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RICHMOND COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
The Hollows Golf Club in Montpelier

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WE NEED GOLFERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Harvey V. Lankford, M.D.



NOW HEAR THIS

There has been a very busy start to 2019:

- Meeting with SURFLANT PAO and JAG at Norfolk
- USS NORMANDY SOY presentation at Norfolk
- USS CARTER HALL SOY presentation at Little Creek
- National Sea Cadets inspection of our America Division Richmond, VA Sea Cadets
- Spring Luncheon with CO and XO of Navy Strike Fighter Squadron Two-One-Three

We had an outstanding Spring Luncheon with Super Hornet Strike Fighter Squadron Two-One-Three, the

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Blacklions. CO CDR Patrick Baker and XO CDR Leslie Mintz were our guests. CDR Baker gave a fantastic presentation and answered many questions afterwards. We have great appreciation for the men and women of Two-One-Three and our relationship with them.

Back to ground level now. Please remember our Golf Outing on 15 May. We need you to raise sponsors and golf teams. Tell others about your Richmond Council Navy League and how we support the sea services. Mention our website www.navyleaguerichmond.com and share your Lucky Bag with others. Talk us up!

NAUTICAL MUSIC OF THE MONTH

Yes, music! During underway replenishment (UNREP), ships steam only 150 feet apart while one ship transfers fuel, ammunition or supplies to another ship. Afterwards, the replenishment ship will maintain its course while the other ship increases speed and veers off to the tunes of "breakaway music" over powerful external loudspeakers. Both crews can hear it over the waves. Four Navy Leaguers witnessed this during a 4day UNREP sixty miles off of OBX. We were laughing too hard to remember the tune, but here are some others: USS JOHN S. MCCAIN - "Big John", USS WICHITA - "Wichita Lineman". USS ENTERPRISE - "Theme from Star Trek". Other fitting titles include Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again", Bachman-Turner Overdrive's "Takin' Care of Business", The Eagles "Life in the Fast Lane" and Richard Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUMMER LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Lewis W. Brandt

Someone will invariably ask the question, "If God is a God of love, how can He send people to hell"? First, the Bible clearly states that God is love, I John 4:8. However, it is important that we understand love as it is declared in the Bible. We define nearly all amorous acts today as "love" even though the Bible calls many of them sin. God is holy and only love will come from Him. God holds all men accountable for who and what they are, but loves them for what they might become. It is not that God loves the thief as he steals from our homes in the night, but He loves the thief for what he could be if he repents. In the cross, God provided us a way to become what he desires us to be. If we reject His gift, it is not that God arbitrarily sends us to hell...it is our choice to go. t

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep". Psalm 107

HOUSTON-HOLICKY-SITTER LUNCHEON

DATE: Tuesday 9 April

PLACE: Publix

2250 John Rolfe Pkwy Henrico, VA 23233

TIME: 11:30; SPEAKER 12:10 SPEAKER: General Al Gray, USMC, (Ret)

Native of New Jersey, Gray joined the Marine Corps in 1950 and attained rank of Sergeant before being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1952. Gray progressed through an impressive array of commands, becoming a Four-Star General and Commandant of the Marine Corps in July 1987. 🏂

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 at your first function.

New Member

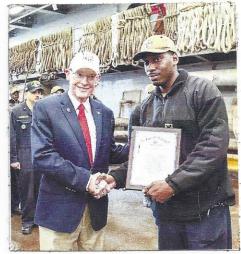
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USS CARTER HALL ALL- HANDS

The quarterly All-Hands assembly onboard USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50) occurred on 22 February 2019. Richmond Council's liaison Pat Robson attended to make presentations of the 2018 awards. The recipients included Senior Sailor of the Year PS1 Shannon L. Dominick who received a plaque and a check. Sailor of the Year LS1 (SW) Ryan T. Egesal and Blue Jacket of the Year BM3 Robert T. Kearns received certificates of award. Junior Sailor of the Year CS3 (SW) Benny D. Castillo-Michel will be awarded his certificate later.

At the same All-Hands, the Richmond Navy League "officially" presented the crew of CARTER HALL a 55" flat screen TV to be used in the ship's chapel for religious and general Navy training, as well as for watching the Super Bowl. In reality, the crew received the TV prior to Christmas and already had been in extensive use.

CARTER HALL's triad and crew expressed genuine appreciation to the Richmond Navy League for our support. CDR Matthew R. Shellock, the ship's XO, will assume command of USS CARTER HALL and will be the keynote speaker at our October Sea Services Luncheon.



Council's liaison with CARTER HALL, Pat Robson, presents Sailor of the Year award to PS1 Shannon L. Dominick with a plaque and check

D-DAY OBSERVANCE

In June, a large gathering of World War II veterans is planned at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia. This final salute: D-Day Plus 75 years will feature five days of ceremonies, to commemorate one of the most ambitious and far-reaching military campaigns in history, which was considered "the beginning of the end of war in Europe".

"The 75th anniversary of D-Day is perhaps our last, best opportunity to personally thank those who were there", says Angela Lynch, associate director of marketing for the National D-Day Memorial Foundation.

Among the soldiers who landed in Normandy on 6 June 1944, was company A of the National Guard's 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division; and among their number were some 30 Bedford soldiers.

By days end, 19 of those Bedford Boys from Company A, and one from Company F, were dead. Given the county's small population, this represented the highest known per capita losses for the Nation on D-Day. Twenty other men from Bedford died later in the Normandy and France campaigns. (Note: with permission from AAA World Magazine)



Council's liaison, Pat Robson, is joined by crew members in the well-deck with TV set presented to the ship by Council



NORMANDY's Sailor of the Year, Yeoman First Class Brendan Little, was not available to accept the award prompting Jay Fiedler, M.D., Council's liaison, to present the plaque and check to his Section Chief on his behalf

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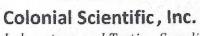


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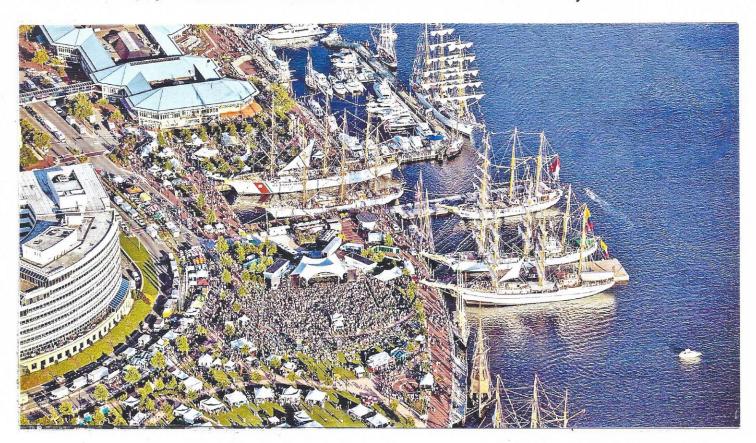








JOIN US FOR A HARBOR BOAT TOUR & TALL SAILING SHIPS TOUR **NORFOLK HARBORFEST - FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019**



Join the Richmond Navy League for a special trip onboard the harbor cruise ship Victory Rover. This 3-hour cruise of the Norfolk waterfront includes viewing from the water the Naval Station and ships, Nauticus and the Tall Sailing Ships that we have all heard so much about. They sail to Norfolk only once a year. Following the cruise, participants will have several hours to stroll the guay and docks for food and on-deck visits on some of the tall ships. Do not miss it! You MUST ADVANCE RESERVE your seat

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DAY'S SCHEDULE - FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019

6:00 AM - BUS DEPARTS

James River Transportation 915 N. Allen Ave

Richmond, VA 23220

9:00 AM - Arrive at dock

9:15 AM - Board harbor boat

9:30-12:30 - Boat tour harbor +Tall Ships

12:30-3:00 - Lunch on your own. Vendors at Harborfest. **Board Tall Ships**

3:00 PM - Leave Norfolk. 6:00 PM - ETA Richmond

Richmond, VA 23230

SEA CADET INSPECTION

On February 24th, AMERICA Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps was visited by Region 05-3 Headquarters representative, LCDR Jeffrey Anderson, to conduct their annual inspection. All U.S. units are graded annually on personal appearance, fiscal accountability, administrative, and training procedures. 394 units throughout the U.S. are graded equally and compete to be the #1 unit in the country. AMERICA Division is looking again to be a top 10 unit.

OUTSTANDING SPRING LUNCHEON 13 MARCH

To the delight of approximately 65 Navy Leaguers and guests, CDR Patrick Baker, USN, gave an outstanding picture of the "day-to-day" operations of Super Hornet Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-213, stationed at NAS Oceana, VA. CDR Baker is the Commanding Officer (CO) of the "Blacklions" Squadron and following his presentation, answered many questions from the energized audience – a total TREAT!



CDR Patrick Baker, USN, CO Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-213



Sea Cadet Headquarters representative LCDR Jeffrey Anderson conducted the Annual Inspection



The Sea Cadets are graded on personal appearance, fiscal accountability, administrative and training procedures



The head table (L to R): Jane Harler; Past-President John Harler, M.D.; President Harvey Lankford, M.D.; CAPT John Paul Jones (Ret); CDR Kris Klaiber, USN, XO NRD-Richmond; CDR Leslie Mintz, USN, XO VFA-213; and CDR Patrick Baker, USN, CO VFA-213

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ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)

CAPT Christopher Stone CO: XO: LCDR Jeremiah N. Petersen CMC: CMDCM Douglas Newman

Adam J. Fiedler, M.D., Liaison AHOY, Richmond Navy League!

NORMANDY continues the steady strain to prepare for our upcoming major material inspection (INSURV), which is now only a few weeks away. We are currently at sea, dusting off the cobwebs and executing various evolutions to ensure our equipment is ready to perform. The Sailors have been working day and night to prepare all areas of the ship for inspection and show our best face. The Ship looks amazing. The efforts of the Crew are evident in every whir of machinery, flying bullet and glimmering piece of brass. We are ready to show the inspectors and the Navy exactly what makes NORMANDY the finest warship on the waterfront.

We had the privilege to meritoriously promote seven Sailors last week to the next paygrade; Gas Turbine Systems Mechanical First Class Thaddeus Sylve, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Elisabeth Bullen, Machinists Mate Second Class Blake Knockwood, Electronics Technician Second Class Brian Mendezrodriguez Quartermaster Third Class Philip Burnett, Logistics Specialist Third Class Brenden Clarke and Gunners Mate Third Class Alik Rodriguez.

These Sailors have shown great dedication, expertize and leadership in their rate, as well

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as to their Shipmates and command. We are so proud of what they've accomplished. I look forward to the excellence they'll bring to this next chapter in their careers.

Petty Officer Little returned from his time away to a warm welcome as the gift you provided was waiting for him on his desk. Thank you again for the support you provide the Crew here on NORMANDY. We were so grateful to be able to host a small group of your members for lunch in the last week of February. It's always a pleasure to be able to share in sea stories and fellowship with any member of your team. Your presence is felt through the command as we were reminded in the gift that is the park bench which still sits in our passage way. It continues to provide the Sailors a place to convene with their friends or take a small break to recharge after a long

As I mentioned before, the coming weeks are going to be quite busy. Our material inspection will roll directly into our sustainment exercise with the strike group. We'll be going out together to refresh our skills as a cohesive team, operating together again for the first time since we returned from deployment three months ago. We're very excited to get back in the fight and reassume our position, at the tip of the spear.

Thank you for your continued support and outreach.

Very Respectfully, CO CAPT Christopher D. Stone



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)
CO: CDR Bruce W. Golden
XO: CDR Matthew R. Shellock
CMC: CMDCM Donavon Gray

Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings from the FIGHTIN 5-0!

It's been a long time since the CARTER HALL went to sea, but in late January we accomplished this milestone to complete contractor sea trials. During this five day underway, the ship and crew were pushed to their limits as many of the recently

overhauled systems were tested. As expected, CARTER HALL knocked it out of the park. In late February, we went out to sea again for a second set of sea trials. During this underway. inspectors from Naval Surface Force Atlantic evaluated the crew and equipment to ensure proficiency in the systems that are on the ship. Once again, CARTER HALL and her sailors rose to the occasion to pass this milestone. By passing these two sea trials. CARTER HALL is now able to enter into the Basic Phase of Training. This several month phase of training must be accomplished for the ship to be certified to conduct independent operations.

We were honored to welcome our Navy League Liaison, Mr. Pat Robson, on February 22nd for the official presentation of the recently purchased TV. During his visit, we showed him the new Gator Chapel where the TV is on display. We look forward to using the TV for worship services, crew trainings, and for movie nights. Last month, we were blessed to use the TV to show the Super Bowl while we were underway. Thank you once again to the Richmond Navy League for the generous support.

As we enter into March, the CARTER HALL will be continuing to head out to sea to continue our training! We are: Working for Peace, Ready for War!

Very Respectfully, PAO LT Patrick D. Williams Command Chaplain



USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Justin R. Hodges
XO: CDR Michael T. O'Reilly
CMC: MCPO (SW/AW) Larae Baker

Alan Palmer, Liaison
Greetings from USS GRAVELY!

We are well into our NATO deployment now, continuing to serve as the flagship for Standing NATO Maritime Group One (SNMG1). In February, we participated in the DYNAMIC GUARD exercise off the coast of Norway. This exercise provided a great opportunity to fine-tune our integration with the Polish frigate ORP GENERAL

KAZIMIERZ PULASKI and the German auxiliary ship FGD SPESSART (the other two ships currently assigned to SNMG1), and to build proficiency and interoperability with many other partner navies who also participated in the exercises. The main focus areas of DYNAMIC GUARD were Anti-Submarine Warfare and Electronic Warfare, though there were many opportunities to train and operate in Air Warfare and Surface Warfare as well

Before and after the exercise, we were able to enjoy two port visits to Bergen, Norway – a beautiful city marked by scenic fjords and picturesque mountains. After this opportunity for some "R and R", it was back to sea for continued operations with the ships SNMG1.

Very Respectfully, XO CDR Michael T. O'Reilly



USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)

CO: CDR Charles L. Banks

XO: LCDR Jeremy M. Greenwood COB: ETC Joseph W. Leu

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison

Cutter **NORTHLAND** returned from our short Caribbean patrol on February 23rd. We faced a few mechanical problems during patrol, which allowed our engineering department to show their skill and expertise to get us back underway and back to our mission.

We successfully completed our Aviation Standardized Inspection while in Mayport, FL which allows us to keep our helicopter certification. The crew worked tirelessly at the end of the patrol to ensure we showcased our knowledge and skill when embarking an HH-65. Due to their hard work all personnel passed their flight billet tests.

On March 11 we will be heading up to Baltimore to begin our three month dry dock period where **NORTHLAND** will receive some much needed maintenance. Half of the crew at a time will have the opportunity to explore other aspects of the Coast Guard and attend schools to further develop their leadership and their careers.

As always we thank the Navy League for their continued support and look forward to our next meeting.

Very Respectfully, XO LCDR Jeremy M. Greenwood

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