



## **Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation**

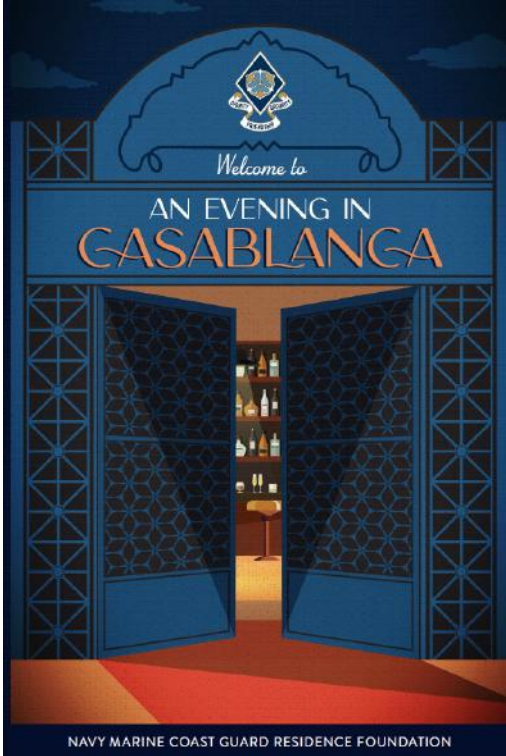
### ***July 2023 Foundation Update***

#### **Connecting with Friends in July**

For us, the month of July has been all about making connections with Foundation friends, new and old. We were delighted to welcome Iridium Satellite Communications, a McLean-based firm, as a new Four-Star corporate sponsor of our community – and the first company to participate in our new VHRC Intimate Dinner series. It was a pleasure to be able to do a good turn for our across-the-street neighbor, Chesterbrook Swim Club, by opening our Ballroom to their swim team families when the weather rained out the kids' end-of-season performance. And our hearts are brimming with gratitude to all of our longtime friends and new supporters who have purchased tickets to *An Evening in Casablanca*, NMCGRF Annual Gala fundraiser, which sold out in a week! Creating these connections with all of you is what makes our work so rewarding – and what enables us to continue to support the residents and staff of VHRC!

#### **An Evening in Casablanca – Tickets to NMCGRF's Annual Gala Sell Out**

—The big reveal for this year's Gala, to be held on September 16, happened earlier this month – and created quite a stir on campus! First, signs began appearing in every elevator on campus with a different quote each day for 10 days – things like "Of all the gin joints in all the world, she walks into mine" or "Here's looking at you, kid." Then came the news that the Saturday on-campus movie for July 8 would be *Casablanca* – and a special announcement would be made following the showing.



That night, the movie played to the largest crowd ever in the Alford Auditorium, followed by an announcement by Michelle Crone, Senior Director of Philanthropy & Engagement, that the theme of this year's Gala would be *An Evening in Casablanca* – where anything could happen at Rick's Café! The Gala starts in the Casablanca Casino (Fred Johnson's Bistro), where guests can try their hand at blackjack tables or the roulette wheel for a chance to win prizes – or just mingle and savor the glamour of a bygone era. Next stop: Rick's Café Americain (The Ballroom), where they can enjoy live music, special guest speaker, and an exotic

three-course meal. Invitations to all residents and NMCGRF supporters went out over the weekend.

On July 10, Gala tickets went on sale, and we were surprised and delighted with the response! Within a week, the Gala had sold out. We so appreciate your support, and promise you that this will be a night to remember As Time Goes By! This is the Foundation's only major annual fundraiser, and proceeds from ticket sales go toward supporting the residents and staff of VHRC. If you are interested in attending and do not yet have a ticket, please contact Clara Orrell in the Philanthropy & Engagement office at [correll@vinsonhall.org](mailto:correll@vinsonhall.org) or 703-538-2970 to be placed on the waitlist.

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## NMCGRF Launches New Dinner Series To Bring in Sponsorship Support

On July 18, the Foundation held its first VHRC Intimate Dinner, a new initiative designed to widen our reach and attract new corporate sponsorship support to VHRC. Five representatives from Iridium Satellite Communications, a global satellite communications company headquartered in McLean, joined NMCGRF Board Chair Mark Skinner and CEO Chip Warner for an intimate dinner in the



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Bistro's private dining room. We were delighted to have General Jay Raymond, son of resident Barbara Raymond and first Chief of Space Operations and first Commander, U.S. Space Command, as our special guest for the evening!

It was a pleasure to welcome CEO Matt Desch and his team from Iridium to our campus. The Iridium team included Scott Scheimreif, Executive Vice President of Government Programs, and members of their Government Advisory Board: John Edwards, former Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the CIA, General Doug Fraser, USAF, who served as Commander of U.S. Space Warfare Center, and Quinn Bottum, co-founder of Swoop Search, a provider of cognitive data analytics platform. Many thanks to Iridium for their support as a 2023 Four-Star Corporate Sponsor of our community!



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## **Local Swim Club Offers Foundation A Chance to Share VHRC Resources**



At NMCGRF, we are dedicated to making a difference in our greater community. We appreciate the support of our neighbors, and we in turn strive to give back to local non-profit organizations, schools and community

groups whenever we can by sharing our own resources.

This month, we had a wonderful opportunity to do just that. Chesterbrook Swim Club across the street from our campus contacted us with a request. Every summer, the Club's swim team, comprised of 220 local children ages six to 18, wind up their 8-week swim season with a beloved tradition. The kids on the team, from the youngest to the oldest, perform a show for their families with choreographed dances that they lip synch to songs. They usually perform outdoors at the pool, but their performance had been rained out a week ago. So they asked if they could use our Ballroom on July 21 for their show, as they had done in past, pre-pandemic summers when the weather was bad.

We were happy to be able to help our neighbors in need! About 70 kids and their parents came to VHRC's Ballroom at 5:00 p.m. last Friday night to watch their friends and family members perform, then share in a potluck dinner. The evening was a win-win for both



our organizations. For us in the Foundation, this was a wonderful opportunity to fulfill our social responsibility as a non-profit senior living community by offering our space at no charge to a neighboring non-profit organization. And for the Chesterbrook Swim Team, it enabled them to carry on a favorite team tradition. "It was wonderful that we could do our end-of-season Lip Synch performance indoors at Vinson Hall," said Robyne Hamilton, Chesterbrook Swim Team representative. "We were so grateful to have the big stage!"

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