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**First Virginia Community Bank Donates Funds for USS *Arlington***

FAIRFAX, Va. – First Virginia Community Bank (FVCbank) has donated \$10,000 in support of the USS *Arlington*, a ship named for the Pentagon's home city to commemorate the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The contribution will go towards the USS *Arlington*'s commissioning, the ceremony marking a ship's placement in active service, which is planned for early April at Naval Station Norfolk. The donation will also help fund construction of a Tribute Room on the ship to honor the heroes of 9/11. Steel taken from the Pentagon after the attacks will be displayed aboard as a commemorative symbol.

"Our involvement with the USS *Arlington* is a manifestation of our core belief in supporting the communities in which we do business," said David W. Pijor, chairman and chief executive officer of the Fairfax-based bank, which opened an Arlington office in October. "The occasion allows us to recognize the deep and meaningful bonds between the military and the civilian population of the Arlington area, which are so important to us all."

FVCbank was recognized for its support at a reception on January 31 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. The commissioning committee and the Navy League of Hampton Roads, a nonprofit organization that is raising funds for the ship's enhancements, presented a plaque to Pijor, bank president Burwell Gunn, and Sid Simmons, who sits on FVCbank's board of directors.

The USS *Arlington*, an amphibious transport dock, has two sister ships that were also named to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001: the USS *New York* and *Somerset*.

*Arlington*'s keel was laid down on May 26, 2008, at Northrop Grumman's Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She was launched on November 23, 2010, with her christening on March 26, 2011. Mrs. Joyce Rumsfeld, wife of former United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, is the ship's sponsor.

**About First Virginia Community Bank**

First Virginia Community Bank is a state-chartered, locally owned and managed bank serving small and mid-sized businesses and personal banking customers in Northern Virginia. Based in Fairfax, Va., it has additional full-service offices in Manassas and Reston, and recently entered the Arlington market with its acquisition of 1<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Bank of Virginia.

FVCbank opened for business in November 2007, just 11 months after raising \$23.0 million in capital. Growing at a brisk pace, it raised \$6.3 million in a second private stock offering in the fall of 2010, and completed a third private stock offering in December 2011, raising an additional \$6.7 million.

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