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The Lucky Bag

RICHMOND, VA NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

**Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., Spring Luncheon
Wednesday March 11, 2026, at Richmond Country Club
Guest Speaker: Debbie Phillips, "Rosie the Riveter" Impersonator**



Westinghouse / War Production Co-ordinating Committee. Post Feb 15 to Feb. 28, 1943.

"Rosie the Riveter" was a fictional, patriotic factory worker, who embodied the collective actions of women, doing their part to support America and the World War II effort.

Prior to WWII, women were largely confined to domestic roles, and or jobs, considered for women, i.e. teaching or clerical work. With the male factory and shipyard worker shortage, employers gladly welcomed women into the workforce, to do jobs usually done by the men.

Our speaker, Debbie Philips, highlights the experiences of women who worked hard to support the United States, while facing incredible odds to do so.

Debbie Phillips is a lifelong native of Chesterfield County, VA, where she and her husband are raising their sons, and has a passion for bringing history to life for all ages. With nearly twenty years of experience as a living history interpreter and historical tour guide, Debbie has worked for St. John's Church Foundation, the Edgar Allan Poe Museum in Richmond, Va, and has been seen in programming by Preservation VA, the Rural Plains Foundation, the National Park Service, and more. Debbie currently serves on the board for the Parson's Cause Foundation. As a freelance historian, Debbie researches, composes, and performs all her own scripts and is constantly honing and building on her repertoire of a dozen or so fascinating individuals. Find her public history page "History Lives" on Facebook to learn more about her programming and history. 🇺🇸



Debbie Phillips

SPRING LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

DATE: Wednesday 11 March 2026 **TIME:** 11:30 AM Social
PLACE: Richmond Country Club 12.00 PM Meeting Begins
12950 Patterson Avenue **COST:** \$35.00
Richmond, VA 23238

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY MARCH 2, 2026 (Payment must be received with reservation form)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vaughan F. Dize



Greetings, Fellow Richmond Council Navy League Members and Friends.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season shared with family and friends.

2026 is the United States 250th Anniversary and as the weather gets warmer celebrations will be announced leading up to the 4th of July. New York City is planning to drop the New Years Ball again at midnight on July 3rd.

Once again, I am reaching out to our membership for help. We need volunteers to serve on the golf committee. Additionally, I am liaison with two JROTC Programs. If anyone is interested in being a liaison to J.R. Tucker HS MCJROTC, please let me know.

Sadly, we lost some members this past year: William "Bill" McLarin; Thomas P. Cook, Sr., Donald L. Wal-

ton; John Almond (Past Treasurer RCNL); Jean Tinsley Martin (Wife of Past President RCNL Roy Martin), Thomas H. Thornton, Sr.; Joan DeBiasi (Wife of Dr. Gil DeBiasi); Thomas P. Cook, Jr. and Zeno Greene Hollowell, Jr. I apologize if there are others that I have failed to mention.

Our Admiral Samuel Gravelly Luncheon will be on March 11th at Richmond Country Club with guest speaker, Debbie Phillips as Rosie the Riveter Impersonator. I urge everyone to sign up for what promises to be an interesting luncheon.

January-February Events in Naval History:

- January 1, 1962: Navy SEAL teams established
- January 18, 1991: **USS Nicholas** attacks and captures Iraqi oil platforms in the Persian Gulf
- January 21, 1968: Siege of Khe Sanh begins
- February 15, 1898: **USS Maine** sunk in Havana Harbor
- February 19, 1945: U.S. forces land on Iwo Jima
- February 23, 1795: U.S. Naval Supply Corps established

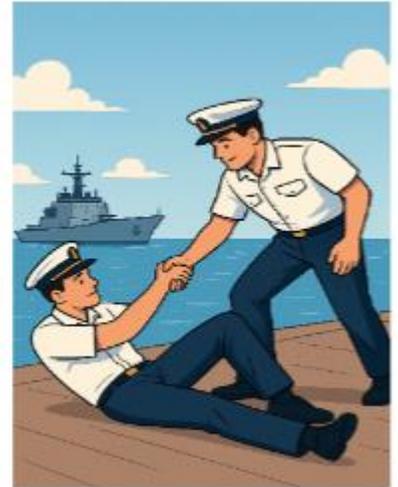
Until next month, may you have fair winds and following seas. 🍃



Thomas Harrison "Tom" Thornton, Sr.
April 1, 1931 – December 23, 2025
Past RCNL Board Member

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John A. Harler, M.D.



"Two Are Better Than One" – Strengthening Our Mission Together

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. (Ecclesiastes 49-10).

In every era of maritime service, from wooden decks to modern carriers, one truth has remained constant no mission succeeds alone. The wisdom of Ecclesiastes reminds us that shared effort multiplies strength, steadies us in difficulty, and ensures no one is left behind. This is as true for our Sea Service Members as it is for those of us who stand behind them through the Navy League.

Our organization thrives because individuals choose to offer their time, their hands, and their hearts. When one member steps forward to volunteer, it lifts the whole mission. But when many step forward, the return on that labor grows exponentially - programs expand, support deepens, and our Sea Service Members feel the strong network of citizens standing with them.

Today, we invite each of you to consider where your unique gifts might serve best.

Whether it's helping administratively, community outreach, offering professional expertise, or simply showing up to lend a hand, your contribution matters. When you share your time and talent, you strengthen not only our Navy

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League but the men and women who defend our great Nation from the sea.

Two are better than one. And together, as a united Navy League family, we can achieve more than any one of us could alone. Let's continue lifting one another—and those we serve. ✍

Richmond Council 2026 Officers and Directors

Council's Annual Meeting was held on January 14, 2026, at the Richmond Country Club. The following slate of Officers and Directors were installed. (note: * indicates a new Board Member).

- President:** Vaughan F. Dize
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Judge Advocate, Tom Hassell, swears in Vaughan Dize for his third term as President of Richmond Council.

Richmond Country Club New Venue for Annual Business Meeting

Our 2026 Annual Business Meeting, held at Richmond Country Club, had 36 members attending. The luncheon buffet was tasty and plentiful and was topped off with Council's favorite, Rum Raisin ice cream. We look forward to having our future events at Richmond Country Club. ✍



New member, Rand Beales in the middle, meets Brian Miller, Assistant Judge Advocate and Tom Hassell, Judge Advocate.

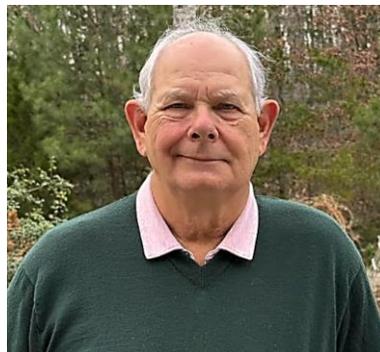


David Hajek and George Feitig enjoying the social hour.



Bill Butler, Treasurer, waiting to greet the attendees.

Meet one of our newest Board Members



David Hajek

My wife, Laurel, and I reside in Manakin Sabot, Virginia. I am a native Nebraskan, hailing from the small town of Wahoo just outside of Omaha.

I was raised in the Chicago suburbs, graduating from Elmhurst University in 1974. I made my way to Richmond in 1992 when I was recruited to the area to lead William Byrd Press, a subsidiary of Cadmus Communications.

My wife and I each have three adult

children and together have eight grandchildren with another expected in February.

I spent twenty-eight years in the printing industry, sixteen with Dennison Manufacturing in the Boston area and the last twelve with Cadmus Communications, headquartered in Richmond. During my time with Dennison and Cadmus, I held a number of general management positions for various subsidiary companies. Then, after eight years with a small pharmaceutical company, Laurel and I acquired the Goddard School of Ashland in 2012. We owned and operated the school for eight years, retiring in 2020 after selling the school to new owners.

My hobbies are golf, gardening, reading and spending a lot of time with grandchildren.

I am looking forward to being active on the golf committee and assisting the Navy League in other areas where help is needed. ✍

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial

The Richmond Council Navy League, in conjunction with the Virginia War Memorial, honored those who died at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

At the opening of the ceremony, the AMERICA Division Sea Cadets Color Guard presented the Colors followed by a parade of wreaths by: Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, VFW Post 9808, and the Richmond Council Navy League.

The names of all Virginians who were killed on that date were read aloud by Navy League member Chief Petty Officer, USN (Ret) Robin Beres, followed by a bell ringing and salute performed by VFW Post 9808.

The keynote speaker was Rear Admiral John W. Tammen, Jr., USN (Ret) who reminded us all of the importance of remembering this event that brought the United States of America into WWII.

The USMC James M. Slay Detachment #329 closed the ceremony with Taps and a touching gun salute. 🇺🇸



As Chief Petty Officer, USN (Ret) and Navy League member, Robin Beres read the names of the Virginians who were killed at Pearl Harbor, VFW Post 9808 Commander, Paul Smith, gave a personal salute and Quartermaster, Joanne Smith, rang the bell.



AMERICA Division U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Color Guard presented the Colors.



Navy League members Dennis Biggs and George Feitig, parade the Richmond Council Navy League Wreath to be placed in front of the statue, Memory; a majestic 23 feet tall, white marble monument, which reflects both the great sorrow and pride felt by Virginians for their fallen brothers and sisters.



Guest Speaker RADM John W. Tammen, Jr., USN (Ret) with Richmond Navy League President, Vaughan Dize.

Dockside Tour of the USNS *Montford Point* (T-ESD 1)

By: Navy League member, Boyd H. Winslow, M.D.



Thirty-eight members and guests of the Richmond Navy League toured MSC's expeditionary transfer dock USNS *Montford Point* (T-ESD 1) on December 12, 2025. The tour offered an up-close look at the 785-foot vessel, a mobile sea base for large scale logistics. *Montford Point* is the lead ship of her class and is named in honor of African American Marine Corps recruits who trained at Montford Point Camp, N.C., from 1942 to 1949.

I really enjoyed the trip with the Navy League to tour the **USNS *Montford Point***. Those folks who were unable to attend missed out on something remarkable. This ship is one of the Wonders of the World.

This vessel is part of the Military Sealift Command, served by a civilian crew. Ship Master Captain Ryan Arnold gave us the tour - graduate of New York Maritime. He's been in command of this ship since its christening in 2012 and has taken it around the world a couple of times; through the Strait of Magellan, to Saipan, and Singapore. Wherever the Navy needs him. This ship and its two sisters were designed to do things like pick up the damaged **USNS *Cole*** and transport it to a repair shipyard. They have an elaborate ballast system that can submerge the deck low enough to float a destroyer up on the deck. Actually, it's big enough to carry two destroyers at once - or play an NFL football game, stands and all.

Captain Ryan assembled our group on the deck, waiting for all 38 of us to

climb up the gangway. In the course of the day, climbing to the bridge, and later going down into one of the engine rooms, we walked 190 feet of stairways.

There is separate housing on the bow for transport of Marines. (Yes, it's a USNS, but it serves the Marines. One of the sister ESDs, is the **USS *Lewis B. Puller***). That superstructure has its own mess, power, support for troops, just no command of the ship or its mechanical operations. The crane is for putting tanks, helicopters, Humvees, etc. ashore.

We toured the Ballast Control Room. It has been estimated that the pumps on this ship could empty all the swimming pools in San Diego County in a few hours. This power is necessary because, in a ship rescue operation, they can submerge everything but the two superstructures all the way to the highest white numerals you see on the right side of the black-painted troop support housing above.

One of the Navigational displays shows

the ship's position. Captain Ryan told us the Navy has decided that paper charts are obsolete and unnecessary and will cease issuing them. Captain Ryan disagrees and continues to practice with his sextant, maintaining the art of celestial navigation - just in case. He also orders with his own funds paper charts from the British Navy.

My wife, Mary, chose not to come when she found out about all the stairs, but I had a great time with all the old Navy Leaguers. 🍷



Pat Harris stands in front of the steps to the bridge, WAY up there!



In the ship's bridge, Captain Ryan discusses navigation, steering and controlling the vessel using radar, GPS, communication systems, and charts.

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 luncheon.

New Member

Jola R. West

Sponsor

Maria Gallegos

AMERICA Division Sea Cadets

A group of AMERICA Division Cadets met at the Richmond National Cemetery on Saturday, December 13, 2025, to participate in the Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony. 🇺🇸



Cadet Little takes a moment of silence after Wreath Placement on Veteran's grave.

Wreaths Across America, founded in 2007, is a non-profit organization that coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at veterans' graves in cemeteries across the U.S. and abroad on a designated day in December. The event aims to **Remember** fallen heroes, **Honor** those who serve, and **Teach** the next generation about the freedom, with volunteers placing balsam wreaths on headstones and saying the names aloud to keep memories alive. 🇺🇸

U.S. Navy Supply Corps – Beans, Bullets, and Black Oil

The U.S. Naval Supply Corps was established on February 23, 1795. The following article is from one of our Navy League members, Bob Priddy, sharing his experience in the Corps.



Bob Priddy standing in front of USS Mullinnix (DD-944) weaponry in July 1969.

I went through Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI from November 1967 to April 1968. Since the Navy determined I was colorblind and unable to serve as a line officer, I had the opportunity to go to the Supply Corps School in Athens, GA.

After I completed training, I was sent to Norfolk to await orders to a ship. I was put in the Supply Corps pool to assist other Supply Corps officers preparing for deployment to the Med or to WESPAC (Western Pacific).

In April 1969, I was sent to the **USS Mullinnix (DD-944)**, which was homeported in Norfolk but already deployed to Vietnam, to be off the coast to provide gunfire support for the Marines in I Corps and the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) near Da Nang. (reference to I Corps, pronounced "eye" were areas of South Vietnam that were divided into different regions: DMZ, First, Second, etc. and the military slang 1 became "I" and called "eye").

I was a LTJG by the time I reported aboard and #2 Supply Corps officer being responsible for Disbursing (paying the crew), Commissary (feeding the 250 crew and officers), the Ship's Store (for crew to buy toiletries, snacks, gifts, watches, cassettes, etc.), also for the laundry and the barbershop.

The LT in charge of the Supply Division was responsible for ordering the

spare parts needed for running the ship and all its functions based on what the Divisions requested.

The slogan for the Supply Corps was Beans, Bullets, and Black Oil. And the emblem officers had on our shirt collar resembled a pork chop, hence the nickname "pork chops".

When we were in port, we could load all our supplies from the pier, but when we were at sea and needed to resupply, we used helicopters from the supply ships or the traditional Highline from the supply ship or oiler. Seeing an "unrep" (underway replenishment) was quite an exciting and impressive experience that greatly increased the mobility and efficiency of the **Mullinnix**, rather than going into port. Since we won the "Top Gun" award for firing our guns more than any other DD (Destroyer), we had to do more unrep's for more bullets!

I was aboard the "Mighty Mux" during our return to Norfolk in September 1969, and our participation in Operation Springboard in February and March 1970, in the Caribbean Sea making port calls at St. Thomas and St. Croix.

In June 1970, we went on a Med cruise with port calls in Malta and Nice, France. I received my separation orders while in Nice. Through all this time, the Supply Division was responsible for getting all the provisions we needed. I have no memory of our firing our guns on this deployment.

I flew home from Rota, Spain and was separated from service in late August 1970. I have many happy memories of my service in the Navy! 🇺🇸

HOUSTON-HOLICKY-SITTER VETERANS FORUM

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Place: Publix / 2nd Floor
Community Meeting Room
2250 John Rolfe Pkwy
Henrico, VA 23233

Time: Doors open 11:15 AM
Arrive No later than 11:45 AM

Guest Speaker: LtCol John Allison,
USMC (Ret)

Topic: Update on Marine Corps Expeditionary Base Operations and Unmanned Systems Update

Four Chaplains Day



The 4 Chaplains stamp is a 3-cent black U.S. commemorative postage stamp issued on May 28, 1948, to honor the four Army Chaplains who sacrificed their lives on Feb. 3, 1943, by giving up their lifejackets to save others when the USAT *Dorchester* (U.S. Army troop transport ship) sank.

FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY, observed annually on February 3, honors the **four U.S. Army chaplains – George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington** – who sacrificed their lives during the sinking of the USAT *Dorchester* on February 3, 1943. These men gave their life jackets to soldiers and stayed on the ship, offering prayers and support, symbolizing ultimate selflessness and interfaith unity.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester* was one of three ships in a convoy crossing the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the *Dorchester* was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen, and civilian workers.

It was only 150 miles from its destination when, shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship far below the waterline. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Others, stunned by the explosion, were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, the four chaplains spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded, and guiding the disoriented toward safety.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to make their way to the ship's deck, many were still in their underwear and were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the Arctic. Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more life jackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, only 230 survived. Before boarding the *Dorchester* back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

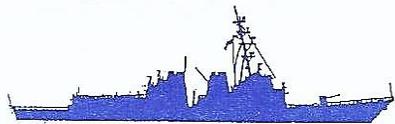
Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So, a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again. ✍

Reference - By John Brinsfield, January 28, 2014

ADOPTED SHIPS UPDATE

(these reports may be edited to fit the space available)



USS Gravelly (DDG-107)
CO: CDR Greg Piorun
XO: CDR Gregory Tornambe
CMC: CMDCM LeDezman Johnson

Courtney Mustin, Liaison
Patrick Harris, Ass't Liaison

Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet Forces
Facebook post 12-15-2025:

Norfolk, Virginia: Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS Gravelly (DDG-107)** returned to Naval Station Norfolk Dec. 13, 2025. The ship's return comes after four months supporting U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) missions.

"Team **Gravelly** takes pride in our continued service to maritime homeland defense," stated CDR Greg Piorun, Commanding Officer, **USS Gravelly (DDG-107)**. "This team has worked hard in the precision execution of a wide variety of missions aimed to underpin American security and economic prosperity in the Western Hemisphere. This upcoming return home is well-deserved and comes with some much needed down time!"

Gravelly was deployed from March to June of 2025 to the Gulf of America and Caribbean Sea in support of U.S. Northern Command tasking, then much needed August to December in support of USSOUTHCOM. **Gravelly** worked alongside both the **USS Iwo Jima** Amphibious Readiness Group and the **USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group** while supporting USSOUTHCOM missions.

Gravelly is a multi-mission guided-missile destroyer capable of air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, strike warfare, information warfare, electronic warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare. This ship carries approximately 300 Sailors. **Gravelly** is named after Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravelly, Jr.



The Arleigh Burke-class destroyer Gravelly, with the ship's battle flag waving, approaches the pier at Naval Station Norfolk, Saturday, December 13, 2025. (Bill Tienan/The Virginian-Pilot).

U.S. Fleet Forces Command is responsible for manning, training, equipping and employing 138,000 active-duty Sailors, reservists and civilians; more than 120 ships and submarines; 1,500 aircraft, seven task forces; and five carrier strike groups. USFFC directs training and readiness across the maritime domain, prepares forces for worldwide deployment and provides combat-ready naval forces to combatant commanders. 🇺🇸

Welcome Home USS Gravelly!





USS Carter Hall (LSD-50)
CO: CDR Brittany N. Lynn
XO: CDR Phillip Wise
CMC: CMDCM Chelsea L. Turner

Pat Robson, Liaison

USS Carter Hall is currently in port.



USCGC Northland (WMEC-904)
CO: CDR Brian C. Gismervik
XO: LCDR Charles Chavtur
CSEL: MKC Ethan Stanford

Vaughan Dize, Liaison

USCGC Northland is currently in port.



USCGC Spencer (WMEC-905)
CO: CDR Justin Strock
XO: LCDR L.H (Hank) Deatrach

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

Our in port period is slowly coming to a close and, while we looked forward to the holiday season, the crew ensured the ship was completely ready for the next patrol.

We've conducted systems testing, set up equipment, completed some dry runs of varying evolutions, and received multiple deliveries of much-needed gear to support both the upcoming mission and day-to-day operations. We also completed a successful shake-down patrol, executed multiple drills and knocked off the rust, which helped renew excitement for the deployment ahead. The experience gave us valuable insight into what to expect on this patrol and further energized the crew to get underway for our upcoming deployment.

We held our Holiday Party in December, where the Morale Committee did an excellent job organizing a very memorable event. Highlights included

an ugly Christmas sweater contest, door prizes, and a white elephant gift exchange—one lucky shipmate even walked away with a human-sized stuffed gorilla. We were grateful to have Tom Jennings join us for the party and the continued support from the Richmond Navy League! On behalf of the entire crew, we thank the Richmond Navy League for the donation to our Morale account and the Deployment Boxes with supplies for the crew!

As we make final preparations to get underway, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you for making sure our crew is taken care of through your generous donations, your time, and your continued support. Please keep an eye out for *The Spencer Scuttlebutt*, which will be coming out weekly while we are underway.

Thank you to the Richmond Navy League for your support from the crew of *Spencer*. ✍️

Very Respectfully,
 CO CDR Justin W. Strock



Ugly Holiday sweater participants.



Tom Jennings, RCNL liaison, presents a \$500.00 check for Spencer's MWR Fund to CO CDR Justin Strock and XO LCDR Hank Deatrach.

Below is a copy of the Thank You note sent to Tom Jennings, USCGC Spencer Assistant Liaison, from CO CDR Justin Strock.

Tom, *17 December 25*

Thank you so much for coming down to our Holiday Party and celebrating with us. We truly appreciate your continued support, and we are extremely grateful for the relationship we share with you and the rest of the Richmond Navy League.

Wish you and your family the happiest of holidays!

Thank you also for the wonderful donation from the Navy League to our crew's MWR!

Look forward to seeing you all again in the Spring.

*Best Regards,
 CDR Justin Strock*

Thank You Sponsors!

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Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima



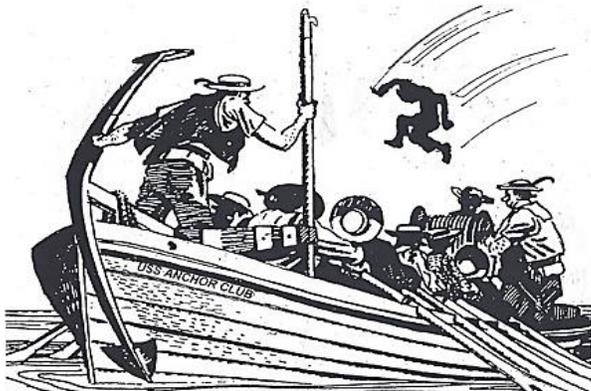
This iconic photograph of six U.S. Marines raising the U.S. Flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in the final stages of the Pacific War, was taken February 23, 1945, five days after the Marines landed on the island. It won the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for Photography and has become to be regarded in the U.S. as one of the most recognizable images of WWII.

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