



## Sea Services Success

Richmond Council held its annual Sea Services Luncheon honoring the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The special cake-cutting-by-sword ceremony beforehand featured personnel from the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Navy led by our speaker Navy Admiral Jesse Wilson, Jr. COMNAVSURFLANT. As commander of all surface vessels in the Atlantic, Admiral Wilson was a dynamic and personable speaker, relating to us the responsibilities we have as a maritime nation, and some of the challenges we face. His previous leadership of the EISENHOWER Strike Group well-qualified him for his current duty and his presentation to us.

We were fortunate to have such a quality speaker. Having said that, Richmond Council has been blessed in triplicate this year. Our Spring Luncheon's outstanding speaker was US Congressman Dave Brat. Our Summer Luncheon's enthusiastic speaker was Captain Kevin Buckley of the hospital ship COMFORT. Admiral Wilson, to put it in World Series terms, batted third and hit a home run. Where were *you* when we had these great speakers? Mark your calendars. Our Spring Luncheon will be on March 13, 2019.