



The Maritime Republic of Eastport

WE LIKE IT THIS WAY

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Declaration of War

Eight Tugs 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 all Eastport citizenry are a little different than our Annapolis and US reformist counterparts.

Since then we have been engaged in a great civil war -- our own reveling in whether our nation or any other nation so illegitimately conceived and so dedicated to simply having fun can 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 for contributing to local charities.

I, Mike Pachler, the 2006 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 war against the United States, Maryland, The City of Annapolis, and all who remain loyal to them!

*We, the MRE, having been duly recognized by the Lonely Planet Guides as a micronation and having adopted a Manifest Destiny doctrine, respectfully demand that the City of Annapolis unconditionally surrender its land, chattels, and vast libation stores to
The Maritime Republic of Eastport.*

As a sign of our Nationalism and increased homeland defense, yesterday we erected our Border Patrol Station at the foot of the Eastport Bridge and were checking travel documents of all who chose to enter our glorious Republic. Having also adorned our portion of the drawbridge with our flags, we fly our gallant colors to remind all our foes of our never-ending sovereignty.

It is with the same MRE passion and voracity, and a touch of audacity of our infamous secession, that we the mighty Maritime Republic, do hereby once again issue a challenge to all citizens opposed to our way of life to this Tug of War. This physical contest of brute force will transpire, as it has for eight previous occasions, across the Gulf of Eastport, formerly known as Spa Creek. The winner of the brute force effort will receive bragging rights for one full year, and but of course since we are the MRE -we will brag all the time.

The Ninth Annual contest of wills and sheer force will begin promptly at The "Crack-o-Noon" on Saturday, November 4th, 2006 at Susan B. Campbell Park on the Westport (or Annapolis) Side and The Avenue of Our Glorious Victory (2nd Street) on the Eastport Side.

And before we acknowledge the beneficiaries of this year's tug... we wanted to share that the MRE is already preparing for next year's Tenth Annual Tug and are on to Annapolis' not-so-covert, but still subversive plot, to close Susan B. Campbell Park. Let me assure you, the MRE will not be dissuaded from our mission and will overcome your oppressive ways!

In closing, the magnificent Maritime Republic of Eastport, being a wealthy, generous, and benevolent micronation, will donate the spoils of the War and Tug Fest to seven local charities.

Those to benefit from the proceeds are:

*The Annapolis Maritime Museum
Box of Rain
Civil Air Patrol
Eastport Elementary - Reading is Fundamental Program
Light House Shelter
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!

Michael C. Pachler

Official Signature - Michael C. Pachler - MINISTER OF WAR
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