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RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

RICHMOND COUNCIL NLUS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2023 HELD AT WILLOW OAKS COUNTRY CLUB JANUARY 25, 2023

President, Pat Harris, gave an interesting outline of Council's many activities over the past year. Council's Treasurer, Bill Butler, reported that our financial status remains strong, thanks to the continued donations from our membership and notably from our Anchor Club members. Both Pat and Bill reiterated the need for continued support, financially and through volunteering. Next, Tom Hassell, Council's JAG,

took the podium. Those nominated as Directors were asked to come forward and were voted in by acclamation, then duly sworn in. The Nominating Committee nominations for officers were read and approved by the newly elected Directors, then sworn in.

Thereafter, Jay Fiedler, the newly elected President, was sworn in. This will be the second time Jay has served the Council in this capacity.

Outgoing President, Pat Harris, was presented with a plaque reflecting the Council's appreciation for a job well done!

The prestigious W. Moscoe Huntley Award is given periodically to a member who has given outstanding service, over an extended period, to the Council. John Harler was presented with this award to show the Council's appreciation for his exemplary service.



Following their election, those board members present, were sworn in by Council's JAG Officer, Tom Hassell.



Tom Hassell, speaking for himself, Milton Owen, Bill McCathern, Ed Gibbons & Walter Tucker, all previous award recipients, presents the prestigious Moscoe Huntley Award to John Harler.



Jim Dageforde, Tom Hassell, Melissa Hill & Laura Walker enjoying the social hour.



Tom Hassell presents plaque to out-going President, Pat Harris, as new President, Jay Fiedler observes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patrick D. Harris



I have enjoyed serving as your President during 2022. We are still dealing with the impact of the COVID infection, but, we were able to return to many of our past events and activities as well as adding some new ones.

We had the pleasure of three significant speakers for several of our luncheons. Captain Edward Nanartowich, USN, (Ret), President of the Mid-Atlantic Maritime Academy in Norfolk, spoke at our Spring Luncheon about our maritime services. RADM Andy Lennon, USN, (Ret), Executive Director of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, spoke at our Sea Services Luncheon about the Sea Cadets program and CAPT Gregory Keithly, USN, (Ret), Executive Director of the Tailhook Association, spoke at our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony and Luncheon about carrier aviation and his role as

technical advisor for the Top Gun-Maverick movie.

We were able to attend the Blue Angels Air Show for the first time since 2019.

We sponsored several new activities. In June, we hosted a Members, Family and Friends Picnic at American Legion Post 354, along the James River. The first picnic we have sponsored in over 30 years. At the picnic we conducted a silent auction and began the sale of \$20 raffle tickets for a \$1,000 Green Top Sporting Goods gift card. The silent Auction and Raffle generated over \$3,000 which was used to support our programs and services.

We held our 34th Annual Golf Outing, which netted \$9,300 in donations to support our programs and services. We attended Change of Command ceremonies for the Navy Reserve Center, Marine Corps Recruiting Richmond, Naval Talent Acquisition Group Richmond, USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50), Blacklions (VFA-213), USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904) and USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912).

On a percentage basis, our members support of the Anchor Club increased to its highest percentage **ever** with 128 members, or 64% of the membership donating \$15,496 to the Anchor Club!

The Anchor Club Funds are the primary source of funds for our Adopted Ships and Units and our Youth programs. We provided \$3,600 in Morale, Welfare and Recreation support to our Adopted and Supported Ships and Units and \$5,350 in support to our Sea Cadets, Navy and Marine JROTC programs.

Organizationally, we accomplished several initiatives to improve the efficiency and marketability of the Council. We contacted all members by telephone to check on their status and to verify contact information. We also increased our support to the AMERICA DIVISION Sea Cadets program from \$4,000 to \$5,000. We changed the

schedule of Board of Director meetings from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. To improve our standing as a 501-c3 non-profit organization, we were able to raise our transparency rating issued by GuideStar to a Gold Seal, the second highest rating they provide.

There are currently about 200 Navy League Councils. Richmond, New York City, Central New York and Fort Lauderdale are the only Councils that have a Gold Seal. GuideStar is one the country's largest sources of information about nonprofit organizations.

If you have any suggestions to recruit new members or other ideas to boost the Navy League, please share them with Jay Fiedler, our new incoming President or any other Board member.

We look forward to your continued support and involvement in the Richmond Navy League Council in 2023. ✍

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS –

Are you like me and, as the new year approaches, we begin to consider what changes we will make in the new year? Our thoughts turn to diet, exercise, being kind to our neighbors, finally getting around to doing what we have been putting off for the past year that we resolved to do last New Year's Day. What happened to our resolve, our self-control? What happened to our **Round Tuit?**



Well, the Bible addresses this dilemma in several places:

● *For God has given us not a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.* (2Timothy 1:7)

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WELCOME ABOARD !

The Richmond Council Navy League is proud to welcome you as a member. In the weeks ahead, when you attend one of our Navy League events, please let the person at the registration desk know that you are a new member attending your first function.

NEW MEMBER

Tiffany Edwards

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• *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, **self-control**.* (Galatians 5:22-23)

• *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

So, if we find that we are unable to follow through with our new year's resolutions, due to lack of self-discipline, and our life doesn't seem to be bearing the fruit that we had hoped for, seek the Lord's strength and our life will be filled with the fruit of the Spirit, which will restore our self-discipline or self-control.

And He will also provide us with a whole year's worth of **ROUND TUIITS!** 🍌

SEA CADETS HOLD ANNUAL INSPECTION

On January 8, 2023, AMERICA Division Sea Cadets held their Annual Inspection at the Naval Reserve Training Center, Richmond.

In essence, they were competing against all Sea Cadet Units Nationwide. The inspection was conducted by LCDR Jeffrey Anderson, USNSCC, from the National Sea Cadet office in Alexandria, VA. He was assisted by Chief Joseph Colizzi, UNSCC.

Inspection scores will be posted early summer. 🍌



Sea Cadet Color Guard being inspected by CDR Jeffrey Anderson.

LCDR Jeffrey Anderson conducts inspection assisted by Chief Joseph Colizzi.



Chief Joseph Colizzi prepares Sea Cadets for inspection.



LCDR Jeffrey Anderson and Chief Joseph Colizzi prepare Sea Cadets for inspection.

ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)
CO: CAPT Gary M. Chase
XO: CDR Anthony T. Bryant
CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

George L. Feitig, Jr., Liaison

I understand that the news of CAPT McKeon, being relieved of command, has been released to the public. We will not be addressing it in this update. We request that you allow the ship time to work through this sensitive transition with grace and understanding. As always, we appreciate your steadfast support. CAPT Gary Chase is **NORMANDY's** new temporary CO. ✍️

Very Respectfully,
LTJG Maude Manzi, USN, ASWO



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

Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings and Happy New Year, Richmond Navy League!

CARTER HALL has remained bustling with activity throughout December, as we completed a very successful Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) in early December. We then rolled right into a Maintenance Phase as we look forward to our next deployment.

More recently, VADM Daniel Dwyer, Commander US 2nd Fleet was onboard **CARTER HALL** along with Fleet Command Master Chief Huben L. Phillips and recognized several sailors who distinguished themselves during recent underways. The sailors receiving recognition were as follows:

- Deck Department: Seaman Gilberto Martinez: Played an instrumental role in the preservation and non-skid

replacement on the starboard side quarterdeck and cat walk. The job was originally supposed to be a depot level repair and he was able to lead a team of ten Sailors to complete the work using ship's force. . Additionally, SN Martinez performed the duties as Ramp Marshall during SWATT, leading to ten launches and recoveries of two LCACs with zero mishaps.

- Operations Department: ET2 Kieran Orians: As OE Division LPO, he led 21 sailors across five work centers in the completion of 725 hours of maintenance, resulting in a divisional score of 98%. Additionally, he expertly troubleshooted four vital uhf circuits during Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BATARG) SWATT exercises ensuring full mission readiness for **CARTER HALL's** communications suite.

- Supply Department: CS2 Wenhao Yu: As JOOD (Junior Office on Deck) for S-2 Division, CS2 YU flawlessly and accurately conducts the breakouts for all food onboard **USS CARTER HALL**. He accounts for up to \$3,000 of cargo daily with zero discrepancies. CS2 is a highly deserving and motivated Sailor that goes out of his way to help others. He accepts all responsibility without hesitation and is always eager to learn.

- Engineering Department: EN2 Jeffrey Jones: Petty Officer Jones led six Sailors in depot level underway repairs to the air end on number three low pressure air compressor. His expertise and technical knowledge resulted in **USS CARTER HALL's** operational readiness in support of the BATARG SWATT exercises.

BRAVO ZULU to all! We couldn't be prouder of these **CARTER HALL** sailors! Until next time! ✍️

Very Respectfully,
Chaplain Jerry Ireland



Happy Holidays from our family to yours! (XO Steven Grey and a few CARTER HALL Department Heads).



VADM Daniel Dwyer is piped aboard USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50) pier side in Virginia Beach, VA. (Jan 09, 2023).



VADM Dwyer, Commander US 2nd Fleet, congratulates CARTER HALL sailors on a job well done! (Jan 9, 2023, JEB Little Creek, Virginia Beach VA).



USS GRAVELLY (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Hunter D. Washburn
XO: CDR Brian C. Sanchez
CMC: CMDCM Dion C. Dupree

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

GRAVELLY is starting the New Year off with motivation, determination, and perseverance! The crew is preparing for exciting missions that lie ahead of them this year. They have returned from the holiday stand-down period and are recharged and ready to go. Everyone truly enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time with family and loved ones for the holidays.

Before the holidays, **GRAVELLY** frocked thirty-four Sailors! It was a great time to celebrate these Sailors'

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achievements and a great way to end 2022. **GRAVELY** is conducting a short maintenance period that allow **GRAVELY** time to make repairs and implement upgrades to equipment before getting back underway. **GRAVELY** will be going underway in the near future to perform multiple exercises in preparation for her next deployment with CSG 2 (Carrier Strike Group 2).

Happy New Year from the **GRAVELY** crew and thank you for all the support that you have given us! We look forward to sharing a new year of experiences as the finest warship on the waterfront!

The 56th Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, **USS GRAVELY** is homeported in Norfolk and named after Vice Adm. Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr. Adm. Gravely became the first African-American to command a U.S. Navy warship, the first African-American to command an American warship under combat conditions, the first African-American to command a major naval warship, the first African-American admiral, the first African-American to rise to the rank of vice admiral, and the first African-American to command a U.S. Fleet. Admiral Gravely was highly decorated with the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal. Facebook:

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Very Respectfully,
Alexis Harrell-Parada, ENS, USN



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904)

CO: CDR Andrew Dannelly

XO: LCDR Elizabeth Tufts

COB: MKC Alan Kinney

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison

Vaughan F. Dize, Assistant Liaison

Greetings and Happy New Year from **USCGC NORTHLAND!**

As we look back on 2022, we are very proud of all we accomplished: a groundbreaking international engagement in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador; five counternarcotics interdictions in the Eastern Pacific; security operations near Port au Prince that made national-level news; and many shipmates promoted,

advanced, and recognized for their contributions to our great service.

As we look ahead to everything yet to come in the new year, we are excited for 2023!

After spending the 2022 holiday season underway, supporting Department of Homeland Security mission priorities, Northland had the pleasure of being in-port for this holiday season. The crew enjoyed some well-deserved time off to celebrate the holidays with friends and family.

NORTHLAND also hosted a holiday open house for crew, family, friends, and our support network to enjoy festive food and take tours of the ship.

One of the biggest projects we've been preparing for is our biennial Tailored Ships Training Availability, or TSTA. The multi-weeklong TSTA consists of drills, inspections, and exercises, assessing and ensuring the cutter's mission readiness. Our crew has devoted countless hours in preparation for TSTA and is ready for the challenge! Once that prepatrol training period is complete, we'll depart for another deployment supporting the Coast Guard's 7th District, where safety of life at sea patrols have been a high priority for the last several months.

Throughout this inport maintenance period, **NORTHLAND's** crew has accomplished a tremendous amount of work to effect repairs, install upgrades, and generally improve the condition of the cutter and prolong the ship's service life.

For a ship built in 1984, maintenance and preservation become a huge priority for us! Deck Department continued their vital corrosion prevention projects across the ship, including a complete repaint of the ship's hull, to keep us looking sharp and remove any running rust or trouble spots. **NORTHLAND's** flight deck also got a face lift this inport, with complete resurfacing and new landing lines painted last week.

Engineering Department completed an "open and inspect" on both main diesel engines, and a complete overhaul on one of the generators, in addition to replacing pumps, valves, and switches that were due for renewal. Operations Department got some flat screens for the navigation system on the bridge - very different from what was originally installed in this class of ship! Last but certainly not least, Support Department continues to procure the necessary items to conduct rescue and assistance operations, including the extra food, clothing, and medical supplies we'll need for this deployment.

As we draw closer to our next deployment date, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Richmond Chapter for their continued sponsorship and donations that provide tremendous support for the crew! From all of us on board **USCGC NORTHLAND**, Happy New Year! Until next time, *fair winds and following seas!* 📧

Very Respectfully,
XO LCDR Elizabeth Tufts



Council delivers pre-deployment care packages to NORTHLAND. L to R: XO LCDR Elizabeth Tufts, CO CDR Andrew Dannelly, Tom Hassell and Vaughan Dize.



Thanks for jumping on board!!!

ANCHOR CLUB MISSION

Your donation of \$100 (or more) provides funds for the support of our Sea Services and Youth Programs

In February of 2008, Richmond Council Navy League's Past President and longest-standing active member, Ed Gibbons, founded the *Anchor Club*. Ed, himself a Marine, got the idea from the Marine Corps League's *Leatherneck Club* to which he also belonged. The idea was to offer Council members the opportunity to *go above and beyond the call of duty* by contributing additional financial support for the mission to support our Sea Services and Youth Programs. By the end of 2008, there were 104 members of the *Anchor Club*. Since that time, annual membership has exceeded over 100 every year. To date, the Anchor Club has raised \$192,823 in support, an average of \$12,855 per year. In 2022, \$15,496 was donated by 128 individuals or 65% of our total membership.

One of the early *Anchor Club* projects was the Care Package Program in which the Council solicits forward-deployed APO/FPO addresses of all branches of the service to which the care packages are mailed. In recent years, it has become more difficult to find forward-deployed military addresses. One way in which our general membership may be of help is to help us find such addresses. To date, we have mailed over 2000 care packages.

Perhaps the most exciting example is that of our Africa Care Package Program of 2019. We discovered a remote expeditionary military unit (combined Navy, Army, and Air Force) on the coast of Somalia. As is our custom, we asked them specifically what they needed. They sent a list of 21 items, the top 3 being: seat cushions, slingshots, and fishing gear. The seat cushions were to comfort those sitting on guard duty in tall observation towers; the slingshots were to retard the monkeys climbing the towers and the fishing gear was for entertainment. We shipped them 9 large packages containing everything on their list.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to *jump on board*, join the *Anchor Club* and help us provide support for those men and women who are standing watch around the world to protect our nation. For those already on board, **thank you** from all the troops! ✍

NAVAL HISTORY

As we enter the month of February 2023, let us remember some of our Naval History & Heritage Command from past years.

Hold down the Ctrl key & click the link; then click on a video that may interest you.

<https://www.youtube.com/@usnhistory/featured>

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