



## FROM THE BRIDGE

Heads Up, Shipmates,

It seems that summer had just begun when, quite suddenly, it was over and we were faced with plans for events with which we'll be occupied for the remainder of the year. First and foremost is the Annual Meeting and Banquet and a new location for that signature event. You'll find more information about that elsewhere in this issue.

Down at the Pentagon there's a new hand at the helm of the Navy. Adm. Michael M. Gilday succeeded Adm. John M. Richardson as CNO (Chief of Naval Operations) in a 22 August ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard. He previously served as Director of the Joint Staff. Before that he was Commander of the Tenth Fleet/Fleet Cyber Command. And, earlier, Admiral Gilday served as the Commander of Carrier Strike Group 8. His joint assignments included Naval Aide to the POTUS and executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer, who presided over the ceremonies, praised both officers during the change in command: "As Adm. Richardson begins his well-deserved retirement, I know he's leaving feeling secure and able to sleep at night because Adm. Mike Gilday is assuming the tiller as 32nd chief of naval operations."

Parenthetically, there was another candidate for CNO. But, as reported by the Navy Times, federal investigators concluded that "for six years as the chief of naval personnel and the vice chief of naval operations,

ADM William Moran violated Pentagon rules by conducting official business on a personal e-mail account, including extensive conversations with an officer dogged by sexual harassment allegations."

On the other hand there is the story CDR John Wells, USN-ret. As executive director of the Military Veterans Advocacy based in Louisiana he was chosen by the New Orleans Saints to receive their Peoples Health Champion Award for highlighting the "Health and well-being of our military, veterans, and their families." But while it is an honor to be recognized for outstanding community service there was for Commander Wells also the matter of "Who" was bestowing that honor. "Although I am touched and honored to be selected for such an award," he said, "the ongoing controversy with NFL players' disrespect for the national flag forces me to decline to participate in the presentation. I am unable in good conscience," he added, "to enter an NFL stadium while this discourtesy prevails. Since this award is tainted with the dishonorable actions of the NFL and its players, I cannot accept it."

It is to CDR Wells and all the active duty personnel of the sea services like him that the Navy League pledges its enduring support: To them, and the installations and units and ships and the youth who will someday succeed them.

Fair winds and following seas, shipmates, and read on. ⚓

Alan Walden  
Council President an Life Member

## Save the Date

# Let the Revels Commence



Pier Five Hotel

The Baltimore Council will close out the year with its Annual Meeting and Banquet on Wednesday, 4 December 2019. We are pleased to announce a new venue for this signature event: the Pier Five Hotel at the Inner Harbor. We'll begin



RADM Frank Morneau

with a social hour at 1800 (6:00 p.m.) followed by a gala dinner, a very brief business meeting and, as always, a very special guest speaker

Rear Admiral Frank Morneau, USN-ret. had a storied career while on active duty. A 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy he is also a 2006 graduate of the National War College and alumnus

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Program. RADM Morneau is designated as an EOD warfare officer, deep sea diving officer and naval parachutist. He WAS proud to wear two Naval Unit Commendations, two Meritorious Unit Citations and the Battle Efficiency Award for service with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units. He is also an honorary master chief petty officer, initiated Sept. 16, 1996, and designated by the master chief petty officer of

# A Star-Spangled Event

## Defenders Day at the Fort



The Old Guard troops the colors



Walden tells the tale



FoFM Chair Peter O'Malley, Cong. Dutch Ruppensberger, Council, Pres. Walden, Cong. John Sarbanes, Fort McHenry Supt. Tina Capetta



The Old Guard fife, drum, and bugle corps.

The 205th anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore and the writing of the poem that became our National Anthem was celebrated spectacularly on Saturday, 14 September, at Fort McHenry National Monument in Historic Shrine. The Baltimore Council-NLUS is one of the perennial sponsors of this truly marvelous event and, among its members in attendance were Council President Alan Walden, Senior Vice President Joe Nattans, and board member Chris Costello.

Walden, in his dual capacity as council president and Chairman Emeritus of the Friends of Fort McHenry was on stage to present a brief history of the pivotal battle of the War of 1812 at North

Point, Hampstead Hill, and Fort McHenry and how Francis Scott Key came to write his four verses initially titled The Defense of Fort McHenry. "The republic," he concluded, "was born in the previous century, but preserved at Baltimore in 1814."

Rep. John Sarbanes, in whose 3rd Congressional District the Fort is located, was presented with the Francis Scott Key award for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Friends and the Fort. His 2nd District colleague, C.A. "Dutch" Ruppensberger was there, too, to lead the applause.

The thousands of onlookers were treated to a taste of early 19th Century life courtesy of the

reenactors, both military and civilian, of the Fort McHenry Guard. Other entertainment was provided with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus and the musicians and drill team of the Old Guard. And, as always, the evening concluded with a dazzling display of fireworks. ⚓



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USCGC Taney

the Navy. His final assignment while on active duty was as commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. He currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Maritime Applied Physics Corporation in Baltimore.

The cost per person for this year's event is \$55. Parking is available in the Pier Five lot at fixed rate of \$10 for self-parking. You will find a reservation form within this issue and we ask that it be returned ASAP.

And this year attendees get a special bonus. The Coast Guard cutter Taney, the last gunship still afloat that was in action in Hawaii on 7 December 1941, is berthed next door to the hotel at Pier Five and will be open to all Navy Leaguers and their companions from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. You will be welcome aboard and treated as honored guests.

The Annual Meeting and Banquet is always a very special time for members of the Baltimore Council, their friends and relatives, and other true believers to gather in a spirit of good fellowship, shared interests, and holiday cheer. The more the merrier. Pass the word, bring your friends, and remember the date. Wednesday, 4 December, 6:00 p.m., at the Pier Five Hotel on the Inner Harbor. A fine time is promised for all and we hope to see you there. ⚓

## In The Service of Youth

# The Milford Mill Connection

by Gene Nuth

For the past four decades the Baltimore Council-NLUS has been involved with youth programs, in particular the high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and the Sea Cadet Program based at Ft. McHenry. The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Programs are federal programs created as part of the National Defense Act of 1916, the purpose of which was to instill in students in secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of achievement. Later the 1964 JROTC Vitalization Act expanded the mission of the JROTC program to include meaningful leadership instruction of benefit to the student and of value to the armed forces.

Milford Mill Academy supports a Marine Corps JROTC program under the direction of a certified Senior Marine Instructor. Major Alan R. Singleton II was born in Chicago and grew up in Minnesota. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1993. In 1997 he was selected for the Meritorious Commissioning Program (MCP) and received orders to Officer Candidate School where he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. Twenty plus years later he retired, engaged in several civilian employments, and then decided to become a certified Senior Marine Instructor (SMI) (which required 20 yrs. service, a bachelor's degree, retirement status, and compliance with the Marine Corps' Body Composition Assessment.

Major Singleton teaches the Marine Corps JROTC Program of Instruction which consists of five pillars: Leadership, Citizenship, Personal Growth and Development, Public Service and Career Exploration, and General Military Subjects. Cadets are in class two to three times per week. For those cadets who show interest and who are selected to participate there are the extra-curricular activities such as the MCJROTC drill team, marksmanship team, and physical fitness team practices that they attend after school as well as participate in competitions on some weekends. Additionally, on weekends and after school, the cadets have opportunities to participate in field trips to collegiate athletic games, museums, formal social events (such as the JROTC Military Ball), orientation tours to



Major Singleton and his cadets

military bases, and community events. Major Singleton cited one community service event, of which he was particularly proud – the “Wreaths Across America” wreath laying event in National Cemeteries in December each year. For the past two years his cadets attended and participated in the wreath laying the event at Arlington National Cemetery.

For Major Singleton the process of creating a corps of cadets starts by visiting the middle schools and talking to students and parents considering enrollment at Milford Mill Academy and explaining the short and long term benefits of being a cadet. This past spring's recruitment efforts by Major Singleton has resulted in 60 incoming freshmen committing to join the program.

Good Leadership can attract cadets, effectively educate and counsel, affect the cadet's future successes, and resolve management and organizational issues. Major Singleton strongly believes that a leader should always reflect confidence and competence. For potential leaders he looks for cadets who are sound academically, have good character, have integrity, have a strong desire to lead, and are not arrogant. His high expectations of his cadets produce good results that show in how the cadets plan and conduct the end of year Awards Ceremony, how they perform in head to head competitions with other JROTC units, how they perform academically and at summer camp. The Milford Mill Color Guard, Drill Team and Honor Guard teams have traditionally won numerous competitions.

In closing I would like to thank Major Singleton for taking his time to provide some insight on the Milford Mill MCJROTC and the role it plays in creating better citizens. ⚓

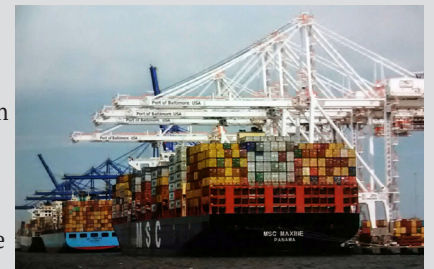
(NOTE: Capt. Gene Nuth is chair of the Youth Committee of the Baltimore Council-NLUS)



## A Banner Year

# Around the Harbor

As reported in Port of Baltimore magazine Baltimore's seaborne commercial shipping environment seems healthier than ever. In his letter to the editor Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that “the port's state-owned public marine terminal and private terminals handled a record 45-million tons of cargo last year – breaking a 44 year record.” And, he concluded, “the port is further proof that Maryland is ‘Open for Business.’” That 43 million tons was worth almost 60-BILLION dollars.



The Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore

And it isn't only cargo that merits special mention here. Ethisphere Institute, a company that “defines and measures corporate ethical standards,” has, for the third consecutive year, recognized Royal Caribbean Cruises as “One of the world's most ethical companies.” Royal Caribbean, which operates year-round from the cruise terminal at South Locust Point, was the only honoree, anywhere in the world, in the category of Leisure and Recreation. ⚓

# Looking Aft

## A Time to Remember

Memorial Day was, as always, an extraordinary event at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium where about a thousand people gathered to recall the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the service of these United States. It is an unhappy fact that we lose more of them ever year and, thanks to the John and Jack Mitchell, the owners of DVMG, their families are assured that they will never be forgotten by those they served.

The Baltimore Council was well represented this year. Council President Alan Walden assumed his accustomed role as Master of Ceremony. Joe Nattans, senior vice president of the council, was there, too. Joe, as most of you know, is a retired U.S. Army brigadier general. Nor was he the only flag officer in attendance. Among the speakers was Brigadier General Adam Flasch, chief of the combined staff of the Maryland National Guard.

The ceremony concluded with the placement of wreaths at the various memorial sites around the Circle of the Immortals, a 21 gun salute, and the playing of taps to honor our fallen heroes.

Two weeks later General Joe was back in full dress uniform as a new memorial to veterans was unveiled at Calvert Hall College H.S. in Baltimore County. A celebrated alumnus of Calvert Hall he was, not long ago, inducted into its Hall of Fame. Members of the Fort McHenry Division of the United States Naval



Walden as MC



Veterans Memorial at Calvert Hall.

Sea Cadet Corps were invited to take part in the dedication ceremony.

Support of the men and women of the Armed Forces is an issue of considerable importance to the faculty and students at Calvert Hall. In addition to the new veterans memorial they are heavily involved in the activities of a program called "Folds of Honor." It was U.S. Air Force Major Dan Rooney who decided, after two combat tours in Iraq and



Calvert Hall Headmaster Br. John Kane and students at "Folds of Honor" event.

having witnessed the heavy burden borne by those left behind when a loved one makes the supreme sacrifice, that he had to do something to help. In 2007 he formed the Folds of Honor Foundation, a 501C-3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational scholarships to the families of our fallen and/or disabled heroes. The foundation has a single mission as expressed in its slogan "Honor their sacrifice. Educate their legacy. Calvert Hall shares that commitment. ⚓



Gen. Nattans and Sea Cadets



Gen. Flasch, Walden, Gen. Nattans



**Reservation Form**

**Baltimore Council Annual Meeting & Banquet  
Wednesday, 4 December 2019  
Pier Five Hotel, Inner Harbor, Baltimore City**

Number of people in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check payable to Baltimore Council, NLUS @ \$55.00 per person

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send form and check to.....

**CAPT Glenn Young  
Baltimore Council-NLUS, Annual Meeting  
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Catonsville, MD 21228**

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# Coming Up

- 10/8** Yom Kippur begins at sundown
- 10/13** USN established - 1775
- 10/14** Columbus Day
- 10/31** Halloween
- 11/3** Begin EST - clocks back one hour
- 11/10** USMC established - 1775
- 11/11** Veterans Day - Show the colors
- 11/28** Thanksgiving Day
- 12/4** Baltimore Council-NLUS Annual Meeting & Banquet
- 12/7** Pearl Harbor Day - Show the colors
- 12/21** Winter Solstice - First day of winter
- 12/22** Hanukkah begins at sundown
- 12/25** Christmas Day
- 12/26** First day of Kwanzaa
- 12/31** New Year's Eve

## Editor's Notes:

As always your comments and observations regarding All Ahead Full are encouraged and welcomed. You may contact the editor at 443-708-5050 or by Email at [arwmedia@aol.com](mailto:arwmedia@aol.com).

## 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.

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