

COUNCIL HONORS THE SEA SERVICES

Council hosted its annual Sea Services Luncheon on 12 October at Willow Oaks Country Club. Our guest speaker, CDR Ted Carlson, USN, was joined by Capt Keith Lowell, USMC, and CDR Marc Brandt, USCG, each with their respective ceremonial swords in a cake cutting ceremony as the luncheon got underway.

CDR Carlson, **USS GRAVELY's** Commanding Officer, gave an excellent summary of their eight month deployment to the Middle East, accompanied with a PowerPoint presentation, followed up with a Q&A session.

Each October, Richmond Council takes pride in honoring the sailors aboard our four adopted ships; **USS GRAVELY (DDG 107)**, **USS NORMANDY (CG 60)**, **USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50)** & **USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904)**, in addition to the recruiters of NRD-Richmond, Marine Corps & Coast Guard and other local military commands. 🍷



Capt Keith Lowell, USMC (at left), CDR Ted Carlson, USN, and CDR Marc Brandt, USCG, with their respective ceremonial swords, prepare to cut the joint services cake



CDR Carlson gave an interesting account of **GRAVELY's** recent deployment in the Middle East