

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg  
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## September Meeting Date Change

Blue Ridge Torch Club has changed the usual date of our September meeting to one week later – September 25. The change was needed to accommodate our Jewish members, who will be observing Yom Kippur on September 18. Please mark your calendars for the new date!

## New Reservation System for the Upcoming Torch Year

We are using an online app, Eventbrite, to help keep track of reservations. You should have received an email with an invitation for our September meeting. You should see a block that says, **ACCEPT**. When you click on that, you will be sent to the Eventbrite website, where you can enter the number of dinner reservations you would like to make or decline. If you are bringing guests, you may enter the guest information and they will be added to the list and get a name tag. Next month the Eventbrite email will give you the choice of **YES NO MAYBE** and you do not need to contact Anne Thomas with your decline.

If you are uncomfortable using Eventbrite, just send an email to [BlueRidgeTorchClub@gmail.com](mailto:BlueRidgeTorchClub@gmail.com) or call Anne A Thomas at 571-291-3206.

Many of you have already responded to the Eventbrite email and registered for the September meeting. Thanks! Registration will close on Friday, September 21.

Eventbrite helps keep track of who is coming. It also tells if you have opened the Eventbrite email! If you do not open the Eventbrite email, you will be called to make sure you are aware of the meeting. Please open and respond to the email, to save us work!

## Program

### *Murray Bradley, "Early History of the US Navy, 1790-1810"*

Murray Bradley will outline the early history of the U. S. Federal Navy from 1795-1805. His talk will cover the authorization, construction, and deployment of the early Navy ships and their activities during the Barbary Wars and the Quasi-War with France.

Murray has had a 35-year career as a librarian and library administrator in the Navy Department, serving at the Naval Academy (Annapolis), Naval War College (Newport, R.I.), and Naval Research Laboratory (Washington, D.C.). Murray holds a B. S. in History from Loyola University (Baltimore), an M. S. in Library Science from Catholic University (Washington, D.C.), and an M.B.A. from Bryant University (North Smithfield, R.I.). His hobbies are hiking and choral singing (including sea shanties, of course!)

## Menu

Broiled Trout  
Wild Rice  
Squash Medley  
Lemon Cake

Contact Anne A Thomas if you have dietary concerns.

## **Blue Ridge Torch Club Officers for 2017-2018**

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### **Welcome New Members**

April Ask

Paul and Barbara Lind

Peggy and Kenton Hamaker

Catherine Shepard

### **Blue Ridge Torch Club Members**

April Ask, Rose-Joan Barron, Ray Beery, Chris Blake, Penny Blake, Murray Bradley, Page Bradley, Brenda Brohard, Joe Comtois, Kay Curley, Nancy Downey, Audrey Emley, Helen Falkenmeyer, Ann Gratz, Kenton Hamaker, Peggy Hamaker, Tehmi Jamaspian, Shirley Laing, Gini Laughlin, Eva Leavitt, Mike Leavitt, Barbara Leone, Paul Lind, Barbara Lind, Dan Lyons, Sue Merk, Anne Miller, Jack Miller, Bill Muncy, Bonnie Olenn, Stan Olenn, Sammie Parrish, Memory Porter, Ann Robinson, Bert Schlabach, Beth Schlabach, Elizabeth Schuster, Ron Schuster, Lili Schmid, Marilyn Schwing, Marbeth Spreyer, Janet Taliaferro, Anne A. Thomas, Anne H. Thomas, Dave Thomas, George Viener, Ursula Wagman, Britt Wilford, Bonnie Wohlford, Dona Wolf, Anita Zatz