



ABC Northern Virginia—NVSPS 2023 Spring Picnic—May 20

The annual ABC Northern Virginia—NVSPS picnic will be held on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at the Fairfax Yacht Club, located at 10721 Old Colchester Road, in Lorton, Virginia, from 1200 hours until 1600 hours. Vessel safety checks (VSC's) will be conducted in the marina from 1000 hours until 1400 hours. If you have any questions, please contact our Vessel Safety Check Chair, Doug Craig at dcraig48@comcast.net, or call at (703) 447-4706.

We ask everyone to please bring your own food and beverages. Commander Denise Robinson will preside over a brief General Membership meeting. ZOOM will not be available. Hope to see you there!



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REMINDER:

General Membership Meeting notifications are sent via email.

If you have not received an email notification, please contact us at editor@nvsp.org

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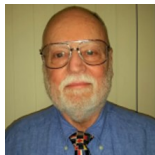


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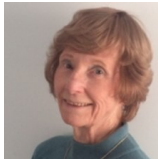
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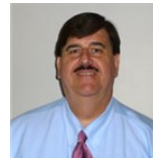
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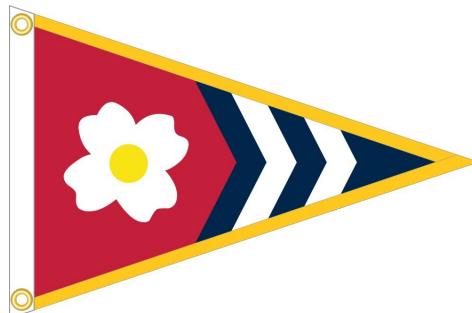
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Meeting Information

If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer for confirmation of in-person meeting prior to heading out.

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month, with the following exceptions:

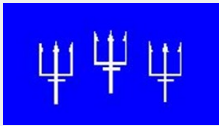
May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available

No meetings in August and December

Location: Alexandria Police Headquarters, Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 at 1930 hours, also accessible via Zoom. Login information will be distributed via email and available from Bridge Officers.

Executive Committee Meetings (when deemed necessary):

4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 1900 hours



Commander's Message



May 2023

Hello Squadron members,

As we move from spring into the summer, we have a lot of opportunities ahead. First and foremost, I would like to remind everyone to please make sure your member profile is accurate. Review and update your personal information on file by visiting: [Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron home page \(nvsp.org\)](http://Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron home page (nvsp.org)) to login and access your personal information. Scroll down and click on your name to see your details. Then click at the bottom to make any necessary changes.



We will be having our annual Spring Picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club on 20 May 2023 (full details on page 1). It will be a wonderful chance for everyone to get together and enjoy the beautiful marina. We ask that all in attendance please bring your own food and drinks. Our General Membership Meeting will also be held at the picnic. We look forward to seeing you!

On 16 June 2023, we will be visiting the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. Both admission and parking are free. It will be the first time in more than 3 years that our Squadron has gotten together for a tour. We plan to purchase and enjoy lunch while we are there (full details on page 7). I would like to thank our Secretary, Evelyn Alls, for making the arrangements.

If you have any suggestions/recommendations for future projects, outings, events, etc., please feel free to contact me at commander@nvsp.org. I'd be happy to hear from you!

Cdr Denise Robinson



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* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



MAY

Georgia DeBell	12	Alan Hart	16
Ronald Bosco	20	Joan Burg	22
	Jean Durgin	31	

June

Richard Unis	10	Ben Fulton	17
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In Memoriam: P/C George K. Degnon, P

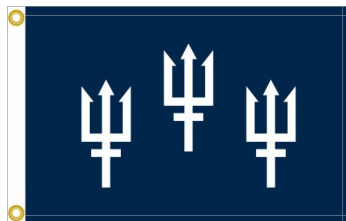


Past Commander George K. Degnon, P, passed away on October 9, 2022 at age 82. George joined USPS in 1997 and became Commander of NVSPS in 2008. He described that job as “a very rewarding gig,” filled with work and lots of fun for himself and his wife, Marge.

Under George’s leadership, NVSPS organized and held its first Wounded Warrior Cruise at Chesapeake Yacht Club for 18 soldiers being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and their family members. They were hosted by squadron members on a dozen sail and power boats for a beautiful day of well-deserved cruising on the West River and Chesapeake Bay. That evening everyone gathered for a delicious dinner at the yacht club. Both soldiers and squadron members were grateful for that memorable day. The following spring NVSPS received the District Commanders Award for Excellence in Community Service in recognition of the Wounded Warrior Cruise and a holiday collection of food and toys for deserving families in Georgia.

Wounded Warrior Cruises became very popular. The third cruise in 2010 had 42 warriors and family members and boats from three local squadrons participating. NVSPS taught other District 5 squadrons how to organize a cruise at the 2010 spring conference.

George and Marge cruised the Chesapeake with NVSPS on their 37’ Mariner Yacht “Irish Ayes.” During one squadron cruise to Baltimore, George discovered a stowaway on board. A bird had built a nest in the bow anchor locker. George’s year as Commander was full of accomplishments and surprises.



THE ABC NORTHERN VIRGINIA—NVSPS TOURS ARE BACK!

For the first time in more than three years we have planned a wonderful tour of the recently expanded:

National Museum of the Marine Corps

1775 Semper Fidelis Way

Triangle, VA 22172

on

Friday, 16 June 2023

Meet the NVSPS crew at the front entrance at 1000 hours

- Free admission and free parking
- Self-directed tour with docents throughout the museum to answer questions and enhance your experience
- Optional: 38-min. film *We, The Marines* in the Medal of Honor Theater (tickets for sale at the box office)
- Food services on premises: Devil Dog Diner and Tun Tavern
- Wheelchairs and ADA stools available on request at no cost; no reservations required
- Memorial park and chapel

Please let us know you are coming by 12 June 2023

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Directions: From I-95 south, take exit 150A to Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway); turn south (right) onto Route 1; travel approximately ¼ mile; the museum's entrance is on the right.

For more information about the museum, go to [National Museum of the Marine Corps - The National Museum of the Marine Corps \(usmcmuseum.com\)](http://NationalMuseumoftheMarineCorps-TheNationalMuseumoftheMarineCorps.usmcmuseum.com) or call 877-653-1775

