



The Maritime Republic of Eastport

WE LIKE IT THIS WAY

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Declaration of War

ElevenTugs and many beers ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and inebriation and dedicated to the sole proposition that the citizenry of Eastport are a little different than our Annapolis and US reformist counterparts and worthy of being lauded and celebrated.

Although many doubted that a nation so illegitimately conceived and so dedicated to simply having fun could long endure, we are here as living proof of our success and have more than a few hangovers to show for it as well as an impressive record of contributions to local charities and memories. We would also like to point out that we have successfully infiltrated the highest order of your society, installing our citizens as not only member of your council, but also as your mayor. Few other sovereign nations can point to such an accomplishment.

Thus, it is with the same MRE passion and voracity, and a touch of audacity of our infamous secession that I, Jan Cort, the 2009 Minister of War, by the power vested in me by the Maritime Republic of Eastport and by unanimous vote of the Revolutionary Council, do hereby declare (Tug of) War against the United States, Maryland, The City of Annapolis, and all who remain loyal to them!

We, the MRE, respectfully demand that the City of Annapolis unconditionally surrender its land, chattels, and vast libation stores to The Maritime Republic of Eastport. If you do not, we will be forced to call ye and your citizenry to the shores of the Gulf of Eastport (formerly known as the Annapolis Harbour) for a battle of brute force and extreme effort using a 1700' rope, graciously donated by Yale Cordage, in one of mankind's oldest tests of strength, a Tug of War.

The Twelfth Annual contest of wills and sheer force will begin promptly at The "Crack-o-Noon" on Saturday, November 7th, 2009 at Susan B. Campbell Park on the Westport (or Annapolis) Side and The Avenue of Our Glorious Victory (2nd Street) on the Eastport Side. We expect to see you all there, for the good of your, and our, nation.

In closing, the magnificent Maritime Republic of Eastport, being a wealthy, generous, and benevolent micronation, regardless of who wins this test of strength, will donate the spoils of the Tug and Tug Fest to at least four local charities including:

*Civil Air Patrol
Eastport Elementary - Reading is Fundamental Program
OIC Job Readiness Center
and the SPCA of Anne Arundel County*

Our many thanks to the City of Annapolis and the City Council for allowing us time and lending us support. Long live the Republic!

Jan Cort

Official Signature - Jan Cort - MINISTER OF WAR
Monday, October 26, 2009