



## British Officers Club Washington DC Newsletter

May 2025

The lady takes *The Times* and *Vogue*,  
Wears Dior dresses, Gucci shoes,  
Puts fresh-cut flowers around her room  
And lots of carrots in her stews.

A moss-green Volvo, morning walks,  
And holidays in Guadeloupe;  
Long winter evenings by the fire  
With Proust and cream of carrot soup.

Raw carrots on a summer lawn,  
Champagne, a Giaconda smile:  
Glazed carrots in a silver dish  
For Sunday lunch. They call it style.

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### 1. Victory in Europe – 8<sup>th</sup> May

May 8<sup>th</sup> is VE day and we will have a drop-in event at the Mystique BBQ Grill and Bar in 203 North Lee Street Alexandria. It will be very informal – just a drink or have an excellent meal Drop by and raise a toast to those who fought an awful war or suffered at home from the blitz, invasion and tyranny and cheer all those that lead to victory. 183,500 US troops, airmen and sailors were killed in the European Theatre of War as opposed to 64,712 deaths in the Pacific war. The Pacific war was more intense but the European war dealt with greater numbers across all fronts. This followed the decision to end the war in Europe first and unconditionally.

### 2. 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 4<sup>th</sup> at the Army Navy Country Club. All are welcome and with tickets at \$100 it makes for a good night out. [www.nouscap.org](http://www.nouscap.org) for details.

### **3. World War I History**

For the History Buffs, there will be a symposium on June 7<sup>th</sup> looking at facets of WWI. Your President will be talking about submarine warfare and its effect on the Western Front. The meeting will be an all day event in La Plata, Maryland.

### **4. Trafalgar Night Dinner**

October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Fairfax. The Silver Tones have been booked again after last year's success. Still very much on track! In July, I shall be choosing the menu.

**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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