

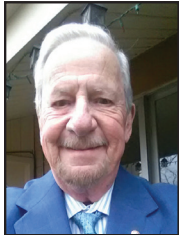


ALL AHEAD FULL



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BALTIMORE COUNCIL, NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

WINTER 2018-2019



FROM THE BRIDGE

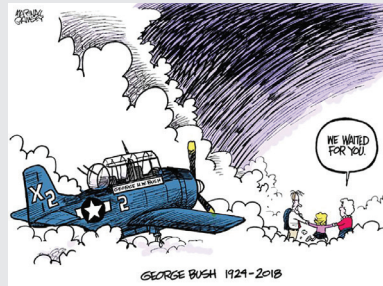
Greetings, Shipmates, and Happy New Year,

And what a year it was! First and foremost there was the celebration of Fleet Week in Baltimore which drew tens of thousands of visitors to the Inner Harbor and beyond as more than a dozen warships, both ours and those of other nations welcomed guests on board for a hand-on experience of life in a modern navy. And there were tall ships as well led by USCGC Eagle, now home ported in Baltimore. (A photo montage of Fleet Week will be found in this issue) Add to that the myriad other events which occupy our time and it's been busy.

The Sea Cadets, sponsored and supported by the Baltimore Council, continue to thrive thanks to the tireless efforts of its commanding officer, LTJG Eric Burns, and his stellar staff. The Fort McHenry Division is still growing and shows every sign of continued success for the future.

Around the world the United States faces new challenges almost daily, mostly from China whose global reach is becoming ever more worrisome. In the past month, for example, it was revealed that Chinese hackers have breached the files of Navy (and Air Force) contractors where, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal, they have succeeded in stealing "everything from ship maintenance data to missile plans." Vigilance is the order of the day and military officials admit there are weakness that must be addressed.

I would be remiss in not spending some time on the recent loss of a



prominent Navy veteran whose remarkable career in and out of uniform led him to the White House. George Herbert Walker Bush was the youngest combat aviator in the Navy in World War II. Only 18 years old when he first took the yoke of a Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber, he flew dozens of missions before being forced to ditch in the Pacific. Four decades later, after service in congress, as Ambassador to the United Nations, Director of the CIA, and two terms as Vice President under Ronald Reagan, the former LT Bush he was Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, 41st President of the United States. History, I am sure, will be kind of "Bush '41." He was a fine man and a fine leader. And he is still with us. Wherever CVN-77 carries the flag, his memory and his spirit goes with her. For she is USS George H.W. Bush.

Now we look ahead to 2019 and the ongoing commitment to our 117 year old mission: Support of the Sea Services. President Bush would expect no less from all of us.

Fair winds and following seas, shipmates. We have work to do. ⚓

*Col. (MD) Alan Walden
Council President & Life Member*

The 11th Hour

A Salute to Our Veterans

Veterans Day is always an important occasion for those of us who have worn the uniform and 2018 was even more special as the nation and the free world commemorate the centennial of what was, after the global catastrophe of 1914 to 1918, called "The War to End All Wars." Because France was our closest ally back then the French Consul General from Washington, DC, Hon. Michel Charbonnier, was invited to present the keynote address. Baltimore Council President Alan Walden had the honor to preside over a very moving POW/MIA ceremony during the event which also featured remarks from Mayor Catherine Pugh and Congressman John Sarbanes. Major James Capers, Jr, USMC-ret. served as honorary chair for the occasion.



Council President Walden at the War Memorial

Nor was that the only major commemorative event in Baltimore. Walden then made his way to Fort McHenry

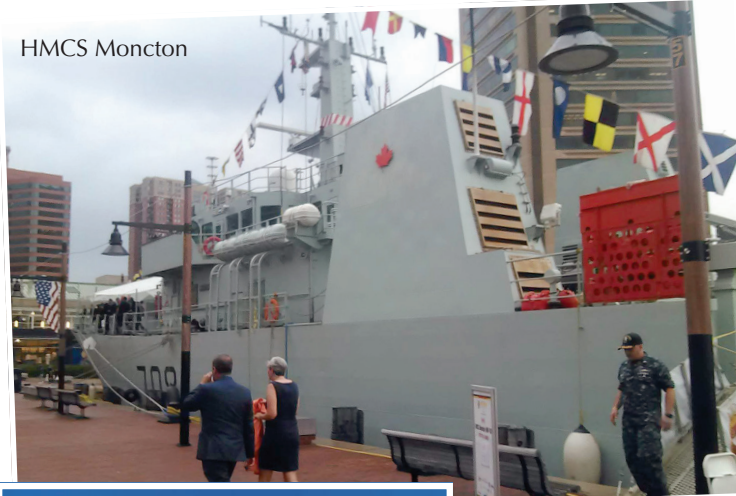


Walden with reenactors at Fort McHenry.

which, during the war, was the location of Army General Hospital #2 where thousands of "doughboys" were treated for the wounds and other injuries they suffered during the conflict. A 48 star flag flew over the fort on that day which featured a stirring performance of World War I era marches and songs by the Maryland Military Band under the direction of Jari Villanueva. The large crowd of visitors and

spectators also had a chance to interact with members of the National Park Service and volunteers dressed as the soldiers of both "The Great War" and the War of 1812. ⚓

FLEET WEEK IN BALTIMORE



HMCS Moncton



Royal Marines on HMS Monmouth



Thunderbirds over Fort McHenry



USCGC Eagle



Council President Alan Walden with RADM Stephen Evans, commander of Carrier Strike Group Two



Walden with LCDR (Captain) Rusty Hodgson of HMCS Moncton



A cannon salute to the departing USS Oak Hill from the Fort McHenry Guard

Best Of The Best

An Array of Honors

Autumn is often the time when the Baltimore Council is asked to present awards to outstanding men and women in uniform. And it was that obligation, a signal element of our mission, that took Capt. Gene Nuth, chair of the Youth Committee to Randallstown High School in Baltimore County. There, he presented the Navy League's highest award



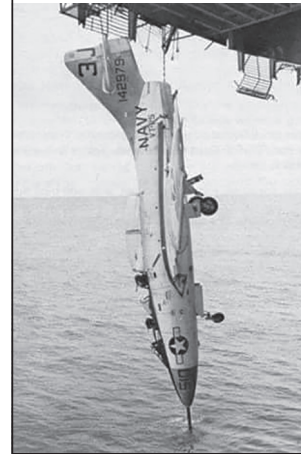
Nuth with Cadet LT Christina Emelogu



Walden with MST3 Claudio Giugliano

for excellence, the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal, to Cadet LT Christina Emelogu, a standout cadet officer in the JROTC program at Randallstown. The award had been scheduled for presentation last spring but was delayed by scheduling problems.

Just for Fun



Air Force pilots have always wondered why Navy planes need tail hooks. Well, here's the answer. After a tough day of flying on an aircraft carrier, the planes are always washed, and they use the hooks to hang the planes over the side to dry.

Now you know...

Meanwhile, Council President Alan Walden and Senior VP Joe Nattans were off to the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay to present special citations of Achievement to those chosen by Sector Maryland-National Capital Region as Enlisted Personnel of the Quarter. Each honoree received a special certificate for outstanding performance and a modest cash gift. ⚓

Doing The Impossible

Only She Could Do It

By Alan Walden

Back in 1971, with the Vietnam War still at full boil, the Navy was searching for a means of designing warships more quickly. At that time it took roughly two years to produce a rough draft on paper. They gave the job to Raye Montague who, after college, had worked her way up from clerk typist to the engineering staff, no mean feat at that time for a woman of color. Along the way she asked a male colleague to teach her how to operate a computer. And, when he refused, she set out to teach herself and became so skilled she became the Navy's first ever female program manager of ships.

When the Navy turned to Montague back in '71 she was told "We need to greatly accelerate the design process. Can it be done?" To others it may have seemed an impossible task. But not to her. Utilizing her self-taught skills



Raye Montague

Montague cranked up her computer and by the following morning the job was finished; the specifications for a new warship, a frigate, were all there. Not two years later, not a year, not a month, not even a full day. Just 18 hours and 26 minutes; a true engineering triumph for anyone let alone a black woman who had battled skepticism and discrimination for her entire career.

Raye Montague finally retired from her job with the Navy in 1990 and returned to her home town, Little Rock, Arkansas where she kept herself occupied working for civic organizations and mentoring young people. After she died last year her son, David, said to an interviewer "Her message was always the same. Don't let people put obstacles in front of you. But understand you also have to put in the work." That she did. And in 1971 she did it better than anyone believed was possible. ⚓

Party Time

The Annual Meeting

Business and pleasure were fully intertwined on 5 December as the Baltimore Council held its annual year end meeting and banquet at the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Phoenix (Baltimore County), Maryland. The business portion was mercifully brief as Leo Ottey, Esq. announced the conclusions of the nominating committee regarding candidates for membership on the board for the calendar year 2019. A final vote and the election of officers will take place at the regular board meeting in January.

The meeting began with the presentation of colors by a color guard made up of members of the Fort McHenry Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps under the command of LTJG Eric Banks. The renowned Maryland baritone, Joe DiCara, then led the assembled guests in a pitch perfect rendition of the National Anthem. In his invocation, Rev. Canon Guy Hawtin, chaplain of the council, presented a special prayer for the soul of the late President Bush.

The keynote speaker was Hon. RDML Mark H. Buzby, USN-ret. and now administrator



Sea Cadets color guard with Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey

of the National Maritime Administration who held the attention of the audience with a discussion of the state of the United States Merchant Marine. Admiral Buzby explained in detail the challenges faced by the service

heads including a painful shortage of both ships and personnel. Where once American flagged vessels ruled the seas, they are now a tiny minority. And though things may be improving, the competition faced by American shipyards and indeed daunting.

For his appearance and efforts Admiral Buzby was presented with a Distinguished Service Award certificate and a wristwatch the face of which bore the official symbol of the Baltimore Council.

Among the guests were Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey, former ambassador to the United Nations on women's issues and former minority leader of the House of Delegates. LCDR Rolanda Franklin, regional director of the Sea Cadets were there, too. Commander Franklin is also a member of the board of the Baltimore Council.

One final note: Mark the date and make plans to attend the next annual meeting and banquet. It will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at a site yet to be selected. You won't want to miss it! ⚓



RADM Buzby (left) with Sea Cadets

Never Forget

Remembering Pearl Harbor

There were hundreds on board USCGC Taney (WHEC-37) at Baltimore's Inner Harbor on 7 December as, once again, the only gunship still afloat that was in action on "the date which will live in infamy" was host to the annual remembrance of the surprise attack that drew the United States into the maw of World War Two. The ranks of WW II survivors grow thinner with each year that passes. But the hard core were there; a little older, and little more infirm, but there nonetheless. The keynote speaker came from the highest level of our uniformed services, and Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant of the Coast Guard did not disappoint as he spoke of the history of the USCG and the vital role it has always played in defense of the United States in peace and war and the role it continues to play in these



Walden opens the event

uncertain times. ADM Schultz actually served on board Taney earlier in his career.

Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford was among the other speakers, and representatives of Baltimore City and the Maryland congressional delegation were there, too, to add to the gravitas of the occasion. Presenting the invocation and concluding prayer was CDR (Ch)



On board Taney

Jonathan Panitz, former Command Jewish Chaplain of the Sixth Fleet. The celebrated baritone, Joe DiCara, sang the National Anthem and, at the conclusion of the event, the Navy Hymn (Eternal Father).

As he has for the past quarter of a century Alan Walden, president of the Baltimore Council-NLUS, served as master of ceremony. His opening remarks included a tribute to the late George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States.

President Bush, as most of you know, was, at age 18, the youngest U.S. Navy combat pilot of the Second World War and flew dozens of missions before he was forced to ditch his Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber in the Pacific.

It was a near perfect day, brilliantly sunny and relatively mild for December and, as always, the ceremony ended in the dropping of a memorial wreath into the harbor and the playing of taps. ⚓



ADM Schultz and Walden

On The Web A Reminder

Between issues of this newsletter and to keep abreast of the activities of the Baltimore Council you are invited to visit our web site. It includes, among general information and, in case you missed them, past issues of All Ahead Full in living color. The internet address is www.navyleaguebaltimore.org.

ORGANIZATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, AND VESSELS SPONSORED AND OTHERWISE SUPPORTED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNCIL-NLUS



Coming Up

- 1/21** Martin Luther King Day
- 2/2** Groundhog Day
- 2/12** Abraham Lincoln's birthday*
- 2/14** Valentine's Day
- 2/18** President's Day*
- 2/22** George Washington's birthday*
- 3/6** Ash Wednesday
- 3/10** Daylight Saving Time begins (Clocks forward one hour)
- 3/17** St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20** Vernal Equinox (First day of spring)

* show the colors

Remembering Our Mission

The NAVY LEAGUE came into being in 1902 with the express purpose "to enlighten the people on naval matters and tell them what a Navy means to the country and what it ought to mean to them."

We have always conveyed the philosophy of two of our founders, PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT and ADMIRAL ALFRED THAYER MAHAN that America is a maritime nation and that a strong Navy is the most cost-effective means of ensuring peace.

PRIDE • SERVICE • PATRIOTISM



Navy League-Baltimore Council
P.O. Box 50307
Hampden Roland Park
Baltimore, MD 21211-9998