

JULY 2023

# The Lucky Bag

**RICHMOND, VA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

## JOIN US FOR A RELAXING CRUISE ON THE *CHESAPEAKE BREEZE* AND EXPLORE TANGIER ISLAND – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Step back in time and visit this unique place that is surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay! The island, dubbed the “soft crab capital” of the nation, is located in the middle of the Bay. You will enjoy the unspoiled fishing village with its quaint narrow streets, and warm friendly people of Tangier, who speak with a lingering trace of an Elizabethan accent.

You can stroll the streets or rent a golf cart to explore the island. **Golf Cart Rentals are available on a first come, first served basis.**

The island’s restaurants feature some of the best seafood you will ever have.

Before leaving Tangier Island, you are encouraged to visit the Tangier History Museum.

### ABOUT THE SHIP

The *Chesapeake Breeze* has a full-service snack bar with coffee and soft drinks.

The ship offers shelter from the environment in the main cabin and there are ample restrooms on board. ✍



### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 7:30 AM – James River Bus DEPARTS  
915 N. Allen Ave Richmond, VA 23220
- 10:00 AM – Depart Reedville aboard The *Chesapeake Breeze*
- 11:30 AM – Arrive at Tangier Island  
Lunch and tour of island on your own
- 2:30 PM Board ship for return cruise to Reedville
- 6:00 PM Est. return to Richmond

**COST: \$ 100.00 Navy League members / \$110.00 – Guests**

**Note:** Navy Leaguers and guests are encouraged to wear soft sole comfortable walking shoes

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST 2023** (Payment must be received with reservation form)

\*\*\*Refund Policy (effective 2023): Cancellations will be accepted & checks returned UP TO the Deadline Date\*\*\*

**RESERVATIONS FOR: TANGIER ISLAND CRUISE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Adam J. "Jay" Fiedler, M.D.



The Harborfest Parade of Sail is behind us, and I believe everyone had a good time.

On June 20, a group of six Navy Leaguers visited the Port of Richmond, toured the facility and enjoyed a preamble to our Summer Luncheon. Tom Cross, Director of State and Local Affairs at The Port of Virginia, was our Guest Speaker. Tom's presentation was interesting and informative. Thanks to Pat Robson for finding an engaging speaker.

● Richmond Council has numerous exciting things in the works for the coming months:

● Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 15. Please sign up (**no charge**) so we can give Mission BBQ ahead count and set you up for chance to win a door prize. Also, there will be two- yes two raffles!!

● Trip to Tangier Island on Saturday, August 12. The boat trip to the island is

always enjoyable and there are several good places to eat once we get there...This will be a fun trip!

● Our Golf Outing will be held at The Hollows Golf Club on September 13. Please get your team together and sign up for a fun day of golf.

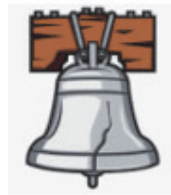
● Sea Services Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at Willow Oaks Country Club and we will observe Pearl Harbor Day on Saturday, December 7 at the Virginia War Memorial.

Hope to see you at these functions. ✍

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

### PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM



As American citizens, we have inherited the freedoms for which our forefathers fought and died 247 years ago.

The American experiment was born of godly principles. However, it is easy to take this for granted as a prosperous nation takes for granted the always abundance of fresh food with little thought as to the process of getting the fresh food to the stores. As we survey the culture shifting around us, we might ask the question: how did this happen? It seems that our culture is drifting away from some of these godly principles.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, you are the salt of the earth, and you are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Salt has been known to be a preservative agent for over 3000 years and has been used to prevent the rot-

ting of meats and other foodstuffs. Light is a force of power. Darkness is not. It merely reoccupies the space vacated by light. It is nothing more than the absence of light. As salt, we are to preserve what we have inherited from God. Simultaneously, we are to operate as light, having been dispatched by the glory of God to bring this light into the darkness.

The ideals, beliefs, preferences, pursuits, and practices of the people who populate a particular region, create the culture of that region. On occasion, certain practices that were condemned in the past automatically become acceptable in the present, because "times change." American culture is not immune from these changes. Our culture is determined by what we Americans think, want, and do. Behaviors aren't spontaneously reclassified from abhorrent to acceptable with the mere passage of time. When we say, "times change," we're saying people's ideals, beliefs, preferences, pursuits, and practices have changed.

Looking at the change of some of our cultural practices, are they becoming more reflective of God or less? Does light shine more brightly or less? Is truth recognized or ignored? Are we encouraging light to shine on our culture or allowing darkness to increase in our land? If the preserving salt of God is removed from the public arena and forced to remain within the walls of our homes and houses of worship, our culture can deteriorate around us, putting our inherited freedoms in jeopardy.

As we celebrate the 247th anniversary of our Nation's founding, on the fourth of July, let us apply our God-given salt and light to preserve the vision that our forefathers had for a free and godly republic. ✍

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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

James M. Chambliss  
Keith L. Conley  
Lester M. Gillenwater  
James L. Poole, Jr.

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## RICHMOND COUNCIL RECEIVES FOUR NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES 2022 AWARDS

I am very proud to announce Richmond Council received four Navy League of the United States 2022 Awards at the 2023 National Convention in Dallas, Texas. Those awards are:

**Meritorious Award for its overall performance. (Councils that strive for excellence & are based on entries in a council's annual report)** (Thank you, Pat Harris and all of you!!)

**Mackie Silver Award for *The Lucky Bag* newsletter** (Thank you, Bill McCathern and Nancy Butler)

**Mackie Silver Award for our website** (Thank you, Pat Harris)

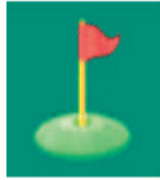
**Retention award for 88%-member retention** (Thank you, John and Jane Harler)

WOW! We have a great, hardworking team! Let's keep this going and get more new members.

Jay Fiedler, M.D.  
Council President

## 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RICHMOND NAVY LEAGUE BENEFIT GOLF OUTING - WEDNESDAY- 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

AT THE HOLLOWES GOLF CLUB  
14501 GREENWOOD CHURCH ROAD  
MONTPELIER, VA 23192



We are looking forward to being able to gather once again at The Hollowes Golf Club in Montpelier, VA, on Wednesday, September 13th for a great day of golfing and reconnecting with old friends. The format will be Captain's Choice, Best Ball. As the number of players will be limited to 124 for this popular event, send in your reservation early to ensure that you do not miss out. Registration starts at 10:30 AM, Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM and Tee Off will be at 12:30 PM sharp. (Rain Date: September 27).

If you have not already received a hard copy of the Golf Brochure, you can go to our website: [www.navyleaguerichmond.com](http://www.navyleaguerichmond.com), download, print, then fill it out and mail it in with your check to the Richmond Navy League.

### WE NEED SPONSORS

Our annual golf outing is Richmond Council's PREMIER fundraising event. Please share your digital copy of The Lucky Bag with your friends and family and encourage their support.

### WE NEED GOLFERS

We also encourage you to invite your friends and family to sign up to play golf. Get your foursomes together for a fun day of golf. The cost per player is \$85, which includes: a green fee, cart, lunch, snacks, soft drinks, and adult refreshments served by courtesy carts. 🏌️

### COUNCIL VISITS THE PORT OF VA RICHMOND MARINE TERMINAL

The Port of Virginia, Richmond Marine Terminal, was the site of a tour for five Navy League members on June 20. This was led by Tom Cross leading up to his presentation at our Summer Luncheon on June 21. The Richmond Marine Terminal is located near Commerce and Bells Road on the James Rier. It handles roughly 900 container boxes each week going to or from Hampton Roads. Barges pulled by tugs carry the containers taking 12 hours one way. Shipping by this method costs under half that of trucks, and also alleviates road traffic and congestion in the Hampton Roads area. The number one export is soybeans and for imports, it is furniture. The facility's business is expanding. Think logistics and supply chain. 🚚



Pictured L to R: Council President, Jay Fiedler, M.D.; Harvey Lankford, M.D.; Council Director, Pat Robson; Director, State & Local Gov't Affairs-The Port of VA, Tom Cross and Council's Sr. VP, Vaughan Dize.





## NORFOLK HARBORFEST TALL SHIPS

On Friday, June 9, twenty-six Navy League members and guests boarded the *Victory Rover* harbor cruise boat in Norfolk, VA for the Parade of Tall Ships.

As we cruised down the Elizabeth River, our Captain gave us a very interesting narrative tour of the Norfolk Harbor. Passing the Norfolk Naval Base (world's largest naval base), we saw destroyers, submarines, aircraft carriers and other Navy vessels. We also had a good view of the Norfolk shipyard with the tall cranes in action.

Some of our favorites among the tall ships were: *The Pride of Baltimore II*; the Swedish ship, *Kalmar Nykel* from Wilmington, DE; the *Gazela* from Philadelphia, PA and the *American Rover* from Norfolk, VA.

The weather was great for the Parade of Sail, and we were right in with them! A good time seemed to be enjoyed by all. 🚩



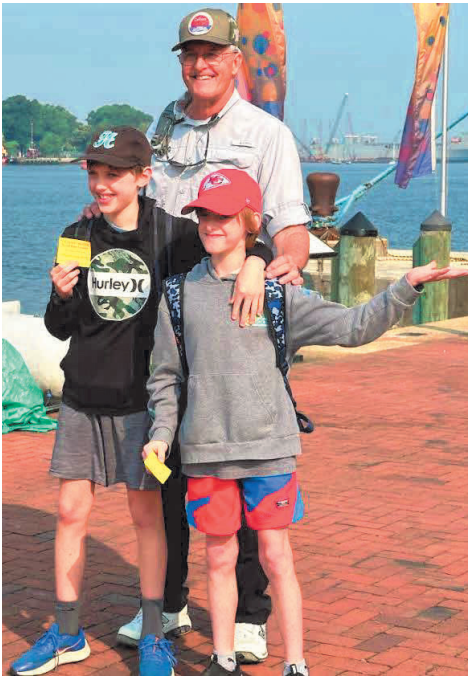
Group waits to board the *Victory Rover* harbor cruise boat.



Observing *Kalmar Nykel* from Delaware.



*American Rover* from Norfolk, VA



Navy League member, Ed Davis, having a fun day with his grandchildren, Andrew & Davis.



Parade of Tall Sails gets underway.



*Gazela* from Philadelphia, PA.



*Pride of Baltimore II* fires off a cannon as it approaches Norfolk harbor.



## SUMMER LUNCHEON

Our Summer Luncheon was held on 23 June 2023 at the Willow Oaks Country Club. The keynote speaker was Thomas Cross, Director of State & Local Government Affairs for the Port of Virginia.

Among the 43 attendees were sailors from NTAG and three members from **USCGC NORTHLAND**, including CDR Donnelly, ENS Walleit & ENS Donaldson.

What an interesting and informative topic. One of the many things we learned was that the Port of VA has technology that surpasses other port capabilities around the globe, giving them a competitive edge in moving their imports & exports.

(See page 6 for more details on this excellent presentation). 🚩



Guest Speaker, Tom Cross & Navy League Director, Pat Robson.

## AMERICAN DIVISION SEA CADETS



### GRADUATING SENIORS

Left to Right: MIDN Joseph Colizzi (VA Tech-Corps of Cadets); PO3 Jackson Abell (VA Tech-Corps of Cadets); CPO Madison Dryden (The Citadel-Corp of Cadets); PO1 Zach Clements (US Navy-Nuclear Engineering Program); PO2 Caroline Schrogie (VCU-Homeland Security). Congratulations, Seniors!



Granddaughter of former Navy League Chaplain & Director, Lewis Brandt, recently joined the AMERICA Division Sea Cadets.

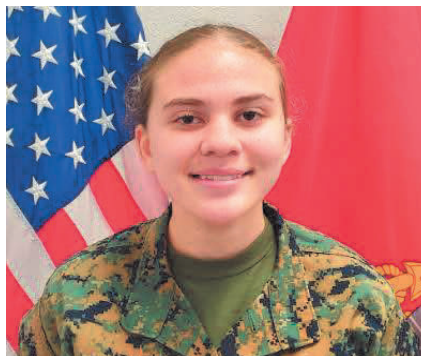
## J.R. TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL MCJROTC AWARDS



Navy League Top Cadet Award presented to Cadet First Lieutenant Sharon Albert by Director & Liaison, Vaughan Dize.

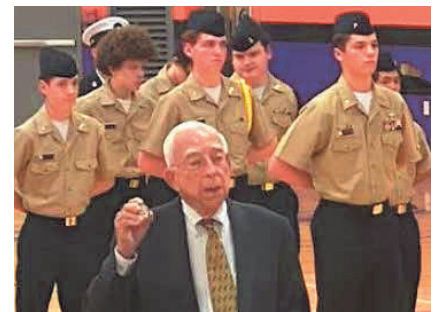


Navy League "Perseverance" Award presented to Cadet Private First Class Katheryne Jackson.



Navy League Youth Medal (Teddy Roosevelt Youth Medal) was presented to Cadet Lance Corporal Raven Kinslow.

## MECHANICSVILLE NJROTC AWARDS PROGRAM IS PRESENTED COUNCIL'S CHALLENGE COIN



Council Director & Liaison, Tom Hassell, presents NJROTC with our Challenge Coin.

## Summer Luncheon, 6/21/23, Tom Cross, Port of Virginia

Our goal was to learn about one of Richmond's most unnoticed commerce centers, the Richmond Marine Terminal. It is on the James River, north of I-95 at the Bells Road exit. If you did not already know it existed, you would never notice. Yet, nine thousand ocean containers pass through this small facility each month, sometimes more. Richmond is a barge port. It can accommodate cargo ships, but the most efficient logistical method is containers loaded on barges.

Our keynote speaker, Tom Cross, Director of State and Local Government Affairs for the Ports of Virginia, extended his comments beyond the Richmond Marine Terminal to overview all six of Virginia's port facilities, including the unique inland port in Front Royal, VA. Much of Tom's presentation focused on the 2021 supply chain crisis and how Virginia's ports are uniquely positioned to avoid such a situation in the future. First, Virginia's technology is top-of-the-line compared to all other U.S. ports. Another simple-to-understand concept is trailering of containers. In all other ports, a shipping line's containers must be carried on that shipping line's trailer; a Maersk container cannot be carried on an Evergreen trailer. If a trailer from the same company is not available, the container waits for one. The Port of Virginia owns its own trailers available to all containers, so containers never have to wait for a matching company trailer. It is applied common sense that makes a tremendous difference. If trailer availability can improve delivery times from Virginia by one to several days, Virginia's ports become favored. There are more nuances similar to these that make Virginia's port systems one of the best in the entire world.

In our support of all sea services, we include the Merchant Marine. In the past, our focus has been on the U.S. Merchant Marine's support of military logistics with less attention given to the truly civilian side of our command of the oceans. Tom Cross opened a whole new vista for us. Our nation's well-being certainly depends upon our Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. But our financial well-being depends heavily upon our ocean commerce. Now we know. ✍

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### **RAFFLE REMINDER**

**At our Family & Friends Picnic, Saturday, July 15, we will be having a raffle for \$1,000.00 cash at \$20.00 a ticket or six for \$100.00.**

**The drawing for this raffle will be done at our Sea Services Luncheon, Wednesday, October 11 at Willow Oaks Country Club.**

**You do not need to be present to win.**



## USS RICHMOND (CL-9)

Did you know the month of July is the centennial anniversary of the commissioning of the *mighty* **USS RICHMOND**? (Commissioned 02/07/1923).

The ship's bell and commissioning plaque are on permanent display at the Navy Reserve Center Richmond.

The **USS RICHMOND**'s bell is made of brass, weighs 570 pounds and is inscribed, "U.S.S. RICHMOND 1923."

Plaque Builder's, from **U.S.S. RICHMOND (CL-9)**, brass; inscribed: "U.S.S. RICHMOND, The Wm. Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co., Philadelphia PA USA 1923." ✍

Submitted by: Commanding Officer LCDR Eric Z. Wynn, USN  
Naval Reserve Center Richmond

**USS RICHMOND (CL-9)**  
Commissioned 02 JUL 1923

Launched 29 SEP 1921      Decommissioned 21 DEC 1945

**Facts About the Service of the light cruiser USS RICHMOND (CL-9)**

- 3rd warship of its name. The prior USS RICHMOND (1860-1919), a steam sloop, fought in the Battle of New Orleans under ADM Farragut. The original was a Brigantine, serving 1798-1801 in the Caribbean.
- 1937-1943, flagship of the Scouting Fleet of the Submarine Force, U.S. Fleet.
- 1943-1944, lead ship in TG 16.6 around Aleutians. Sister ship was USS SALT LAKE CITY.
- Conducted blockades of the Japanese-occupied Attu and Kiska Islands
- Battle of Komandorski Island (27 March 1943 – pictured above) leading to recapture of Attu
- Occupation of northern Japan until late 1945

## REMEMBERING RICHMOND NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL MEMBER – REAR ADMIRAL ROY FRANCIS HOFFMANN, USN (Ret)

We regret to inform you of the passing of Rear Admiral Roy Francis Hoffmann, U.S. Navy (Ret) on 8 November 2022 at age 96 or 97. RADM Hoffmann enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in April 1943, was commissioned in June 1946, and served as a Surface Warfare Officer until his retirement in September 1978 as Commander, Naval Base

Charleston/Commandant SIXTH Naval District. During his service he was awarded a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars with Combat "V", a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation.

For a more detailed account of his service to this Nation, please click on the link: [Admiral Hoffman - The Rest of the Story](#). ✍

## NAS OCEANA AIR SHOW – 2023 FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

Once again, the Richmond Navy League has received an invitation to the practice day of the NAS Oceana Air Show, Friday, September 15.

The Air Show features the Navy's premier light demonstration team, the Blue Angels; the F-35C II Lightning Demonstration Team; and the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team!

This year's theme, 50 Years of Women in Naval Aviation, pays tribute to all the Navy's women trailblazer, from the "The First Six" to earn their Wings of Gold in 1973, to the brave women who have since chosen to serve their Nation in the skies. Our Nation and our Navy is stronger because of their service.



Today, our women aviators project power from the sea, in every type, model, and series aircraft. They fly and fight in all strike missions; hunt submarines; protect the integrity of our nuclear triad; supply essential cargo and personnel to every corner of the globe, and rescue those in distress at sea and ashore.

Please join us on Friday September 15, and witness the tremendous talent of our Navy Aviators.

Our next month's issue of *The Lucky Bag* will feature more information, along with our Day's Schedule and Reservation Form. Hope you can join us. ✍

(article & photo obtained from the official site of the 2023 NAS Oceana Air Show)



## ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



**USS NORMANDY (CG-60)**  
CO: CAPT Errol A. Robinson  
XO: CDR Anthony T. Bryant  
CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

George L. Feitig, Jr., Liaison  
Dennis Biggs, Ass't Liaison

On Deployment. ✍️



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

Pat Robson, Liaison

On Deployment. ✍️



**USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)**  
CO: CDR Brian C. Sanchez  
XO:  
CMC: CMDCM Dion C. Dupree

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

On June 15, CDR Hunter D. Washburn was officially relieved as the Commanding Officer of **USS GRAVELY** by CDR Brian C. Sánchez! We bid fair winds and following seas to CDR Hunter D. Washburn and his family as he continues his naval career in Washington, D.C!

Congratulations to **GRAVELY's** newest Senior Chiefs: Lieutenant Junior Grades, Lieutenant and Chief Warrant Officer 3! ETCS Trochanowski, EMCS Johnson, LTJG Harrell-Parada, LTJG Williams, LTJG Norton, LTJG Coccitti, CWO3 James, LT Sommer and LT Queen recently promoted! Congratulations to all!

This year's Gravelly Day, June 6, was a huge success! Some of our Sailors had the opportunity to spend Gravelly Day with the staff and students at Gravelly El-



**USS NORMANDY (CG-60) alongside aircraft carrier USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN-78).**

ementary. It was a nice day for Sailors to enjoy indoor activities, outdoor games, and lunch with the students. Thank you so much to our fellow Sea Dogs at Gravelly Elementary! (Source: **USS GRAVELY** facebook). ✍️



**USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)**  
CO: CDR Andrew Dennelly  
XO: LCDR Elizabeth Tufts  
COB: MKC Alan Kinney

Report from Vaughan F. Dize, Liaison

Commanding Officer CDR Andrew Dennelly, Ensign Kent Donaldson and Ensign Ammarie Wallett attended our Summer Luncheon. Ensign Wallett is the new PAO for **NORTHLAND**.

**NORTHLAND** is soon out on deployment.



**USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912)**  
CO: CDR Jeremy M. Greenwood  
XO: LCDR Brian A. Baffer  
COB: BMC Cody Johnson

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison  
Thomas A. Jennings, Ass't Liaison

Coming off a much-needed mid-patrol break, we had some new shipmates report from a sister cutter, **SPENCER**, and from other nearby CG units. As the CG

approaches the midpoint of transfer season for 2023, we look forward to another strong year with this rockstar crew that is falling into place! In the meantime, our damage control and law enforcement trainers have been keeping extremely busy, providing initial training sessions for our new shipmates, while everyone has been busy signing check-in sheets and introducing themselves. ✍️

Very Respectfully,  
CO CDR Jeremy M. Greenwood, USN

**MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC)**

The MV Ocean Giant has completed its mission to Antarctica, by offloading cargo at McMurdo Station. This delivery included two tugs and components to construct a causeway which was used to offload the ship. The supplies will support the station during the harsh winter months. Of local interest, the **LEWIS B PULLER (ESB-3)** supported United Arab Emirates (UAE) pilot training in the Arabian Gulf. This went smoothly, enhancing interoperability with allies. MSC has assisted in the return of Army equipment from Poland to Texas. The 1,600 pieces of equipment were loaded on the hired ship **ENDURANCE**, an American roll on roll off carrier. The **USNS TRENTON (TEPF-5)** assisted Emporio della Solidarieta (an organization to help needy families in Venice, Italy). They sorted, dated and repackaged pasta that was donated. The crew had warm feelings about helping the organization and the people of Venice. (Source: *MSC Newsletter*). ✍️



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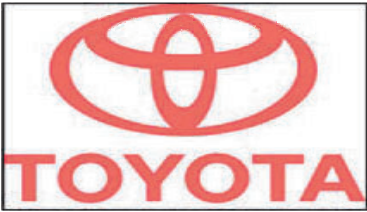
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