



## **British Officers Club Washington DC**

### **Newsletter November 2024**

No sun — no moon!  
No morn — no noon —  
No dawn — no dusk — no proper time of day.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member —  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! —  
November!

*Thomas Hood*

#### **1. Travels**

I shall shortly be off on my travels. Liverpool this time. The city of Liverpool Football Club, the Beatles, the Walker Gallery (When did you last see your father?) and a damn fine Maritime Museum which I will be in on Saturday.

#### **2. Trafalgar Night Dinner.**

It already seems to be far off in the past. Everybody, I hope, enjoyed themselves while reflecting on the character of Horatio Nelson and what made him the ultimate manager, the Boss, an idol for not only the 17,000 men under his command but also for the nation.

I think the band really made the evening end, figuratively and actually, with a swing.

Financially, the event ended with a surplus big enough to give the BOCDC Board a chance to decide on a distribution to veteran charities when it meets later this month.

Poppy sales raised \$200 for the RBL and the silent auction, if all items are collected, raised another \$200. If you made a bid and still wish to follow through, then please contact me.

### **3. Remembrance Service**

Unfortunately, our normal venue of St Monica and St Giles has another event on Remembrance Sunday so we have not been able to put a service together.

That said, on the Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November I will be standing by Market Square, King Street, with my box of poppies. Please come and join me. Pickle and I will be there from 0900 onwards.

### **4. Pearl Harbour Dinner**

The Naval Order of the United States, will host a **Pearl Harbour Dinner** to mark the 83rd anniversary of the Day of Infamy. This year, it will be at the Country Club of Fairfax (we know it well)

The rig is dinner dress blue, Evening Dress / Mess dress, black tie or business suit.

The speaker will be Commander Michael Stille USN (Ret) who will tell us about some of the truths and some of the myths that led to the attack on Pearl Harbor and how that may be relevant today.. He is an expert on the warfare history of the Pacific.

7<sup>th</sup> December, bar opens 1800.

Here is a link leading to more information and a registration link. See you there.

<https://bit.ly/4hrqYwj>

### **5. Pop-Up Supper**

If I feel there is enough interest, I might organise a pop-up supper towards the end of November or into early December. It will probably be on a Sunday evening and it will be a pay-your-own-tab meal for around 20 people in a local restaurant. Just chat and companionship.

Keep safe Peter Pennington President British Officers Club Washington DC