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OCEANS CONDOMINIUM NEWSLETTER



"The Silent Soldier & the Portrait"

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Richard Rockwell in book by Alan Andrade

From Our President *Arno Zaritsky, M.D.*

The Oceans has a heritage and legacy like few others in Virginia Beach. With original owners from 1975 to new owners in 2020, we are a vibrant and diverse community that is welcoming and inclusive. We enjoy the premier oceanfront residence complex complete with private beach club and other unique amenities. But do you know the stories of those around you?

Among our many distinguished owners is a World War II vet who was told to stay silent following tragedy and heartbreak. He found treasure, kept it hidden for seventy years and had second thoughts. Read his story of courage, redemption and resolution on page 2.

I am excited to work with our new General Manager Bill Beddie and an engaged Board to achieve the Oceans' Board role: to protect and increase our property value. This is accomplished by effectively and efficiently operating the condo association, assuring condo maintenance and enforcing the governing documents.

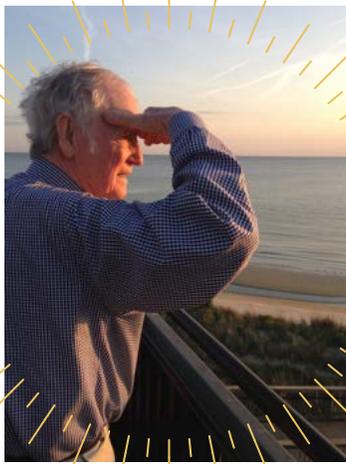
Achieving this role is not easy. We are fortunate that our HOA dues were not increased the last three years but we live in

a 46 years old building located near the ocean, which accelerates the decay of certain building elements like the cast iron pipes in our sanitary sewer system. Work has begun, such as beginning to line some of our pipes and replacing the main sewer pipe on the club level, but much remains to be done.

In addition, investing in preventive maintenance mitigates the need for costly repairs and is money well spent to enhance the long-term investment in our wonderful property.

During the recent pandemic, there has been good compliance with the difficult measures needed to protect our neighbors, many of whom are in the high-risk group for serious outcomes from Covid-19. Hopefully, next summer we will be able to sit around the pool and reminisce about how we managed to get through this year. At least we learned how to Zoom 😊.





What secrets did this soldier keep for more than seventy years?

Oceans resident John Waller's story has captured the hearts of all who have heard it. His daughter Garland Waller and her husband Barry Nolan wrote and produced an award-winning documentary that answers these questions: What secrets did this "Silent Soldier" harbor for seventy years? Why was it his dream to travel back to Europe and knock on the door of a French chateau with a small portrait of a woman in hand?



"Sometimes the universe gives us a second chance. When it does, we should take it."

What unfolds is a powerful and touching adventure. You will experience the closure that brought peace to this WWII veteran and brave survivor of the torpedoed USS Leopoldville in the English Channel. The few soldiers who were rescued from the frigid waters were told by the government not to talk about what happened-- "bad for morale." British documents about the Leopoldville were censored until 1996.

We won't reveal much here: the redemption and resolution that occurs and so much more. You have to see it for yourself. Visit www.thesilentsoldier.com to view the trailer, then:

*Watch "The Silent Soldier and the Portrait" documentary on **whro** Sunday, Nov. 8 at 7pm just before Veterans Day.*

Can't wait? We couldn't! Rent or purchase the film on the [website](#).



John interviewed by the BBC with Kitty Boshers:
"US veteran pays tribute to USS Leopoldville troopship."

Following the war and study at UVA, John Waller became an architect. His mother recognized his artistic ability early from a simple drawing of a red bird. John greatly enjoyed and took full advantage of the privileges his career allowed, including working with the military around the world. His firm Waller, Todd & Sandler is one of the top architectural/engineering firms in the country.

One of the projects John is most proud of is none other than the buildings at our Virginia Beach Municipal Center.

John Waller's family is large in love and numbers. Married twice before, the widower calls the third love of his life, Kitty, his "dessert." Kitty owns a unit on the 18th floor, as does son John Jr. and wife Karen. They have nicknamed the floor "Waller Hall." We're glad to have you as neighbors, Waller family!

Join us in wishing John a very happy 96th birthday on September 21



OCEANS COMMUNITY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE OCEANS

New Owners

Michael & Stacy Crosnicker
#611
Robert Bockrath
#804
Kim & Malisa Bazemore
#909

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTE

Helene Bernstein, #704
101 on Aug. 20

Gudi Stambeck, #1610-12
90 on Aug. 28

Bernice Jacobs, #302
93 on Sept. 14

Eddie Goldsticker, #1010
85 on Sept. 17

John Waller, #1801
96 on Sept. 21

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES



40th Street Stoplight: The light will be active **September 28**; that same day Atlantic Avenue will be closed off where it meets Pacific. Please plan accordingly to turn right out of our driveway rather than left. The cul-de-sac terminus of Atlantic Ave. will not be finished until later in the construction of the second hotel tower.



Second Hotel Tower: The 12-story Embassy Suites Hotel will be between the Marriott and our Club Studios. Arno Zaritsky, Valerie Jones and Club Studio Representative Barbara Byrd Bradley met with WM Jordan principles. Several key items were addressed and will be shared with all at the Town Hall meeting, see below.

To learn more and ask questions:
a Zoom Town Hall Meeting will be held
Tuesday September 22 at 6 PM.
See MMN calendar for the link.

A RESOLUTION EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN OUR OCEANS OWNERS COUNCIL COMMUNITY

Adopted by the Oceans Owners Council Board of Directors on July 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION is an organization that helps set the tone for sustaining a culture of respect, safety, and equality in its community; and

WHEREAS, people across the state and country, including our residents here, are communicating their desire to rid our society of racism and discrimination in all forms; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASSOCIATION unequivocally condemns any acts of violence or harassment that are perpetrated as a reaction to a person's race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation or sex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASSOCIATION will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation or sex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASSOCIATION wants everyone to see the OCEANS as a diverse and inclusive community in which to live, work and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASSOCIATION appreciates and supports all members of its community, residents and visitors who help each other in times of need, stand up for each other when a wrong has occurred, and are respectful of one another's differences in ways that make the OCEANS a wonderful place to work and live.

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE

thank you

TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

June Donnelly ♦ **Dominick Garcia**
Mike Helbock ♦ **Eddie Holcombe**



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Susan Eilberg ♦ **Amy Sampson**
Gordon Sandridge ♦ **Sandy Schneider**
Arno Zaritsky

Your Board at work!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Notary services: Janet Zaritsky has become a notary and will assist residents who need notarized signatures, generally from 7am-7pm Mon.-Fri. Call (757) 404-3777 to schedule an appointment.



Changes in monthly payment process: Refer to Manager Bill Beddie's Manage My Nest notification for details.

REAL ESTATE

PH-2 Southeast corner, 4 bed/3.5 bath, 3347 sq. ft.
\$1,275,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Marianna Bedway

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Susan Lueptow

Marilyn Moore

Amy Sampson*

Gordon Sandridge*

Sandra Schneider*

(*new)

General Manager:

William (Bill) Beddie

To File a Service or Request Ticket via ManageMyNest:

<https://oceanscondo.ismynest.com/tickets.asp>

or create by mail (send from the email address you gave Oceans)

OceansCondo@ismynest.com

Announcements, Celebrations and Condolences

Want to share news or a "life event" in the newsletter? Send your item before the 12th of every month to:

sandpiper4004@gmail.com

