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RICHMOND COUNCIL, NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

AFTER MONTHS OF DELAY, OUR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
TOOK PACE ON OCTOBER 6 AT THE HOLLOWES GOLF COURSE.

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT



Thanks to our faithful sponsors and golfers, Council's 2021 Annual Golf Outing fund-raiser was a *great success* with 49 golfers. Golfers enjoyed an exciting and competitive round of Captains Choice golf play and a chance to win a 2021 Toyota Venza; a five-passenger mid-size crossover SUV donated by McGeorge Toyota.

Our team winners: 1st Place went to Team 9, Captain Doug Reed's Team; 2nd Place went to Team 4, Captain Bill Parrish's Team; and 3rd Place went to Team 17, Captain Terry Hahn's Team.

A special thanks to all the Richmond Navy League board members, the golf committee and the volunteers who worked many long hours in preparation for, and on the day of, the outing. We also thank the staff of The Hollows who did a great job of preparation and serving our crowd with a delicious barbeque buffet. Those chocolate chip cookies were delicious!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



The golf outing is over and a big success. Many thanks to the hard-working committee under John Harler and Doug Reed: Bill Butler, Carol Zembroski, Gary Riffle, George Feitig, Nancy Butler and Vaughan Dize. Also, to the volunteers: Tom Hassell, Bill McCathern, Frank Carlomagno, Pat Harris, Judith Harris, Bob Lusk and the two paralegal volunteers from Herndon Law, Melissa Hill and Laura Walker.

The weather may have been misty and drizzly but did not dampen our spirits! In spite of a smaller turnout, we did make some money.

Plans are set for our Council's Sea Services Luncheon on 27 October featuring CAPT Chad Reed on the carrier-based drone project. Our annual meeting and Pearl Harbor Day are taking shape. The Norfolk Harbor Fest (tall ships) is a distinct possibility! Other possibilities are being considered: a return to the air space muse-

um, tour of MAMA (Mid Atlantic Maritime Academy), Mariner's Museum Norfolk, *USS Wisconsin*, return to the Museum of the Marine Corps, and anything else you would like to do/see! Just let me or someone on the board know. As always, we need more volunteers. Call, email, or fill out the form when you renew your membership. The more involved you are the better the Council will be! ✍

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

During our daily activities, we are asked by others "how you are doing" and oftentimes we respond with either "I'm fine" or "I'm doing fine under the circumstances". What do we mean exactly by "I'm doing fine under the circumstances"? Are we saying that the circumstances under which we are operating define how we are feeling? I've been there and have felt this way. One day while reading the Bible, I read this passage, rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you (1 Thess 5: 16-18). This stopped me in my tracks! How can I be thankful in ALL circumstances like personal or family illness, financial difficulties, personal failures, and more???

Now, admittedly, I struggled with the idea of giving thanks in all circumstances for years, until one day, again while reading the Bible, I came across this passage, now to the One Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us (Ephes 3: 20). Suddenly, a light went off, revealing the truth of how to be able to give thanks in all circumstances. I realized that my circumstances do not define how I feel, because even if I do not feel able to overcome the circumstance, I am able to look to the One Who is able, and He will enable me to be an overcomer.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, may we consider the One Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, and then we will be able to truly give thanks.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. (1

Chronicles 16:34). ✍

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“In the hole?”



Two players from Team 4, Bill Parrish and Bruce Steeley, from the USMC Houston Holicky Sitter Veterans Luncheon Group. Our 2nd place winners!



Team 5 – USS NORMANDY crew: LT Tyler Colsom, Blaha Seamus, Tony Silvetri and Seth Brock.



Team 2 – Three Generations of the Butler Family.



No ‘hole in one’ winner of the 2021 Venza donated by McGeorge Toyota.



ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

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



USS NORMANDY (CG-60)

CO: CAPT Charles Hampton

XO: CDR Kevin C. Antonucci

CMC: CMDCM William Palmer

Adam J. Fiedler, M.D., Liaison

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

USS NORMANDY continues to make great leaps and strides as she transitions from her Shakedown phase to her Basic phase. Last month, USS NORMANDY successfully conquered three ship-wide certification events: Supply Management for S-2 & S-3, Medical casualty response and Anti-Terrorism Force Protection. The ship is now ready to execute those critical everyday missions to keep the ship safe and our team healthy. USS NORMANDY welcomed our new Command Master Chief, CMDCM William Palmer, to the team and we are extremely thrilled to have him onboard and working amongst the deck plates. Our Third Class petty officers spent a majority of this month studying for their Advancement Exams and hopefully, we as a command will be welcoming more Second Classes to the crew. In more advancement news, spooky season has been joined by one of the most traditional Navy seasons: Chief season. USS NORMANDY currently has three Chief Petty Officer Selects training with their future brothers and sisters in the mess to take up the reigns of khaki leadership. USS NORMANDY is continuing to demonstrate excellence as she gets closer and closer to returning to sea.

Thank you very much and please let me know if you have any questions. ✍️

Very Respectfully,
LTJG Maude Manzi, USN, PAO



USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50)

CO: CDR LaDonna M. Simpson

XO: CDR Brad A. Fancher

CMC: CMDCM Adam Singleton

Pat Robson, Liaison

Greetings from the FIGHTIN 5-0!

CARTER HALL is happy to be back home! These past 8 months, deployed to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 6th Fleet Areas of Operation have been demanding, but also, incredibly rewarding. CARTER HALL departed Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story Feb. 12 with the IWOARG to begin the composite unit training exercise (COMPTUEX). Once complete, CARTER HALL transited the Atlantic Ocean where they participated in an Amphibious Exercise (PHIBEX) off the coast of Portugal. CARTER HALL then transited the Mediterranean Sea, passing through the Suez Canal into the Red Sea with the IWOARG ships (USS IWO JIMA [LHD 7] AND USS SAN ANTONIO [LPD 17]). While in U.S. 5th Fleet, CARTER HALL participated in Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Allies Refuge where Sailors and Marines assisted with the evacuation of Afghan partners and Allies. "Carter Hall Sailors and 24 MEU Marines did a fantastic job", said CDR LaDonna Simpson, Commanding Officer, USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50). "As part of a collaborative effort with USS SAN ANTONIO and Naval personnel stationed in the operating area, our team effort made a lifelong impact for thousands of Afghan families. Carter Hall crew members embodied the ship's motto, "Working for Peace; Ready for War" as they adjusted to an ever-changing mission set, doing so with eagerness and determination. Commander Simpson further stated, "The world has experienced numerous changes since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic", said CDR Simpson. "CARTER HALL's crew was excited to take part in off-base liberty after having been restricted to pier-only liberty for all of our previous port visits. For the majority of the crew, this was their first deployment; getting to leave the base and experience the surrounding culture was a big win for these hard-working Sailors and Marines." In total, CARTER HALL visited seven ports during its deployment including Plymouth, United Kingdom; Lisbon, Portugal; Rota, Spain; Souda Bay, Greece; Aqaba, Jordan; Jebel Ali, UAE; and Manama, Bahrain. We could not have come as smoothly through this deployment without the support of like-minded patriots like the fine men and women of the Richmond Navy League; your efforts to prepare us beforehand and to standby us during the deployment kept us charging forward without issue.

We are: Working for Peace, Ready for War! ✍️

Very Respectfully,
Chaplain Block LT, CHC, USN



USS GRAVELY (DDG-107)

CO: CDR Corey Odom

XO: CDR Hunter Washburn

PAO: ENS Michael Krueger

Patrick D. Harris, Liaison

Alan Palmer, Consultant

GRAVELY is underway with the Strike Group participating in the final Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). GRAVELY has also embarked HSM-72.3 PROUD WARRIORS. During COMPTUEX we will execute realistic scenarios that flex all systems and enhance integration amongst the Strike Group. COMPTUEX will provide an impressive opportunity to continue to hone our warfighting prowess. With the PROUD WARRIORS embarked GRAVELY is that much more lethal! "It is a really cool thing to see the ship work towards proficiency with mastering the capabilities we have at our fingertips" says USS GRAVELY sailor, PS1 Urbina. A true highlight is seeing our Sailors achieve their goals and dreams. Onboard GRAVELY we had the unique honor of announcing the selection of six GRAVELY Sailors and one PROUD WARRIOR Sailor to Chief Petty Officer. Congratulations to the following Chief Selectees: QM1 Prewitt, HT1 Gregory, OS1 Mouzon, FCA1 Broomfield, ET1 Tieskotter, RS1 Nyarko and AM1 Daniels. The GRAVELY and PROUD WARRIOR Team are looking forward to welcoming these new Chiefs into the Chief's Mess!

With deployment fast approaching, GRAVELY will have some hard-earned down time in the coming weeks. There will be a maintenance window to make sure all systems are operating in peak readiness and there will be some hard-earned down time for the Crew. Time spent with family and friends; time spent recharging and refocusing before steaming over the horizon. ✍️

Very Respectfully,
Michael W Krueger, ENS, USN

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USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Patricia M. Bennett
XO: LCDR Elizabeth Tufts
COB: MKC Alan Kinney

Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., Liaison
Vaughan F. Dize, Assistant Liaison

Greetings from **USCGC NORTHLAND!**

We are very excited to be writing from our homeport! On September 1st, **NORTHLAND** departed the Eastern Pacific Ocean and conducted our north-bound transit of the Panama Canal. Canal transits are a challenging and dangerous evolution that require an “all hands on deck” atmosphere from the crew. **NORTHLAND’s** crew worked tirelessly to complete all the necessary preparations to ensure that our transit was safe and efficient.

After entering the Caribbean Sea on

the eastern side of the Panama Canal, **NORTHLAND** began our return transit to homeport in Portsmouth, VA. Along the way, **NORTHLAND** took the opportunity to conduct special training evolutions with our aviation detachment before they departed the ship. These evolutions included Helicopter In-Flight Refueling (HIFR) and Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP). While these evolutions are not conducted often, they could potentially be the difference in maintaining mission operability during tumultuous situations, and it is very important for our crew to maintain proficiency in both categories.

On September 8th, **NORTHLAND** made port at USCG Base Miami Beach, FL to conduct an offload of contraband and suspected smugglers with the USCG Seventh District and our Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) allies. During the offload, **NORTHLAND** transferred three suspected narcotics smugglers and 3553 kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$134,500,000.00 to DEA officials for processing and potential prosecution.

The offload signified the culmination of a successful counter-narcotics patrol and allowed **NORTHLAND’s** crew an opportunity to witness the significant results of their hard work throughout the patrol.

NORTHLAND departed Miami on September 10th, pointed her bow to the North, and followed the Gulf Stream to make best speed in order to get the ship and her crew home. On the morning of September 13th, **NORTHLAND** returned to USCG Base Portsmouth, VA to the greetings, hugs, and cheers of family and loved ones. Throughout the remainder of the month, **NORTHLAND’s** crew caught up on some much needed and well-deserved rest.

As we enter the month of October, **NORTHLAND’s** crew is hard at work ensuring that all maintenance and preparations are being completed for the ship’s next patrol and to keep the cutter *Semper Paratus!*

As always, thank you for the support! Fair Winds and Following Seas! ✍️

Very Respectfully,
MKC Alan Kinney, USN, COB



NORTHLAND’s crew conducting HIFR evolution with CG6603 Dolphin Helicopter



NORTHLAND’s crew conducting VERTREP evolution with CG6603 Dolphin Helicopter

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