



Greetings from the FIGHTIN 5-0!

The New Year is now in full swing, we have one full month behind us and the changes that each New Year brings are perhaps most apparent aboard the CARTER HALL than anywhere else. The most visible of changes lies with our new Commanding Officer, Cdr. LaDonna Simpson. On January 21, 2021 she relieved Cdr. Matthew Shellock following his fine tour of service. As the CARTER HALL continues to prepare for future underways and sterling service to the nation, we are incorporating the new guidance and bearing changes that have followed. In the words of our CAPT, *“Know Your Purpose...To lead, you must know who you are. What gives you purpose, energy and passion? My purpose is service to the nation. ... Purpose is the force that aligns your personal honor and integrity to the core values of the Navy. ... Become the kind of authentic leader who inspires Sailors to find their calling to become great leaders in their own right.”*

Additionally, the CAPT reminds us that “Standards Matter”. As I think upon that, the service of the Richmond Navy League towards the CARTER HALL and her crew comes charging to the forefront of my mind. In unrelenting commitment to supporting us, we were entrusted \$1,000.00 worth of “Deployment Dollars” for use in rewarding the hard work and dedicated efforts of our junior sailors. I personally cannot wait to witness the shocked look of surprise and pride when our first Sailor receives this public recognition before the rest of the crew. Thank you for creatively and continually, contributing to the welfare and well-being of America’s sons and daughters!

We are: Working for Peace, Ready for War!

V/R,

Chaplain Block

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