



Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation

June 2024 Foundation Update

Kicking Off Summer with Celebrations

June is the month that we celebrate the start of summer, and at the Foundation there is a lot to celebrate this month! First of all, we are celebrating the birthday of our resident newsletter, *The Beacon*, which turned three on June 13! Publishing this newsletter for our community has been a labor of love for us, and we appreciate how VHRC residents have embraced it. The Foundation is also thankful to celebrate our connections with several community organizations that have given us generous grants this month. We are grateful to the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club for the \$1,556 grant that enabled us to purchase new outdoor seating for our residents, and to the Woman's Club of McLean for their donation of \$1,000 in support of our Wounded Warrior Transition Fund. In addition, we are deeply thankful to the William H. Donner Foundation for their gift of a \$25,000 grant to benefit our Employee Caring Fund – the sixth grant we have received from this organization in the last four years! Finally, if you haven't already done so, remember to save the date for NMCGRF's 28th Annual Gala, which will be held on October 5. Tickets go on sale July 29. We have some special surprises in store for this year's Gala, which you won't want to miss! Read all about why we in the Foundation are in summer celebration mode!

Happy Birthday to The Beacon!

Three years ago this month, a new weekly newsletter first appeared in VHRC residents' mailboxes. Written and edited by the Office of Philanthropy & Engagement, *The Beacon* was a success from the start. Nearly every week since then, *The Beacon* has brought VHRC residents all the details about events and

activities, reported on happenings around campus, and featured photos of life on campus. And the content continues to expand, as we try to keep up with all that our residents are doing – no easy task!





—We are truly delighted with the wonderful feedback we have gotten on this publication and the support it has gained within our community. “*The Beacon* was the best idea anyone had,” said resident Nancy Dietrich. “Before *The Beacon*, we had all those flyers, but *The Beacon* keeps us up to date so we don’t miss anything.”

Said resident Gene Wentz, “I look forward to *The Beacon*. I read the front page and look at all the photographs, and it makes me feel I am part of a community.” According to resident Sue Clark, “I think *The Beacon* has helped us to know our friends and neighbors better.”

We look forward to continuing to publish *The Beacon* to keep our community connected! Happy Birthday to *The Beacon*!

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NOSC Grant Enables VHRC to Expand Outdoor Seating

This month, Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation was delighted to receive a grant from the Naval Officers’ Spouses’ Club of Washington, D.C. (NOSC-DC). This \$1,556 grant will enable us to expand outdoor socialization options for our residents. One of our residents’ favorite outdoor gathering spots is under the awning of the main entrance of Vinson Hall. This area is Vinson Hall’s own “front porch,” where residents visit with friends, enjoy a view of the grounds, or wait to be picked up by friends or family for doctor’s appointments and errands.



—The seating in this area, however, was limited and in poor shape. Now, thanks to this generous grant from NOSC-DC, four new Trex outdoor benches have been purchased, which are sturdy and able to stand up to the elements without chipping, peeling or splintering like the older painted wood benches.

NMCGRF enjoys a great history with the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club – and in many respects, owes its existence to NOSC-DC. In the late 1950s, members of the Naval Officers' Wives Club of Washington, DC (as the club was originally known) had the vision to create a retirement community to benefit the widows of military officers. Members of the club fundraised and lobbied for the creation of the community. In 1969, their vision was realized when VHRC opened its doors. Today, we are pleased to continue to strengthen our longstanding relationship with NOSC-DC through this grant. We look forward to planning more in-person activities with NOSC in the coming year, and greatly appreciate their generous support!

Woman's Club of McLean Supports NMCGRF

We are also grateful to have received a — donation of \$1,000 recently from our friends at the Woman's Club of McLean. The Foundation and the Woman's Club have enjoyed a long, mutually supportive partnership to benefit our missions in the community. For many years, VHRC provided our buses and drivers as part of the shuttle service to support the Woman's Club's annual Holiday Homes Tour event in the fall. They, in turn, have been consistent supporters of NMCGRF's Wounded Warrior Transition Fund. We are very pleased to receive this support and thank the Woman's Club for our decades-long connection!



Grant from William H. Donner Foundation Keeps Employee Caring Fund Going Strong



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— We are thrilled to share that the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation has received a grant of \$25,000 from the William H. Donner Foundation. NMCGRF has been the grateful recipient of six grants in the last four years from the William H. Donner Foundation, a family foundation of the Winsor family. Ann Winsor had lived at The Sylvestery until her passing in 2021, and Ambassador Curtin Winsor had been a resident of Vinson Hall in 2023. The Winsor family's gifts through their family foundation all benefit the Employee Caring Fund – and have been instrumental in the success of the Fund since its launch in 2020. In

addition to the Donner Foundation grants, NMCGRF also fundraises on an ongoing basis for the Employee Caring Fund.

To date, the Foundation has been able to grant 920 financial awards from the Employee Caring Fund – totaling nearly \$400,000 – to VHRC's team of 300 staff when they encounter unexpected financial hardships, seek coursework or citizenship, or merit special circumstance bonuses. This latest grant from the William H. Donner Foundation brings NMCGRF's total support from the Donner Foundation to \$180,000. We are grateful for this generous donation and look forward to putting it to good use in supporting our dedicated staff at VHRC!

NMCGRF's Annual Gala – Tickets Go on Sale July 29!



NMCGRF's Annual Gala is coming soon! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 5, 2024!** We're keeping this year's theme a secret for a couple more weeks, but we can tell you that tickets will go on sale Monday, July 29. Watch for your invitation, and check the website on July 29 for more details: vinsonhall.org/events/2024-nmcgrf-annual-gala. Looking forward to a great evening!

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