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Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce  
Mid-Atlantic

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Your monthly update for April is here!

The Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
together with  
The Royal Norwegian Embassy, The Norwegian Church Service in  
Washington DC, Norwegian Ladies Club, Lakselaget DC, Sons of Norway,  
Washington DC Lodge and Norwegian Society of Washington DC

Invites you to join the celebration of the 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
THE NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION  
- Syttende Mai Gala -



Capitol View at 400  
May 17, 2018  
6.30pm-10.30pm

Cocktail Reception & open bar  
starting at 6.30pm  
followed by  
3 course dinner, open bar & entertainment  
at 7:30pm

We are honored to confirm the participation of

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Trond Helleland

Minister of Children & Equality

Linda Hofstad Helleland

Attire: National Dress, Black Tie Optional, Business Attire  
Adr: 444 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA  
Parking in building (flat rate USD 12)

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## RECENT EVENTS

### NACC President's Council

NACCMA hosted the organizations' president council from April 11-12th. Six chapters were represented during meetings at the Royal Norwegian Embassy. Following the meeting, the president's got a tour of the Capitol and attended other events in conjunction with NADIC's Washington Defense Week.



Thank you all president's in attendance, Chef Mikko for a great lunch and The Royal Norwegian Embassy for letting us host the meeting at you location.

### NADIC's Washington Defense Week



Washington DC April 8-13th

Taking place in the Capital of the world's largest defense market, Washington Defense Week was hosted by the Norwegian-American Defense Industry Council (NADIC) in collaboration with Innovation Norway, Royal Norwegian Embassy and the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, and comprised several defense-industrial and security policy cooperation events.

The highlight of the week was NADIC's 6th Annual Norwegian-American Defense Conference, the most important defense summit between Norway and USA. With this year's topic "NATO and the Northern Flank – Securing the Maritime Profile of the Alliance", the conference attracted top-level participation from governments, militaries, industries and research institutions. Among this year's speakers were Norway's Ambassador to the US H.E. Kåre R. Aas, State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Defence Ms. Tone Skogen, Secretary of the Navy the Honorable Richard V. Spencer, Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA) and many other distinguished speakers.

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### Nordic Evening at the Middle East Policy Council

NACC-MA, SACC-DC and ADBC hosted an evening forum at the Middle East Policy Council, featuring Chairman of the Board of Directors & President Hon. Richard J. Schmierer, and Executive Director and Member of the Board of Directors Dr. Thomas R. Mattair.

After a brief presentation by Hon. Richard J. Schmierer, former U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman and Dr. Thomas R. Mattair, members engaged in Q&A about the changing American foreign policy in the Middle East. The discussion also included how regional conflicts have affected international trade and business, as well as culture and local economy.

Is your organization interested in hosting a similar event?

Please reach out to [maggie@naccma.org](mailto:maggie@naccma.org) for more information

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# 17. mai Family Picnic

Join us in Celebrating Norway's Constitution day!

Sunday, May 20, 2018

1 pm – 3 pm

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Mr. Leif Trana**

**Minister Counselor, Economic Affairs**

**Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington D.C**

**All Welcome! Free admission!**

**Please register here**

**Music • Parade • Free Food and Drinks • Games for Children**

**Carderock Park on the Potomac River**

**Montgomery County, Maryland**

For more information, please contact: Lasse Syversen, [lasse@flagship.com](mailto:lasse@flagship.com), 301-641-7908

From Beltway I-495 take Exit 41 west on Clara Barton Parkway. Right exit before overpass for Carderock Park; left on overpass onto short winding road under the canal. Inside park entrance, turn left for parking (additional parking on the right). Please park only in designated parking areas (you will be ticketed if you park on the grass!)

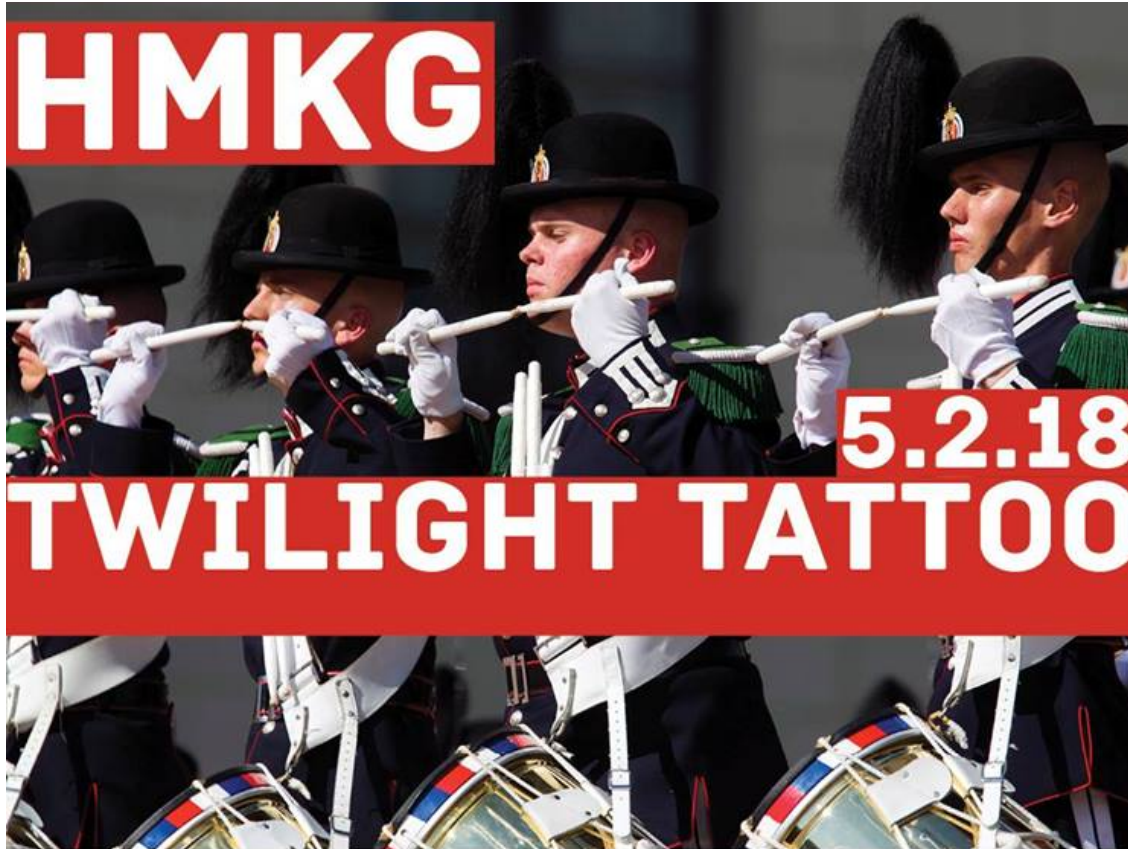
## Donation of toys and games

Do you or someone you know have toys and games you would like to donate to the 17.Mai Family Picnic event? Please reach out to [maggie@naccma.org](mailto:maggie@naccma.org)

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Royal Norwegian Embassy and the Office of the Norwegian Defense Attaché, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, are pleased to announce a Twilight Tattoo performance by His Majesty the King's Guard.



Norwegian Embassy

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**TWILIGHT TATTOO** is a 90-minute live-action military pageant, featuring soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own). Experience a glimpse into American history through performances by The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The U.S. Army Band Downrange and U.S. Army Marching Band, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and The U.S. Army Drill Team.

They will be joined by special guests **HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S GUARD (HMKG)**, a battalion of the Norwegian army. Tasked primarily with defending Oslo, the Royal Palace, and the Royal Family of Norway, the King's Guard's drill team is renowned for its pageantry and precision.

**WHEN:** Wed., May 2. Pre-ceremony pageantry starts at 6:30 p.m. and the main performance begins at 7:00 p.m. Show ends at 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Summerall Field, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, near Arlington, Va.

**ATTIRE:** Business casual: sport coat, open collar for men, spring/summer appropriate for women — flat shoes recommended.

**R.S.V.P BY APRIL 27** to [Magne.Thronsen@mfa.no](mailto:Magne.Thronsen@mfa.no)

*Additional information, including directions and a map of entry points to the installation, will be sent to guests upon receipt of RSVP.*

Check out the event on [Facebook](#)



His Majesty the King's Guard's band and drill team is bringing its special blend of music and precision drill work to the National Mall. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event. Free and open to the public.

For more information, check out the event on [Facebook](#)

## MANASSAS VIKING FESTIVAL

Viking Reenactments  
 Nordic Dancers of Washington DC  
 Icelandic Folk Dancers  
 Icelandic Sheep & Horses

Norwegian Fjord Horses  
 Viking Village  
 Blacksmith  
 Vendors and Crafts  
 Food & More



**Manassas Viking Festival**

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**10 am to 5 pm**

**Harris Pavilion & Manassas Museum Lawn**

**Manassas, Virginia**

**Come and join us and be dressed in your Viking best**

[manassasvikingfest@gmail.com](mailto:manassasvikingfest@gmail.com) or visit us on Facebook



["Norway's Statoil to Rename Itself Equinor"](#)

by TheLocalNorway, 03.15.2018

"The board of Statoil announced Thursday it wants to rename the firm Equinor as Norway's state-owned energy company seeks to diversify its business from the oil and gas sector."



["Norway: This Country Loves Teslas and Petroleum"](#)

By Jean Chemnick, E&E News, 03.22.2018

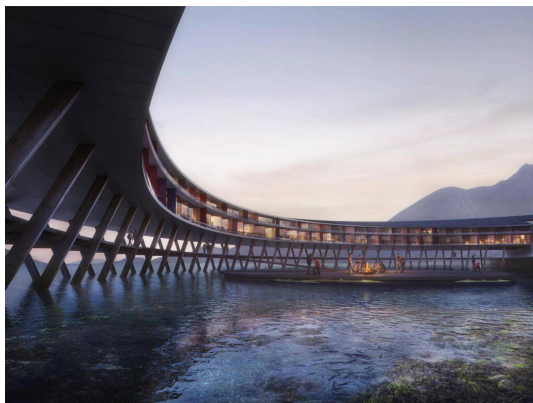
"Norway is a study in climate change contradictions."



["New Architectural Addition to Must-See Landmarks on Norway's Scenic Tourist Trails"](#)

By Yiling Shen, Arch Daily. 03.22.2018

"The Norwegian Public Roads Administration is opening a new landmark, Ureddplassen, along the Norwegian Scenic Route Helgelandskysten."



["Norway are Building the World's First 'Energy Positive' Hotel"](#)

By Megan Townsend, Independent. 02.25.2018

"The world's first "energy positive" hotel is set to be built at the base of the Almlifjellet mountain in northern Norway; Svart, which takes its name from the nearby Svartisen glacier, will use 85 per cent less energy than a modern hotel in addition to producing its own energy. "





**NORDIC  
FINE FOOD**

## **Chef Mikko is Bringing Nordic Food to Washington!**

Chef Mikko Kosonen is expanding his Nordic themed catering business and opening a café in Dupont Circle this spring.

Expect house-smoked salmon piled on thinly sliced home-made rye bread; herring made a plethora of ways; buckwheat blinis piled with fresh sour cream, onions, and caviar; homemade soups filled with hearty root vegetables from local sources; and mushroom and beet-root salads just like you would find in food halls and farmers markets in Stockholm and Helsinki.

Chef Mikko has been a fixture of the Washington food scene for over 21 years.

He has cooked for presidents and princesses. Now he is excited to introduce Nordic food to all Washington. He served 15 years as the Chef to the Finnish Ambassador. He expects to open his new café sometime in April 2018. Look for it on R Street, NW, just east of 17th Street, NW. You can't miss it: it is painted the blues and reds of the Nordic country flags. Chef Mikko started cooking at the age of 13 at his family's restaurant "Cassi" in Stockholm, Sweden. He trained at the prestigious Helsinki Culinary School and honed his skills at the Havis Amanda restaurant in Helsinki, which enjoys a reputation as one of the finest fish and seafood restaurants in all of Finland and at the Belvedere Hotel In Annecy, France, also famous for its fish and seafood.

For more information and updates, check out Chef Mikko's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). #chefmikko.

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Welcome to the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) – Mid-Atlantic Chapter, a non-profit membership organization formed to promote trade, create business opportunities, professional relationships, and goodwill between the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Region and Norway. NACC MA serves innovative Norwegian and American companies and experienced professionals seeking to develop international business opportunities and expand their professional network.

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