



British Officers Club Washington DC

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Day is ended, dim my eyes,
but journey long before me lies.
Farewell, friends! I hear the call.
The ship's beside the stony wall.
Foam is white and waves are grey;
beyond the sunset leads my way.
Foam is salt, the wind is free;
I hear the rising of the Sea.

Farewell, friends! The sails are set,
the wind is east, the moorings fret.
Shadows long before me lie,
beneath the ever-bending sky,
but islands lie behind the Sun
that I shall raise ere all is done;
lands there are to west of West,
where night is quiet and sleep is rest.

Guided by the Lonely Star,
beyond the utmost harbour-bar,
I'll find the heavens fair and free,
and beaches of the Starlit Sea.
Ship, my ship! I seek the West,
and fields and mountains ever blest.

J.R.R. Tolkien

1. Time to Move On

On July 15th Mary Frances and I will take possession of a property in the city of Charlotte, NC. I feel I cannot do justice to the Club from there so I informed the board of my need to resign as President.

The Board then elected John Warburton to assume the roles of President, and temporarily by default Treasurer. We will execute the transfer during the second week of May.

Being President has been fun, sometimes but rarely a grind, and I shall miss it all. But that is life. Good luck, David; take the Club on to new heights.

That said, I will keep my finger on the Trafalgar Night Dinner controls – but it will be my last.

2. Battle of Midway Banquet

The National Capital Naval Consortium, a grouping of some 12 different naval organisations, invites you to join them at their annual Commemoration of the Battle of Midway which will be held at the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington on the evening of June 4th. Tickets are \$100 as they are heavily subsidized by the Consortium. It is a black tie affair and details can be found on the website, nouscap.org. The speaker this year is Kevin Miller, an aviator with over 1000 deck landings to his name – and an Amazon best seller novel based on the Battle of Midway.

3. Waterloo Lunch

We have booked Vasos in King Street Alexandria for a no host lunch at 1200 on Saturday 20th June. Good food, good company and we might even discuss the ramifications of Waterloo. 24 platforms, I believe, I need to know numbers -please come to my swansong.

4. Maryland 400

We have been invited to attend a tribute to the Maryland 400, whose rearguard action saved General George Washington and his army from ignominious defeat at Brooklyn, NY just one month after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This event will be at National Museum of the US Army on Sunday May 4th with a reception at 1330 and the ceremony at 1400 in the Veterans' Hall.

5. Trafalgar Night

For us, Saturday October 31st at the Country Club of Fairfax

Peter Pennington

Soon to be ex-President BOCDC

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