



Annual Report

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Richmond Council had a very active year supporting three Navy and three Coast Guard adopted ships; one adopted Navy fighter squadron; Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps recruiting units; the Richmond Navy Reserve and the Military Sea Lift Command. Our youth programs included support for the America Division Sea Cadet unit and nine high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Programs with five Navy and four Marine Corps units serving nearly 927 cadets.

In 2025, 105 *Anchor Club* members donated \$11,537 to support the sea services and our youth programs. Our 36th Annual Golf Outing fundraiser on October 8, drew 72 golfers, making up 18 playing teams, with a net income of \$9,672. These two key fund-raising activities, along with other donations, allowed the Richmond Council to provide \$8,804 to support our adopted ships and units and \$6,800 to support the Sea Cadets and our nine JROTC units in 2025. The Richmond Council hosted our Annual Membership Meeting and three luncheons with speakers from naval and non-profit organizations.

ADMINISTRATION

Board of Directors

- President: Vaughan F. Dize
- Immediate Past President: Adam J. (Jay) Fiedler, M.D.
- Acting Senior Vice President: John A. Harler, M.D.
- Treasurer: Billy L. Butler
- Assistant Treasurer: Robert E. Lusk, Jr.
- Chaplain: John A. Harler, M.D.
- Judge Advocate: Thomas T. Hassell, Jr.
- Secretary: Carol K. Zembroski
- *Lucky Bag* Editor: William W. McCathern, Jr., Co-Editor: *Nancy G. Butler
- Directors: *Father William Bartz, Dennis A. Biggs, *Marx (Mike) Eiseman, Jr., George L. Feitig, Jr., *Philip S. Gahm, *Maria Gallegos, Patrick D. Harris, Melissa Hill, Thomas Jennings, *Joseph M. Kelleher, Brian K. Miller, Douglas B. Reed, Gary K. Riffle, Sr., B. Patterson (Pat) Robson, Jr., *Earl Williams (* indicates new Board Member)
- Board of Directors: 4 meetings
- Round Table Planning Meetings: 34 meetings.

Membership

Membership: 192 members at the start of 2025 and 177 members at the end of the year.

12 new members recruited: Robert Paylor, Robert J. McDaniel II, David J. Hajek, Jeremy Greenwood, CDR (USCG-RET), Alan B. Clemons, Michael J. Lyndey, Darrel Feasel, Hallie M. Okley, Jr., Richard Robertson, Bobby Vickers, Randolph Beales, Edward M. Saylor, MD.

Member Passings in 2025

William "Bill" McLarin, Thomas P. Cook Sr., Thomas Cook, Jr., Donald L. Walton John Almond, Past Treasurer RCNL, Jean Tinsley Martin wife of Past President RCNL Roy Martin, Thomas H. Thornton, Sr. and Joan DeBiasi wife of Dr. Gil DeBia.

Budget

Beginning Balance - \$53,182

- Income - \$31,943
Donations - \$11,847, Dues - \$6,357, Special Events - \$9,821, Other Contributions - \$2,064, Other - \$55, Interest - \$1,797
- Expenses - \$41,206
Operating Expenses - \$25,603, Donations and Contributions - \$15,603
- Ending Balance - \$51,161

Communications

The Lucky Bag newsletter: 11 issues published.

Webpage: 2025 page views - 4,247, a 35 % increase over 2024 (3,147), 354 average page views per month, a 35 % increase over 2024 (262).

Facebook Page: 172 followers

Recognition - Awards

The Richmond Council maintained its Gold Seal 501-c3 non-profit organization transparency rating awarded by GuideStar/Candid, the second highest rating they provide.

The Richmond Council received three national performance awards at the Navy League 2025 National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

- Donald M. Mackie Award Newsletter - Platinum
- Sea Service Adoption Excellence Award - Medium Council
- Donald M. Mackie Award Website - Gold

FUNDRAISING

In 2025, the Richmond Council received the following contributions to support the mission of the Council.

Membership Dues

In 1992, the Richmond Council initiated a local Council dues of \$12 per year This was in addition to the dues paid by members to the Navy League of the United States. Our local Council dues are used to support our operating expenses. Membership dues were \$40 in 2025, and members paid \$5,305 in local Council dues. The Richmond Council also received \$1,052 in dues rebates from the Navy League of the United States.

Anchor Club and Other Donations

In 2008, the Richmond Council founded the *Anchor Club* to demonstrate an enhanced commitment of our members to support sea services. In 2025, 105 *Anchor Club* members donated \$11,837. We also received an additional \$310 in donations to support our youth programs.

Our Anchor Club donations are our primary source for supporting our adopted ships and units, Sea Cadets and Richmond area high school Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs. In 2025, we provided \$8,804 to support our adopted ships and units, \$5,000 to support the America Division Sea Cadets and \$1,800 to support our nine JROTC units.

Golf Outings Fund Raiser

The first Richmond Council golf fund raiser was held in 1991 at the Fort Lee Officer's Club golf course. On October 8, 2025, 72 golfers making up 18 playing teams participated in our 36th Annual Golf Outing fundraiser. The original playing date was September 17, but it was canceled because of rain. Player registrations brought in \$6,768, sponsors donated \$9,060, resulting in a total a net income of \$9,672.

Golf Event Sponsors and Volunteers:

Academy Sports + Outdoors Elizabeth Selfe Ace Electric - Kerry Edwards Bass Pro Shops – Stephanie Cobos Bill & Nancy Butler Bill Jeffress Bob Lusk Boychiks Deli – John, Store Mgr. Carol Zembroski Century Construction Company, Inc. Neil Palmer Claris Financial, LLC – John Paxton Cliff Bruce Studio – Cliff Bruce Colonial Scientific, Inc. - Paul Rinko Conrado C. Gonzales, Jr., M.D. David Hajek Dennis Biggs Dick's Sporting Goods – Carl Sutton (Short Pump Store) Doug Reed Father Bill Bartz Frank Carlomagno Freedom Outdoors - Anna Mulhem Gary Riffle George Feitig Grapevine Restaurant – Mitchell Trak Hannah Miller – Youngblood, Tyler & Associates Harvey Lankford, M.D. Herndon Law Group – Melissa Hill and Bonnie Haist James Dageforde, M.D. Jay Fiedler, M.D. John A. Harler, M.D. John & Katie Heistand Keiter CPA's – Michael Gracik Kelleher Corporation - Joe Kelleher Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Maria Vertucci Maria Gallegos Massanutten Resort - Amy Runkie Weakley Mastec Utility Services – David Small M.E. Keeton Electrical Contractors, Inc. - Michael Keeton, Jr. Mission BBQ – Austin Myers Oasis Senior Advisors - John Krug, CSA, CDP Pat Robson Patient First – Ian Slinkman (5000 Cox Road) Peter A. Trost, III Philip Gahm Randolph P. Tabb, Jr. RDML John G. Hekman Richard Thorson Richmond Flying Squirrels Andrew Seccia Richmond Tax Advisors Cliff Bruce, CPA Robert & Lisa Hafker Charitable Fund Sean Campbell Sermat Construction Services Ryan Haskell ServiceMaster of Richmond Sherry Haskell Suzanne Feigley The Hollows Country Club Robert McCroskey, Golf Pro The Restaurant Co. T/A Arby's John P. Ripp Tom Hassell Tom Jennings Top Golf – Nicole Derricott University of Richmond Strategic Ticketing & Sales Analytics - Brad Dilen Vaughan Dize Vietnam Veterans Chapter 78 Virginia Asset Group Bruce McCook, AAMS Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Athletics - Emily Bolyard, Athletic Compliance Coordinator West Cary Associates Wal Mart / 1504 N. Parham Road Nick Carver, Store Manager

SUPPORT FOR THE SEA SERVICES

Adopted Ships (6) Fighter Squadron (1)

The objective of adopting a ship, station, other military unit, or facility is to provide continuing support to a particular Sea Service Unit, its crew, and families. Adoption implies a commitment to continuing support. The Council provided \$8,804 in Morale, Welfare and Recreation support to our Adopted/Supported Ships and Units.

The Richmond Council supported many different ships in its early years, and in 1987 formalized the process by adopting the cruiser USS VIRGINIA (CGN-38) in 1987. In 2025, our adopted ships in 2025 were: USS NORMANDY (CG-60), USS SAMUEL L. GRAVELY (DDG-107), USS CARTER HALL (LSD-50), USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC-904) USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912) and USCGC SPENCER (WMEC-905).

In 2017, the Council adopted and continues to support Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-213 Blacklions, Naval Air Station Oceana. The Blacklions were deployed much of 2025 with the USS Ford Carrier Strike Group to the Middle East.

Supported Units (5)

The Council also supports the following sea service units in the Richmond area: Naval Reserve Center Richmond, Richmond Naval Talent Acquisition Group (NTAG-Recruiting), Marines Corps Recruiting, Coast Guard Recruiting and the Military Sealift Command.

Ship and Unit Visits and Other Support Activities (9)

- Ship Visits: Navy (1), Coast Guard (4), MSC (1)
- Change of Command Ceremonies: Navy (2)
- Ship Decommissioning (1)

In person contact with our adopted ships and crews in 2025 was limited due to lengthy ship deployments and maintenance activities.

- 02/28/2025: Navy Talent Acquisition Group Richmond
Council members John A. Harler, M.D., Father Bill Bartz, Joe Kelleher and Vaughan Dize attended the Change of Command Ceremony for the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Richmond at the Virginia War Memorial. CDR Seth L. Harbin was relieved by CDR Timothy L. Henderson. 200 personnel, family and friends were in attendance.
- 05/01/2025: USCG Cutter Spencer (WMEC-905), Coast Guard Base Portsmouth
On May 1, 2025, the Richmond Council Navy League officially adopted the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Spencer (WMEC-905). Council President, Vaughan Dize, and Assistant Liaison, Tom Jennings, drove down to the USCG Base in Portsmouth, VA to the Commanding Officer of USCGC Spencer. Unfortunately, the primary Liaison, Tom Hassell, and the Commanding Officer CDR Justin Strock were not able to attend. The Executive Officer, LCDR Hank Deatrich accepted the papers on his behalf
- 06/03/2025: USS Normandy (CG-60), Naval Station Norfolk
Council members George Feitig and Dennis Biggs attended a Change of Commend Ceremony. Commander Robert Knapp was installed as the Commanding Officer. The attending Council members also presented a Sailor of the Year Certificate and a \$100 check to MM1 Anfrew Crosswhite. 300 crew members, family and friends were in attendance.
- 06/09/2025: USCGC Spencer (WMEC-905), Portsmouth Coast Guard Base Portsmouth,
Council members Tom Hassell and Tom Jennings delivered 5 boxes of supplies to support the crew members of the USCG Spencer. Two Council members, Spencer CO Justin Strock and seven other Spencer crew members were in attendance.

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- 09/25/2025: Decommissioning Ceremony USS Normandy (CG-60), Naval Station Norfolk
Council members George Feitig, Bill Butler, Nancy Butler, Pat Robson and Phil Graham attended the USS Normandy decommissioning ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk. 400 crew members, family and friends were in attendance.
- 11/07/2025: USS Carter Hall (LSD-50), Naval Station Norfolk
Council member Pat Robson and Dennis Biggs attended a Change of Command Ceremony about the USS Carter Hall. CDR Brittany N. Lynn assumed command, replacing CDR Steve E. Gray. 300 crew members, family and friends were in attendance.
- 11/27/2025: USS Carter Hall (LSD-50) Thanksgiving Dinner
The USS Carter Hall (LSD-50), one of our longest-tenured adopted ships, asked for the Richmond Council to help them provide Thanksgiving Dinner onboard for their crew. The Carter Hall was in the shipyard and their galley was inoperable. Council member and Carter Hall liaison Pat Robson used the \$1,500 MWR fund designated for the Carter Hall to cover the cost of the meal for 200 crew members. After Thanksgiving, the Carter Hall sent the following message to Pat Robson. "Good afternoon and Happy Thanksgiving. Today, Carter Hall (LSD-50) would love to thank the generosity that brought food, comfort, joy, and a sense of home to our sailors on this Thanksgiving Day".
- 12/04/2025: USCGC Cutter Northland (WMEC-904) Coast Guard Base Portsmouth
Council President Vaughn Dize visited the Cutter Northland to meet its new XO, LCDR Charles Chavtur and to distribute funds for the ships' Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. 150 members and friends were in attendance.
- 12/12/2025: USNS Montford Point (T-ESD 1), Naval Station Norfolk
Thirty-eight Council members and guests visited the Military Sealift Command ship USNS Montford Point. The Council members and guests were provided an extensive tour of the ship by Captain Ryan Carter
- 12/16/2025: USCGC Spencer (WMEC-905), Portsmouth Coast Guard Base Portsmouth,
Council member Tom Jennings attended the Spencer Christmas Party and presented a \$500 Moral, Welfare and Recreation check. 75 crew members, family and friends were in attendance.

Sea Service Awards

- 06/03/2025: Sailor of the Year Certificate
Council members George Feitig and Dennis Biggs attended a Change of Commend Ceremony aboard the USS Normant (CG-60) and also presented a Sailor of the Year Certificate and a \$100 check to MM1 Anfrew Crosswhite.

ADVOCACY

- Republican Rob Wittman's Veterans' Roundtable Report

On Monday, July 21, 2025, the Richmond Council was represented by member Pat Robson at Congressman Rob Wittman's Veterans' Roundtable at the Virginia War Memorial. Congressman Wittman, Capt. Chuck Zingler, USN-retired, Virginia's Commissioner of Veteran Services, and head staffers in financial affairs and community care took specific benefits-related questions from veterans and Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) about individual problems, program funding, mental health services including suicide prevention and intervention, and veteran housing.

- U.S Chaplains Corps Recognition

With the support of the Richmond Council, Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a proclamation to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the Navy Chaplains Corps by designating November 23-29, 2025, as Navy Chaplains Week in Virginia. Along with the Governor's proclamation, Richmond Council Challenge coins were mailed to the Commanding Officers and Chaplains of the USS Gravely, USS Carter Hall, Military Sealift Command, and directly to the base Chaplain at NAS Oceana.

- Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

Richmond Council members RDML Michael Curran USN (RET), Dr. Harler MD, Vaughan Dize, Pat Robson, David Craft and David Weddle attended and observed meetings of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations. The intent was to increase the Council's outreach to veterans. However, because the Richmond Council is not a veteran based organization, it's full participation in the work of the Leadership Council is not allowed. Council members will maintain contact with the Leadership Council to advocate on behalf of the Richmond Council.

- Military Sealift Command Recruiting

The Richmond Council partnered with the Military Sealift Command to host a Job Fair at ECPI in Richmond on 01/14/2025. Richmond Council Navy League, MSC held a Job Fair at ECPI on 1/14/2025.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings - Luncheons - Tours – Trips

- 01/22/2025: Richmond Council Annual Business and Membership Meeting
Forty Richmond Council members attended the Council's annual meeting to elect and install the new officers for 2025. Vaughan Dize was sworn in as the new President. Eight new board members installed.
- 03/26/2025: Richmond Council Navy League Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Jr. Spring Luncheon
Forty-five Richmond Council members and guests participated in the Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Spring Luncheon. Commander Brian C. Gismervik, Commanding Officer of USCGC Northland (WMEC-904) was the guest speaker. The Northland was adopted by the Richmond Council 26 years ago in April.
- 4/4/2025: U. S Army Fort Greg Adams Trip and Tour, Hopewell, VA
Twenty-five Council members and friends Council had an enjoyable and informative experience touring Fort Gregg-Adams in Hopewell, VA. Fort Gregg-Adams is the home of many

specialty schools which are attended by members of all branches of the military services. Tours included the Parachute Assembly, Culinary School and the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museums. Participants were also allowed to test their marksmanship on the indoor firing range with electronic M-16 rifles.

- 06/18/2025: Richmond Council Commander Theodore G. Ellyson Summer Luncheon
Forty Council members and guests participated in the Commander Theodore Ellyson Lunch at the Willow Oaks Country Club. The keynote speaker was Dr. John V. Quarstein Director Emeritus of the USS Monitor Center in Newport News, Virginia. Dr. Quarstein spoke about the Great Hite Fleet and its impact on US Navy Sea Power.
- 10/13/2025: Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy, Virginia War Memorial, Richmond, Virginia
Eight Council members joined one hundred other individuals to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy at the Virginia War Memorial. Speakers included Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin, Donald Scott Seaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Director of the Virginia War Memorial Captain John Paul Jones (by reenactor Bryan Austin).
- 10/22/2025: Sea Services Luncheon
Sixty-two Council members and guests met at The Willow Oaks Country Club for Council's annual Sea Services Luncheon. This event was extra special as we celebrated the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps' 250th anniversaries. Mechanicsville High School's String Quintet provided music. After the call to order, the Presentation of Colors was provided by Highland Springs High School's MCJROTC Color Guard. The guest speaker was GySgt Jerome Atger, USMC (RET) who spoke was on the "Relationship Between the Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy." The Sea Services Cake was cut by CDR Amy Thomas (USN) and GYSgt Jerome Atger.
- 12/7/2025: Pear Harbor Remembrance, Virginia War Memorial
Nearly 100 people joined Richmond Council Navy League members and friends at the Virginia War Memorial for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Richmond. The attendees were welcomed by Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial and Vaughan Dize, President of the Richmond Council Navy League. The keynote speaker was RDML John Tammen, USN (RET). The ceremony was co-hosted by the Richmond Navy League Council and the Virginia War Memorial, with the support of the James M. Slay Detachment #329, Marine Corps League Honor Guard, The Color Guard was provided by the AMERICA Division Sea Cadets.

The ceremony included the presentation of wreaths by the Richmond Navy League Council, the Virginia War Memorial, Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors and VFW Post 9808. In memory of those who died on December 7, 1941, there was a reading of the names of the 41 Virginians who were killed on that day. Each loss of a Virginia service member was memorialized by ringing the bell of the USS VIRGINIA (CGN-38). A Rifle Salute and Taps were provided by the James S. Slay Detachment, Marine Corps League.

Media Coverage/Promotion was provided by the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, the *Richmond Free Press*, the *Williamsburg-Yorktown Daily*, the *Front Royal Examiner*, WWBT-12 Television -

Richmond, Real Radio 804 - Tappahannock, Virginia War Memorial and Virginia Department of Veteran Affairs.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

America Division Sea Cadets

The Richmond Council established the America Division Sea Cadets program for the Richmond area in 1968 and has been in operation for 54 years. The typical participation has been 35 cadets per year, an estimated 1,855 cadets since 1968. In 2025, the Council donated \$5,000 to support for America Division programs and activities for 25 America Division Sea Cadets.

- **01/25/2025: AMERICA Division Sea Cadets Drill Practice**
Council members Gary Riffle and Vaughan Dize attended a drill practice at the Powhatan War Memorial in preparation for the Flagship Cup to be held at Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, February 28 - March 2, 2025. 25 cadets and supporters were in attendance.
- **02/28/2025: Flagship Cup Competition**
AMERICA Division Sea Cadets participated in the Flagship Cup Competition at State Military Reservation (formerly known as Camp Pendleton), Virginia Beach, February 28 through March 2, taking First Place for Color Guard and one cadet took first place in NLCC (Navy League Cadet Corps) in the close quarter drill. Bravo Zulu, Cadets! This three-day competition is where Sea Cadets from different locations showcase their skills and teamwork, with the goal of recognizing and rewarding excellence.
- **05/04/2025: Annual Inspection and Sea Cadets Awards Night**
Council President Vaughan Dize attended the Annual Inspection and Sea Cadets Award Ceremony and presented the Roosevelt Medal; Ribbon and Certificate to Seaman Evelyn Lopez and the Cadet of the Year Award to Able Cadet Noah Samburg. 75 individuals attended the awards event.
- **07/07-08/2025: Muster and Close Order Drill**
Council members Gary Riffle and Vaughan Dize attended a Muster and Close Order Drill, Recruit Orientation, Color Guard practice and physical training exercises at the Naval Reserve Center-Richmond. 25 cadets and supporters were in attendance.
- **08/02/2025; Orientation for New Recruits**
Council members Vaughan Dize and Gary Riffle attended an orientation for new recruits that included formation practice and basic naval etiquette. 40 individuals were in attendance.
- **09/06/2025: Regular Drill**
Council President Vaughan Dize attended a Regular Drill that included Muster, Drill Color Guard Supply Call, General Knowledge Review, Recruit Orientation, Team Building and Discipline. 25 cadets and supporters were in attendance.
- **11/15/2025: Regular Drill**
Council President Vaughan Dize attended a Regular Drill. The cadets were shown a video on gun and rifle safety. To prepare them for firearms qualification on November 22. 25 cadets and supporters were in attendance.

- 11/22/2025: Pistol Qualification
Council members Vaughan Dize and Gary Riffle attended Pistol Qualification for Sea Cadets. The qualification results were: 2 Experts, 7 Sharpshooters, 10 Marksmen. 25 cadets and supporters were in attendance.

Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC)

The Richmond Council supported nine Richmond area Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs, five Navy and four Marine Corps in 2025. Our support began with Highland Springs High School which implemented a Marine Corps JROTC program in 1985. In 1993, Varina High School implemented the first Richmond area Navy JROTC program. The current Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs supported by the Richmond Council and their starting dates are:

Highland Springs High School, Marine Corps (1985)	Varina High School, Navy (1993)
Hermitage High School, Marine Corps (1993)	J.R. Tucker High School, Marine Corps (1996)
Mechanicsville High School, Navy (2001)	Patrick Henry High School, Navy (2002)
James River High School, Navy (2009)	Goochland High School, Marine Corps (2014)
New Kent County High School, Navy (2024)	

Cadets Enrolled in 2025

At the beginning of the 2025 school year, 892 cadets (541 Navy and 351 Marines), participated in the nine Richmond area JROTC programs that we support. From 2024, participation in JROTC programs increased by 3.9% (Navy up 5.2% and Marines up 2.0%). There was an average of 99 cadets per program at the beginning of the year. At the end of the 2025 school year, participation increased to 927 cadets (569 Navy and 358 Marines), an average of 103 cadets per program.

Navy JROTC cadets 2024/2025

Varina High School: 100/103
J.R. Tucker High School: 145/119
Patrick Henry High School: 116/125
Goochland High School: 140/151
New Kent High School: 40/71

Marine Corps JROTC cadets 2024/2025

Highland Springs High School: 80/80
Hermitage High School: 109/97
Mechanicsville High School: 87/87
James River High School: 75/94

The support provided by the Richmond Council to the JROTC units includes \$200 to support each cadet unit and a \$100 scholarship awarded to the Cadet of the Year for each high school. The Richmond Council also provides the Theodore Roosevelt Award to a student of any grade rank that has exhibited excellence as a cadet. This award includes a certificate, the Roosevelt Medal and Ribbon. The Council also provides the Perseverance Award recognizing a cadet for overcoming adversity during the year, who receives a Richmond Council Navy League Challenge Coin and Certificate. In 2025, the Richmond Council donated \$1,600 to support the JROTC units.

JROTC Events and Activities Supported by the Richmond Council

Annual Awards

- 03/16/2025: Patrick Henry High School NJROTC Awards Night (attendance 100)
Richmond Council President Vaughan F. Dize attended the awards event and provided the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to PO2 Grayson Carrigan and the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship to LT A. Duke Flanagan.

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- 04/16/2025: Mechanicsville High School NJROTC Awards Night (attendance 125)
Richmond Council member Thomas T. Hassell, Jr., attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to LTJG Erin Moore, the Cadet of the Year and \$100 scholarship award to CPO Nolan Hatcher, and the Perseverance Award to PO3 Brian Cook.
- 04/23/2025: J. R Tucker High School MJROTC Awards Night (attendance 200)
Council member Earl Williams attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Cadet 2nd LT Austin Barnes, the Cadet of the Year and \$100 scholarship to 1st SGT Aiden Chen and the Perseverance Award to LCPL Azaria Sullivan.
- 05/01/2025: Highland Springs High School MCJROTC Awards Night (attendance 75)
Council member George Feitig attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Cadet Ji’Niyah Roston, the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship to Cadet Evelyn Gomez and the Perseverance Award to Cadet Sabrina Fernandez.
- 05/07/2025 James River High School NJROTC Awards Night (attendance 75)
Council member Gary K. Riffle, Jr., attended the awards event and presented received the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to CPO Braeden Marr, the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship to LT Donovan Jacoby, and the Perseverance Award to SA Erin Toler.
- 05/8/2025: Hermitage High School MCNJROTC Awards Night (attendance 125)
Council member Vaughan Dize attended the awards event and presented the Theodore Roosevelt Meda, Ribbon and Certificate to MAJ Raven Sims, the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship to CAPT Excellent Fred-Dyck and the and the Perseverance Award to 1st LT Satyabama Dasari.
- 05/15/2025: New Kent High School NJROTC (attendance 80)
Council member Patrick Harris attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Cadet Zephaniah Somuah and the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship to Cadet Bryce Clemons.
- 5/22/2025: Goochland High School MCJROTC Awards Night (attendance 200)
Council member Vaughan Dize attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Cadet Ryan Pillion and the Cadet of the Year Award and \$100 scholarship and the Perseverance Award to Cadet Gabby Wilson.
- 05/23/2025: Varina High School NJROTC Awards Night (attendance 100)
Council member James R. Dageforde, M.D., attended the awards event and presented the Roosevelt Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Cadet Christopher Papelino, the Cadet of the Year and \$100 scholarship to Cadet Earl Franklin, and the Perseverance Awards to Cadets Laila Egetin, Cesar Villegas and Cheyenne Adkins.

Other JROTC Events

- 11/11/2025: James River High School NJROTC Veterans Day Celebration (attendance 100)
Council member Alan Clemons served as a guest speaker at the James River High School JROTC Veterans Day Celebration.

- 12/03/2025: James River High School NJROTC Military Inspection (attendance 225)
Council President Vaughan Dize attended the Military Inspection of the James River High School JROTC cadets.

Richmond Council Navy League of the United States 2025 Calendar of Scheduled Events

January 22: Richmond Council's Annual Membership and Business Meeting

February 10: Richmond Council Board of Directors Meeting

March 26: Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Spring Luncheon

May 13: Richmond Council Board of Directors Meeting

April 4: Fort Greg-Adams Trip and Tour, U.S. Army, Hopewell, Virginia

June 18: Commander Theodore G. Ellyson Summer Luncheon

September 8: Richmond Council Board of Directors Meeting

September 17: Golf Outing and Fund Raiser - Hollows Golf Club

October 22: Fall Sea Services Luncheon

December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, Virginia War Memorial

December 12: USNS Montford Point Trip and Tour, Military Sealift Command, Naval Station Norfolk

December 15: Richmond Council Board of Directors Meeting