



British Officers Club Washington DC Newsletter

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The master, the swabber, the boatswain and I,
The gunner, and his mate,
Lov'd Mall, Meg, and Marian, and Margery,
But none of us car'd for Kate.

For she had a tongue with a tang,
Would cry to a sailor, 'Go hang!'
She lov'd not the savour of tar nor of pitch:
Yet a tailor might scratch where'er she did itch.
Then to sea, boys, and let her go hang!

William Shakespeare – The Tempest

1. Massed Bands Parade

Those of you who follow the BOCDC Facebook page will have noted that the parade of massed bands set for April 1st has had to be severely curtailed. There is a Facebook posting every day with a quiz on Fridays.

2. Visit to Mariners Museum, Hampton Roads

This was a great day out with a fascinating display put on for us by the Museum.

3. Victory in Europe

May 8th is VE day and the idea is to have a drop-in event at the Mystique BBQ Grill and Bar in North Lee Street Alexandria. I am still looking for a pianist, preferably free, who can tinkle some ivories with tunes from 1945. No tickets required - just drop by and raise a toast to those who fought an awful war or suffered at home from the blitz, invasion and tyranny.

4. The Battle of Midway Banquet

The Naval Order of the United States plus a consortium of naval associations will be having a banquet on June 4th at the Army Navy Country Club. All are welcome and with tickets at \$100 it makes for a good night out. www.nouscap.org for details.

5. Trafalgar Night Dinner

October 19th at the Country Club of Fairfax. The Silver Tones have been booked again after last year's success. Still very much on track!

FOOTNOTE: In these uncertain times, veterans and the families of serving people are being hit more than most. Our thoughts are with you.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, drop me a line.

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