, it was not as successful a fundraiser as we have had in previous years.

Unfortunately, our fundraising events are falling behind in attendance, resulting in events being canceled. Most recently, we had to cancel our last two trips, Tangier Island & the Blue Angels Air Show, due to the lack of interest.

YOU CAN HELP by participating in future events and by bringing a friend or family member to these events whenever possible. Also, if we let friends and family know of all the Richmond Council is doing, they might want to become a member and help with various duties at the office.

Also, please remember to sign up for events in a timely manner. (ie, we could have filled the bus for the Tangier Is-

land trip, but 3-4 sign-ups came in AFTER the due date of the James River Bus Lines commitment).

We would appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding future events of interest.

We are considering:

- Udvar-Hazy Museum
- Tour of Fort Gregg-Adams (formerly known as Fort Lee)

Together, we can continue to serve our Sea Services and youth groups, but we need **every member's** support in order for the Richmond Council to achieve its mission. 🇺🇸

REMINDER

**SEA SERVICES LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER
GUEST SPEAKER
ROBERT J. WITTMAN
U.S. CONGRESSMAN**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.



FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

Unable recently to complete a planned tour of Normandy to see the site of the D-Day Invasion, I got a weekly devotional entitled Sweet Monday written by Sherry Sharp who has permitted me to share this:

Sherry said that on her recent tour of Normandy, she noticed that near the entrance to the American Cemetery and Memorial is a life-size depiction of Christ hanging on the Cross of the Crucifixion. She was struck by the juxtaposition of the Cross of the Crucifixion beside the thousands of crosses of men who died on D-Day in the American cemetery. She shared, "As if my emotions were not already heightened, tears began to collect in my eyes and

roll down my cheeks. One corner of the entrance represented the physical liberation of people (France liberated from bondage by the Nazis), and one corner represented the spiritual, eternal liberation of God's entire creation."

Sherry also shared "A wall at Normandy lists the names of soldiers whose bodies were never found ;however, with DNA technology, over time men are being identified from remains found in the surrounding area where the battle took place and are laid to rest in known gravesites."

Psalm 139:7 asks the question, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" Not a single soul is unknown to God! Psalm 139 also states, "You and I are fearfully and wonderfully made." How amazing is this truth?"

I pray Lord, thank you for the ultimate sacrifice that our Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, and Guardsmen have made to guarantee our freedom at home and abroad. Lord, please help us to remember Your eternal love that we never forget the price You paid, freeing us from sin and death.

Thank You! Amen.



Lee Penington Rice

October 3, 1941-July 21, 2023

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REMEMBERING COUNCIL'S PAST PRESIDENT, ROY M. MARTIN, SR.

Roy Martin Sr., affectionally known as "Big Daddy", by many, passed away on August 22, 2023. Roy was a member of the Richmond Council Navy League from 1995 until his passing. During that time, he chaired numerous committees, was a stellar fundraiser and served as a President of the Council.

Roy's interest in the military began early. While attending John Marshall High School, he was in the Cadet Corps, Company D. After high school, he graduated from Virginia Tech in 1950, as a mechanical engineer, then worked as a project engineer for Miller Hoff Co. in Richmond.

When the Korean "police action" started, he enlisted in the Navy for flight training and was called to active duty in May 1951. Roy took pre-flight training at NAS Pensacola. After completing basic flight training and carrier qualification, he completed advance training in the PB4Y-2 Privateer, at NAS Cor-

pus Christi and NAS Hutchinson, Kansas. He was commissioned Ensign and received his wings on October 28, 1952. He subsequently, was qualified as a blimp pilot and assigned to Airship Squadron 4 (ZP-4) at Weeksville, NC, where he remained for the rest of his active duty. While at Weeksville, Roy also served as Fleet Airship One Inflight Refueling Officer, refueling blimps from fleet oilers.

Upon completion of active duty, Roy and his family returned to Richmond where he earned his certification as a professional engineer, ultimately working for Reynolds Metals for 32 years.

Besides his work with the Navy League, Roy was very active in community and church endeavors. Roy was married to his High School sweetheart, Jean Tinsley Martin for 70 years and had two sons, two daughters and many grandchildren. His passion for his family, his country and his church are widely known.

Roy will be greatly missed by the Richmond Council NLUS, by his friends, family and all who knew him. Fair winds and following seas to our dear friend, Roy Martin. 🍷



Roy McLain Martin, Sr.
October 26 , 1929–August 22, 2023

A PERFECT DAY FOR GOLF !!

On 11 October 2023, 88 players headed out for a day of golf at the Richmond Council's 34th Annual Benefit Golf Outing at the Hollows Golf Course. Before heading out to play, everyone was treated to a wonderful BBQ buffet lunch by the Hollows kitchen staff. As folks were eating, there was a raffle drawing for door prizes and a 50/50. Good fellowship and conversation was had by all. The Richmond Council thanks all our sponsors and players for their expression of support for our nation's sea services, by sponsoring and participating in our major fundraiser of the year. We also thank all of the volunteers who helped make this event successful.

A special thanks goes out to event Chairmen, John Harler and Doug Reed and the Golf Committee, for all of their hard work!

Congratulations to our winning teams:

- 1st Place: American Legion Post 354**
- 2nd Place Tie: Mastec Utility Services & Navy Federal**



With a score of 54, Chris Bruch receives 1st place winnings for his team, American Legion Post 354. (Absent: David Field-Captain, Pascuel Espinoza & Ryan Goodrich).



Also having a score of 56, tied for 2nd place are winners from Mastec Utility Services: Mike Costic, Dan Sullivan, Andy Sullivan & David Small-Captain.



With a tied score of 56, 2nd place winners from Navy Federal are: James Ambrose-Captain, David Stallard and Josh Atchley.



Fabulous job from our volunteers: Melissa Hill, Bonnie Haist & Laura Walker.



Carts are lined up and the teams are getting ready to head out on the course.



Conrado Gonzalez, M.D. joins the Herndon Law Team, Kevin O'Donnell-Captain, as they ride out in the Club's new Golf Carts.



Council's Treasurer, Bill Butler, had his grandson and his brother-in-law join his team.



Event Chairman, John Harler, asks a player to pick the lucky winner for one of our many prize-winning drawings.



Event Chairman, John Harler, with his son, Stephen, standing with his son's company team, EnzoPay: Jason Roberts-Captain, Alex Marshall, Danny Harrison & Jimmy Snyder.



Youngblood, Tyler & Associates Team members, Adam Werner and Shannon Hill. Adam was the proud winner of a \$500.00 gift certificate to Cliff Bruce Photography.

ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)
CO: CAPT Errol A. Robinson
XO: CDR Anthony T. Bryant
CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

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

USS NORMANDY continues a scheduled deployment with the **GERALD R. FORD** Carrier Strike Group to U.S. Naval Forces Europe Area of Responsibility, employed by SIXTH Fleet to defend U.S., Allied, and Partner interests. Since leaving homeport, **USS NORMANDY** has sailed with and executed numerous operations and exercises with seven NATO countries to increase NATO interoperability and promote regional peace and stability. Additionally, to strengthen ties with its NATO partners, **USS NORMANDY** has conducted port calls to Sweden, Slovenia, Croatia, Turkey, and most recently Montenegro. In Montenegro, **NORMANDY** had the pleasure of hosting U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission, Ms. Nicole Otallah and Montenegro's Chief of Defense, Brigadier General Zoran Lazarevic for an onboard reception.

As **NORMANDY** approached the mid-deployment milestone and having visited multiple ports, Sailors had the opportunity to explore local cuisines, culture, and shopping. The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation team coordinated a multitude of tours for the crew to enjoy.

NORMANDY looks forward to reuniting with families and friends at return to homeport leading into the holiday season! ✍



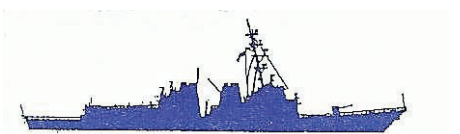
USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Andrew Denny
XO: LCDR Patricia Green
COB: GMC Matthew Winters

Report from Vaughan F. Dize, Liaison

Currently in port getting ready for inspection and sea trials. **NORTHLAND** will deploy around October 28th. ✍



USS NORMANDY on deployment with GERALD R. FORD Carrier Strike Group.



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

Report from Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

In late August **GRAVELY** Sailors had a first day of school with Gravelly Elementary School students. During their visit, Sailors assisted faculty and staff in the classrooms, ate lunch with the students and enjoyed some outdoor activities during recess. ✍



USS GRAVELY Sailors enjoyed the kids first day of school at Gravelly Elementary School in Haymarket, VA.



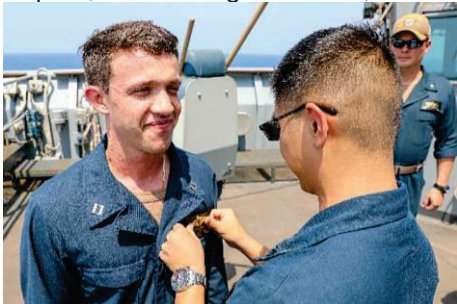
USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)
CO: CDR Brad A. Fancher
XO: CDR Steven E. Grey
CMC: CMDCM Benjamin Cruz

Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings Richmond Navy League!
CARTER HALL, currently deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet. We started September off with a Steel Beach Picnic on 7 September 2023 hosted by the Chief's Mess.



LT Matthew Starobin received his Surface Warfare Officer pin during a ceremony on the port Bridge Wing while underway in the Arabian Gulf on Sept. 8, 2023! Congratulations, Sir!



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Jose Arqueta was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) on September 18, 2023, for his quick thinking and swift action regarding crew safety. Hooyah, Shipmate!



As always, **CARTER HALL** crew wishes to extend their gratitude for

the ongoing support of the Richmond Navy League. 🇺🇸

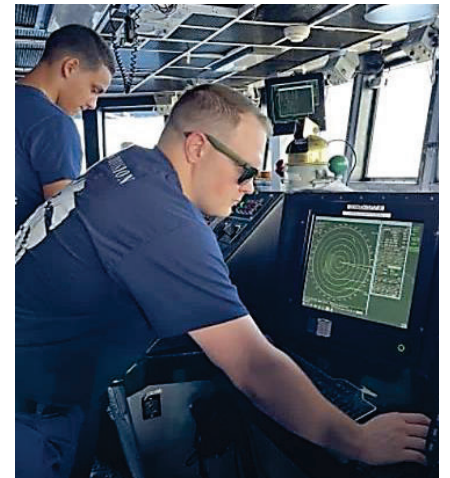
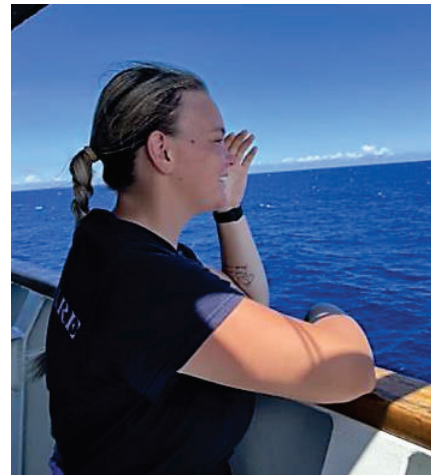
Very Respectfully,
 MC2 Moises Sandoval, PAO



USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912)
CO: CDR Jeremy M. Greenwood
XO: LCDR Brian A. Baffer
COB: BMC Cody Johnson

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

As **LEGARE** says "Bye, land" and headed out on deployment on September 12, CO Greenwood shared pictures of his crew hard at work in getting things done, but also taking the time to relax and have some fun.



Thank You Sponsors!


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