



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MG Daniel V. Wright, USA (Ret.)



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When the Club closed down due to the pandemic in March of last year, we never expected the effects to last for as long as they have. Here we are in March 2021, and at long last we can see some light at the end of the tunnel. That being said, some of our annual traditions that the Club membership looks forward to will need to be altered as a result of restrictions on social gatherings.

It was determined at the Board of Governors meeting on January 28, that the Club would move forward with the Annual Meeting as a virtual event. While we all hoped we would be able to gather and celebrate our Club, it was determined that the prudent choice was to make the meeting 100% virtual. The decision was not made lightly and was based on the fact that the Club is currently restricted to 25% capacity, with no indication of when and to what extent that would be raised. Holding the meeting virtually ensures that all members who wish to participate can do so. To register for the virtual meeting, please visit the Club calendar on the members' side of the website.

Club Leadership continues to look at ways to honor our Knights of the Golden Circle. Annually, they and the new Knights are fêted at a special dinner in their honor the evening before the Annual Meeting. Of course, we had to cancel both events in 2020. We will hold the Annual Meeting as described above, but honoring the Knights, especially the new inductees, presents other challenges. Current dining limitations and Member safety requirements seem insurmountable, yet we are trying to craft a suitable way to allow us to recognize these worthy and long-term Members. We will keep Club Membership informed.

As some of you might have already seen, the voting process for the Annual Meeting will also look a little different this year. The Board of Governors recently approved both electronic and mailed ballot voting. This electronic voting opportunity will begin with the 2021 annual election cycle. Electronic voting, now a common practice among our peer organizations and in the business and investment world, is an exciting advance for our 5-Star Platinum Club's operations and the savings are huge in valuable time and money for everyone.

In early March, our Membership & Marketing Team will send ballots with the Nominating Committee's slate for successors to officers and Governors whose terms are about to expire. Instructions to complete the electronic ballot will be included. The bios of nominees will also be accessible. For Regular members without email address, and those requesting a mailed ballot, a mailed ballot will be provided promptly.

With all of that being said, there are still great events that will go on regardless of capacity restrictions. On Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, members will be able to partake in a special Irish Whiskey tasting flight in the Daiquiri Lounge. Then, on Friday, March 19, the Club will host Major General Wisniewski from the Polish Embassy for the Defense Perspectives Lunch Series. And of course, we will continue our fantastic virtual event offerings for all members to enjoy.

As always, I appreciate all of your continued support of our fine Club.

MG Daniel V. Wright, USA (Ret.)

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President

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## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Liz Juskie



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This month, Sarah Ford asked me to take her spot in *The Dispatch* for Women's History Month. As the longest serving female on the Club's executive team (10 years last December!), I have been privileged to work with so many strong, intelligent women on the Club's many committees and Board of Governors. I have learned lessons from them that they were not even aware they were teaching, and believe that it is through their examples that I have been able to be so successful at leading my team in the Membership and Marketing Office.

When I think of these women, many of them high-ranking officers, it is almost beyond comprehension that there was a point in time, as Col Jim Bracken notes in his history article on CAPT Mildred McAfee on page 9, that there was a limit to how high a woman could rise through the military ranks, or that they were not even allowed to serve! Now we have female general and flag officers from nearly every branch of the uniformed services on our membership rolls. And as of last year, for the first time in the Club's history, we have a female General Manager.

Taking a cue from Sarah's article last month, I found some interesting facts regarding women in the military that I wanted to share.

- From 1782 to 1783, Deborah Sampson served in General Washington's Army disguised as a man. When she was wounded, they discovered she was a woman and they allowed her to be honorably discharged from the Army. (For more information, visit: historyhub.history. gov/community/military-records/blog/2017/04/14/interesting-facts-regarding-women-inthe-military)
- More than 400 women disguised themselves as men and fought in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Thousands of other women in the North and South joined volunteer brigades and signed up to work as nurses. It was the first time in American history that women played a significant role in a war effort. (For more information, visit: www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/women-in-the-civil-war)
- Maternity uniforms weren't introduced until the 1970s, when women were first permitted to continue serving in the military throughout and after their pregnancies. Now, all branches offer pregnancy uniforms for expecting female service members. (For more information, visit: https://www.uso.org/stories/226-10-things-you-probably-didn-t-knowabout-women-in-the-military)
- General Ann Dunwoody is credited with being the first female to "crack the brass ceiling," and was the first woman in U.S. military and uniformed service history to achieve a fourstar officer rank when she was promoted in 2008. (For more information, visit: www. veteranaid.org/blog/2016/09/12/four-star-women-u-s-military/)
- With her promotion in June 2016, Michelle Howard, an ANC Member, became the first female four-star admiral to command operational forces when she assumed command of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa (For more information, visit: www. veteranaid.org/blog/2016/09/12/four-star-women-u-s-military/)

Director of Membership and Marketing

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ANC Member Timothy J. Lockhart recently published his third novel, *A Certain Man's Daughter*, in January 2021. The book is a murder and blackmail mystery that is set in the Washington, DC area in the mid-1990s and also has echoes of the Vietnam War. Congratulations CAPT Lockhart!

#### **SOUNDING TAPS**

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of:
LTC Wilsie H. Adams, Jr. USA, JAG (Ret.) - Potomac, MD
COL John L. Clark - Springfield, VA
Mrs. Betty Fort Greig - Washington, DC
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# THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2021 | 6:30pm

The Army and Navy Club's Annual Meeting is going Virtual!

In anticipation of capacity restrictions on in-person events, the Board of Governors has decided to host this year's Annual Meeting Virtually. Online registration and a quorum of regular members is required for the virtual meeting. All members may attend the virtual meeting, but only Regular members may vote.

Please inform the Club of your participation by registering using the link on the ANC Website Club Calendar at www.armynavyclub.org.



# THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

#### **CALIFORNIA**

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# Member Spotlight

# CDR JULIANA VIDA, USN (RET.)

By Col James A. Bracken, USMC (Ret.) Club Historian



Our spotlight falls on a woman who, with her twin sister Marie, joined the U.S. Navy after finishing high school in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Juliana's initial assignment after Boot Camp was to the Defense

Language Institute in Monterey, California to study Russian. Study she did, finishing first in her class. From there she applied for and received orders to become a midshipman at the Naval Academy. She was commissioned a surface warfare officer in the Academy class of 1994. She was among the first woman to be legally permitted to serve in a combat role.

After spending four years deployed at sea on a destroyer and a carrier, she was selected for flight school in 1998 and earned her wings the following year. She deployed with four different squadrons as a fleet helicopter pilot until ordered to the Pentagon in 2008. In all, she served five deployments, including supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The next eight years of Juliana's Pentagon assignments changed the direction of her life. Initially a Branch Head in the Chief of Naval Operations Intelligence and Communications Directorate (OPNAV N2N6), she retired from active duty in 2012 and was hired into a GS 15 position, becoming the Navy's Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO).

After four years in that very interesting and demanding billet, she joined private industry. She is now the Chief Technical Advisor-Public Sector (a technology evangelist) for Splunk, a worldwide, fast moving, widely respected data analytics software company.

Juliana remains very focused, both in her chosen field and in pursuing her varied interests by serving on several volunteer Boards and Committees. She also makes every effort to "stay Navy" through the Naval Academy Alumni Association and by maintaining her many military friendships.

She and her husband, Joseph, are both active Club members and anxious, as all of us are, for COVID19 to be harnessed. If I've given the impression that Juliana is all work and no play, consider this fun fact: she was a big winner on two televised game shows. She competed on the *Weakest Link* in 2002 and *Wheel of Fortune* in 2004, winning a combined total just short of \$100,000.



CDR Juliana Vida pictured with her sisters, CMDCM (SW/AW) Marie France, USN (Ret.) (Left) and LCDR Allison Martin, USN (Ret.) (Right)

Oh yes, her twin sister also stayed Navy and retired as a Master Chief (E9). She now works as a government contractor, specializing in agile development. Their younger sister Alison rounds out their sibling trifecta as a retired SWO Lieutenant Commander. She currently trains new Ensigns in shipboard operations. Quite a Trio! ◀

#### **VIRTUAL WEBINAR**

"The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists" by Tracy Walder



Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:30pm | Via Zoom

To register for this virtual event, please visit the Online Club Calendar

The Unexpected Spy is the riveting story of Walder's tenure in the CIA and, later, the FBI. In high-security, steel-walled rooms in Virginia, Walder watched al-Qaeda members with

drones as President Bush looked over her shoulder and CIA Director George Tenet brought her donuts. She tracked chemical terrorists and searched the world for Weapons of Mass Destruction. She created a chemical terror chart that someone in the White House altered to convey information she did not have or believe, leading to the Iraq invasion. Driven to stop terrorism, Walder debriefed terrorists—men who swore they'd never speak to a woman—until they gave her leads. She followed trails through North Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, shutting down multiple chemical attacks.

#### **BOOK FORUM**

"The Kill Chain: Defending America in the Future of High-Tech

Warfare" by Christian Brose - Sold Out!



Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Check-In: 6:30pm | Speaker: 7:00pm

\$10++ per person (plus 15% gratuity and 10% tax)

For generations of Americans, our country has been the world's dominant military power. How the U.S. military fights, and the systems and weapons that it fights with,

have been uncontested. That old reality, however, is rapidly deteriorating. America's traditional sources of power are eroding amid the emergence of new technologies and the growing military threat posed by rivals such as China. America is at grave risk of losing a future war.

#### **LUNCH SERIES**



Friday, April 23, 2021 | 11:45am \$24++ per person (plus 15% gratuity and 10% tax) Price includes gourmet boxed lunch with refreshments.

The Army and Navy Club will host Major General Andis Dilans, newly appointed Defense, Military, Air and Naval

Attaché from the Embassy of the Republic of Latvia on April 23rd for the next Defense Perspectives Lunch Series. Event registration includes a gourmet boxed lunch selection and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you at the Club.

#### **LUNCH SERIES**



"Defense Perspectives" Lunch Series

Friday, March 19, 2021 | 11:45am \$24++ per person (plus 15% gratuity and 10% tax) Price includes gourmet boxed lunch with refreshments.

Join us for the first in the Defense Perspectives Lunch Series on March 19th! The Army and Navy Club will be hosting

Major General Wisniewski from the Polish Embassy who will discuss the Polish perspectives on Russia and NATO. Event registration includes a gourmet boxed lunch selection and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you at the Club.

#### **VIRTUAL WEBINAR**

"2034: A Novel of the Next World War" with Admiral James Stavridis and Elliot Ackerman



Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:30pm | Via Zoom

To register for this virtual event, please visit the Online Club Calendar

From two former military officers and award-winning authors, a chillingly authentic, geopolitical thriller that imagines a naval clash between the U.S. and China in the

South China Sea in 2034--and the path from there to a nightmarish global conflagration. Written with a powerful blend of geopolitical sophistication and literary, human empathy, 2034 takes us inside the minds of a global cast of characters - Americans, Chinese, Iranians, Russians, Indians - as a series of arrogant miscalculations on all sides leads the world into an intensifying international storm.

#### **BOOK FORUM**

"Twenty-Percent Soldiers: Our Secret Life in the National Guard" by Susan and Kevin Dellicker



Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Reception: 6:30pm | Speaker: 7:00pm

\$10++ per person (plus 15% gratuity and 10% tax)

Twenty-Percent Soldiers is the true account of one couple's life in the National Guard through eighteen years of part-time warfare. With humor and humility,

Kevin and Susan Dellicker portray what it's like to jump back and forth between having a "normal" civilian life in small-town Pennsylvania and conducting special operations missions in Southwest Asia. A tribute to all the part-time soldiers, airmen, and their families who have been fighting the Global War on Terrorism since 9-11, this story is also a call-to-action for politicians and military leaders to fix a broken family support system that is failing the part-time force.

#### **EVENT REMINDERS**

**Dress Code:** Traditional business attire (jackets and neckties for men, equally appropriate attire for women) is the dress code for special events in the Ballroom and Main Dining Room. The prescribed service uniform of the day is acceptable. No denim permitted.

**Special Event Cancellation Policy:** Due to the popularity of our paid events, any cancellation made within 72 hours of the event date will result in the member's account being charged 50% of the event price. Cancellations made within 24 hours of the event, and no-shows, will result in the member's account being charged the full event price.

For additional questions regarding special events, please contact Elizabeth Newcomer at enewcomer@armynavyclub.org.

#### REMINDERS

Dinner service in The Main Dining Room begins at 5:30pm Tuesday - Saturday. Please note that when you attend dinner on the night of a forum, your \$10++ forum fee is waived.

#### **RESERVATIONS**

For reservations, please visit the Club Calendar at www.armynavyclub.org, or by contacting Elizabeth Newcomer at enewcomer@armynavyclub.org. All book forums, unless otherwise noted, are \$10++ per person.

#### VIRTUAL NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6pm to 7pm | Virtual Presentation via Zoom

Orientations are a great way for new members to meet Club Staff, become familiar with all of the programming the ANC has to offer, and how to get the most out of your membership. Reservations required. To register, please login to the ANC Webiste and visit the Club Calendar.



#### **PAST WEBINARS NOW ONLINE!**



Since March 2020, the Special Events Committee has been hard at work to make sure the ANC Membership can stay connected with the Club. During this time the ANC has put on over 70 virtual events for our members ranging from historical book talks, to national security topics, to virtual guided wine tastings, and even yoga!

If you missed a virtual event, or want to watch a past book forum that happened at the Club, not to worry! Most of the past book forums and virtual events are available on the Club's website in the Club Events section.

# CELEBRATING WOMEN'S ROLES IN THE SUCCESS OF THE MILITARY LUNCHEON

With Keynote Speaker: Ms. Bonnie Carroll, TAPS President and Founder

Saturday, March 6, 2021 | Noon to 3pm Sold Out!

\$45++ per person, includes 3-course menu Dress Code: Business Attire

To be added to the wait list, please contact Elizabeth Newcomer at enewcomer@armynavyclub.org.

In honor of Women's History Month, The Army and Navy Club will continue the annual tradition of hosting the Celebrating Women's Roles in the Success of the Military Luncheon. The Keynote speaker will be Ms. Bonnie Carroll, President and Founder of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.



#### **About the Keynote Speaker:**

Bonnie Carroll is the widow of an Army general who died along with seven other Soldiers in a military plane crash in 1992. Out of that loss, she founded the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), the national program providing comfort and care for all who are grieving the death of a military loved one. Since its launch in 1994, TAPS has cared for more than 100,000 surviving family members through a national network of peer-based emotional support services; a 24/7 helpline available to those grieving a loss; connections to community-based care throughout the nation; and casework assistance for families navigating all of the resources and benefits available to them. In 2015, Ms. Carroll was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of her work with surviving military families.

Carroll retired as a Major in the Air Force Reserve following 31 years of service, where her career included serving as Chief, Casualty Operations, HQ USAF. Prior to joining the USAFR, Maj Carroll served 16 years as both a non-commissioned officer and then a commissioned officer in the Air National Guard as a Transportation Officer, Logistics Officer, and Executive Officer.



Pickup available Saturday, April 3, and Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 1pm - 5pm \$55++ per adult | \$15++ per child ages 5-12

To place a to-go order, please call the Front Desk at 202-628-8400.

This year for Easter, the Club is offering a 4-course meal to-go!

Select bottles of wine from the Club's extensive wine list will also be available for purchase. The Order Form can be found on the Online Club Calendar. Orders must be placed by 12pm on Wednesday, March 31, and picked up between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday, April 3 or Sunday, April 4.

## Soup Course:

Carrot Ginger Soup
-ORSmoked Tomato Bisque

#### Entrée:

Rack of Lamb with Parsnip Purée, Charred Baby Vegetables, and Rosemary Demi -OR-

Agave Honey-Roasted Duck with Sweet Potato Purée, Charred Baby Vegetables and Orange Mustard Sauce

-OR

Chilean Seabass with Langoustine Risotto, Asparagus and Roasted Garlic Lobster Cream Sauce

## Salad Course:

Heirloom Roasted Carrot Salad with Bibb Lettuce,
Pimento Deviled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, and
Green Goddess Dressing

-OR

Caprese Caesar Salad with Prosciutto, Buffalo Mozzarella, Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Romaine Lettuce, Pancetta Croutons, and a Pesto Caesar Dressing

#### Dessert:

Pear Frangipane Tart
-ORStrawberry Shortcake

# Children's Meal:

Choice of: Four-Cheese Ravioli with Marinara or Chicken Fingers with Honey Mustard.

Each meal comes with a side of Peas and Carrots, and Mac & Cheese.

Dessert: Choice of Pear Frangipane Tart or Strawberry Shortcake



# ABLE AND AFFABLE CAPTAIN MILDRED MCAFEE, USNR (1900-1994)

#### - UNIQUE CLUB MEMBER OF DISTINCTION -

By Col James A. Bracken, USMC (Ret.), Club Historian



In 1942, President Roosevelt recruited Mildred McAfee, President of Welleslev College, to accept a reserve commission as a Lieutenant Commander (O-4) in the U.S. Navy. The President recruited her to become the Director of the newly forming WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service). The purpose of WAVES was to free up male personnel for sea duty. LCDR McAfee has the distinction

of being the first female in the Naval Reserve. The rank of LCDR was also the highest rank a woman could attain in the Navy until Congress lifted the ceiling the following year.

Mildred McAfee was a very accomplished individual. She was a 1920 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vassar College, who began her career teaching and later received a Masters in Sociology from the University of Chicago. She then taught at Center College in Missouri, her home state, and later at Oberlin College in Ohio where she became the Dean of the College of Women. In 1936, Wellesley chose her to be its president. She took a leave of absence from the College for the duration.

As the Director of WAVES, with her headquarters in Washington, DC, she took on a very challenging opportunity. At the peak of World War II, she commanded 82,000 women who served in billets such as clerks, flight instructors, weather observers, truck drivers and air traffic controllers. Promoted to Captain in 1944, Captain McAfee

helped revolutionize the role of woman in the military.

As the Director, she quickly laid down rules for Enlisted women, including that "they only use enough makeup to look human."



She appeared on the front cover of the March 12, 1945, *Time* magazine. Under her picture was her name and her position as the Director of WAVES and below that the caption: "Where women can still be women."





Directors of WAVES, WACS, Spars, and the Marine Corps Women Reserves. The annual fee for them to join our Classy Ladies Annex was \$39.96 per year, payable in advance.

Captain McAfee married the Reverend Douglas Horton in 1945. He was the Dean Emeritus of the Harvard Divinity School. She resigned from the Navy and returned to Wellesley as President in 1946. She retained that position until her retirement in 1949.

In retirement, they moved to New Hampshire where she remained very involved. She joined the Boards of RCA, NBC, and the New York Life Insurance Company. Her husband predeceased her in 1968 and she died at age 94 in 1994.

In 1948, Public Law 625 allowed women to gain permanent status in the military services, which in turn put the WAVES program into obsolescence.

They left behind the WAVES song that was sung to the tune of Anchors Away:

WAVES of the Navy
There is a ship sailing down the bay
And she won't slip into port again
Until that Victory Day
Carry on that gallant ship
And for every hero brave
Who will find ashore, his man-sized chore
Was done by a Navy WAVE.

## **MARCH 2021**

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7 Sunday Brunch	8	9 Seafood Special	10	11 Wine Society		12	13				
14 Sunday Brunch	15	16 Seafood Special	17	18		19 Defense Perspectives Lunch Series	20				
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<ul><li>3/2 6:30pm - Tracy Walder Virtual Webinar</li><li>3/6 12:00pm - Celebrating Women's Roles in the Success of the Military Luncheon</li></ul>						<b>6:30pm -</b> Christian Brose Book Forum - Sold Out!					
- Sold Out!						<b>6:00pm</b> - Virtual New Member Orientation					

## **APRIL 2021**

3/19 11:45am - Defense Perspectives Lunch Series

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
					1	2	3 Easter To-Go Pickup				
4 Easter Brunch	5	6 Seafood Special Stavridis and Ackerman Webinar	7		8 Wine Society	9	10				
11 Sunday Brunch	12	13 Seafood Special	14		15	16	17				
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4/3 1pm - 5pm - Easter To-Go Pickup				4/21	6:30pm - Annual Meeting (Virtual Format)						
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4/6 6:30pm - Stavridis and Ackerman Webinar				4/27	<b>6:30pm</b> - Dellicker Book Forum						
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# A Letter from the Library Trust Chairman

MG John D. Altenburg, USA (Ret.)



Despite the challenges and limitations posed by the pandemic, The Library Trust is enjoying an eventful and productive year. This is in large part thanks to the support of our members and donors, who ensure the future of our institution through donations. As you know, The Army and Navy Club Library Trust is a registered nonprofit organization that operates independently of Club funds. As such, our operating budget comes entirely from donor support and endowment. Philanthropic support is critical to sustaining our efforts, as well as the integrity of the Club itself, because the Library Trust is the steward of Club history and artifacts. Everything we do is possible thanks only to your generosity.

#### **Major Artworks Return from Thailand**

In July of 2020, The Library Trust collaborated with the U.S. Embassy and Consulate in Thailand and the Art in Embassies program of the U.S. Department of State (AIE) on an exhibition at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence in Bangkok. The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, Michael George DeSombre, a member of The Army and Navy Club since 2019.

Ambassador DeSombre personally selected twenty artworks for exhibit (with the help of our online collection), highlighting themes that connected to him personally or to Thailand, including the origins of the U.S. Navy and World War II. It was an honor for The Club's artwork to be on view in an international exhibition, particularly during a time when access to the Club and its amenities was so limited. It was a particular privilege to work with AIE, which has played a leading role in U.S. public diplomacy for the past five decades through its mission of cross-cultural dialogue through the visual arts. AIE was formalized by President Kennedy in 1963.

While the exhibition was originally scheduled to return at the end of calendar year 2020, it was extended by request through the month of January due to popularity. All of the artworks are now safely back on view throughout The Army and Navy Club and, we hope, greatly refreshed by their international travels. ©

#### **The Library Trust Speaker Series**

The Library Trust Speaker Series continues to attract thoughtful and engaging discussion. Last month, Library Trust Committee Member and renowned historian Rob Dalessandro presented on the historic Invasion of Normandy during World War II. This was our second in the series, after a discussion with painter and USMC LtCol David Richardson in December. New speakers will be announced shortly (if they haven't been already), so stay tuned!

#### **New Artwork Photography**

We are continuing to expand our online collection. In February, the Library Trust undertook a project to photograph more major artworks in the Club's collection, including many in collections storage and hotel rooms. Once again, our photography efforts were advised by Smithsonian artwork photographers and have produced museum-standard, high-res digital images for eventual display in our online collection.

During the Club's first COVID-related closure in 2020, we conducted a survey of all the artworks in the guest rooms of the Club and our collections storage unit (where we keep artwork not on view). From this survey, we determined which remaining artworks were of sound quality and deserving of inclusion in the online collection. We are currently processing and cataloguing the images and plan to add these new works to the website by the end of the year.

We will also continue digitizing our Civil War stereograph collection—in the meantime, enthusiastic viewers must content themselves with the few hundred that are already online.

#### Send Us Your Feedback!

We are excited for the Library Trust's future, but it won't be possible without you. We would love to hear from you. What would you like to see from the Library Trust in the coming years, as we emerge from the pandemic and redouble our efforts?

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