



# Norfolk Republican NEWS Women

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## ~MARCH 2008 LUNCHEON MEETING AND PROGRAM ~

**VADM Hank Giffin, Chairman, USO & Jonathan Thompson, President & CEO, USO**

*THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2008*

*11:30 AM to 1:00 PM*

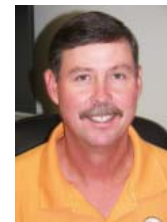
*Radisson Hotel, 700 Monticello Avenue, downtown Norfolk*

**\$15.00 per person. Buffet with Chef's Choice, Vegetable and Starch of the day, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea and Coffee, and assorted Desserts.**

***RSVP to Judy Pethel at 466-0190 or Ellen Smith at 626-3591 by Monday evening, March 24th or email Stevie at slgiffin@cox.net. You may bring cash or check (made out to NRW) to the luncheon.***



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**Jonathan Thompson** was born and raised in Southern Indiana. Directly after high school, Jon enlisted in the United States Navy. His military career included a vast array of assignments in aviation, amphibious assault, training and staff assignments. In 2006, he retired from the Navy holding the second highest enlisted position, Fleet Master Chief for U.S. Fleet Forces Command. In August 2006, Jon was chosen to be the President and CEO of the Hampton Roads USO. Jon manages a staff of 15 and over 750 volunteers who provide services, and deliver over 100 programs to the more than 350,000 military personnel and their families in Southeast Virginia.

Jon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University. He and his wife Kim have been married for over 26 years and have one son, Patrick. Jon and Kim reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



**Hank Giffin** is a graduate of US Naval Academy, Class of 1967 receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He received his Masters from George Washington University in Industrial Personnel Management. He graduated with Distinction from the National War College.

Hank had 33 years of military service as a surface Navy officer. He retired as a Vice Admiral (3 stars) in 2000. His last command was Commander, Surface Forces Atlantic.

**I've never been able to understand why a Republican contributor is a 'fat cat' and a Democratic contributor of the same amount of money is a 'public-spirited philanthropist'.**

**Ronald Reagan**



He currently works for SAIC. Is the Chairman of the Hampton Roads USO. He sits on multiple boards: Surface Navy Association, Anchor Scholarship, Knudson/Churchill Scholarship, Greater Norfolk Corporation, & USS Arleigh Burke Trust Fund. He is also Chair of Congresswoman Thelma Drake's Military Advisory Committee and member of Thelma Drake's US Naval Academy selection board.

### Library Project

- ◆ Do you have best sellers on your conservative book shelf gathering dust? Why not pass them on by donating them in the name of the Norfolk Republican Women? With a brand new flagship library opening in Ocean View, there is no time like the present.
- ◆ As the new VFRW Unit Achievement Awards Chair for the incoming Board of Directors, I would like to see Norfolk RWC do well in this area. The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project and the Barbara Bush Literacy Programs are key requirements in VFRW & NFRW Unit Achievement Awards.

### The 2008 VFRW Convention

**Apr. 17:** The Virginia Federation of Republican Women will have their state convention Thursday, April 17 - Saturday, April 19 in Newport News. Since it's not far to travel, it's a great opportunity to attend the meetings, meet Republican women from around the state, and hear some terrific Republican speakers. Food and lodging is the responsibility of the member. The convention will be held at the Newport News Marriott in Center City

### Star-Spangled Ball

**May 2:** The nineteenth annual Star-Spangled Ball will be held on May 2, 2008 at 6 pm at the Founders Inn. The proceeds from the Star-Spangled Ball have enabled the Republican Women's Clubs of Virginia Beach to contribute over \$100,000 to Republican candidates. This year's dinner and dance features a silent auction, fine dining, and dancing. Tickets are \$60.00 until April 1 and go up to \$70.00 after that. For reservations to this black-tie event please contact **Stevie Giffin (583-8350) at [slgiffin@cox.net](mailto:slgiffin@cox.net)**

### NRW dues are due!

Join us in March for lunch, camaraderie, & to hear what the Hampton Roads USO is doing for our troops!  
**Members \$30 / Associates \$15**

*Pictures from the NRW February Meeting*  
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**G. William Whitehurst**  
Addressing NRW Members



**G. William Whitehurst and**  
NRW President Stevie Giffin

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