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‘RETURN OF THE INTRUDERS’



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Paul Hvidding (front) with wife, Beverly, and members of the VA-75 Naval Attack Squadron that served in Vietnam for nine months visit the Hanoi Railroad in 2023 — 50 years after their aerial bombing missions.

New documentary follows attack squadron’s trip back to Vietnam, 50 years later

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A new independent film with a local tie portrays the riveting story of a Navy attack squadron based in Virginia Beach that flew bombing missions over Vietnam in the final year of the war—and their trip back to the country 50 years later.

A bombardier/navigator with the squadron, Culpeper resident Paul Hvidding is co-creator of “Return of the Intruders: A VA-75 Documentary,” directed by Matthew Nolan, a class of 2023 University of Virginia film studies graduate.

The film, named for the attack plane they flew, premieres locally at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, at Culpeper Baptist Church, sponsored by the local chapters of VFW and American Legion.

“We were trained for war,” Hvidding, 79, said in a September interview in his Culpeper home. “We practiced bombing all the time. You’re a warfighter from the day you start.”

Part history film and part travel adventure, the movie looks back at high-stakes duty and sacrifice and ahead at the present-day hope and healing in a country once at war with the U.S. It’s not just a war movie, said Hvidding, executive producer. Its themes include the sacrifice made by the wives and families.

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CONTRIBUTED

Lt. Paul Hvidding attended the University of Virginia Naval ROTC program on a scholarship and was deployed to Vietnam in 1972.

Stafford forecasts data center tax gains

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Before Stafford County approved its sixth data center project last month, questions were raised about the tax revenue the project would generate.

On Thursday, during a presentation on the county’s five-year financial plan, the Board of Supervisors got a glimpse of the potential tax revenues data centers are expected to generate.

The five-year plan runs from fiscal 2028 to fiscal 2032. The fiscal 2028 year begins on October 1, 2027.

During the current boom in data center development, Stafford has approved six data center projects with 31 buildings totaling nearly nine million square feet.

According to Thursday’s presentation by County Budget Director Jeff Stamp, the county expects that five data center buildings will be operating in fiscal 2028.

The operating data center building total increases to 13 the following fiscal year, then 16, 17 and finally 20 in fiscal 2032.

The projected gross tax revenue from data centers is $21.7 million in FY 2028. But grants will lower the actual net to $12.8 million.

Revenue projections for the following years assume big revenue spikes:

- FY 2029: $117.2 million gross/$87.2 million net.
- FY 2030: $145.7 million/$136.7 million.
- FY 2031: $143.6 million/$135.2 million.
- FY 2032: $146.7 million/$132.9 million.

Stamp emphasized that data center projections are fluid and unpredictable.

He said data center revenues provide both “the most significant growth opportunity” for the county and significant unknowns, including project delays and valuation uncertainties.

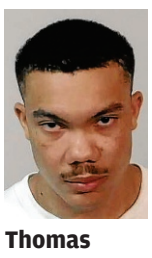
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Friday I-95 crash kills 2; Marine, 25, charged

KEITH EPPS
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A Stafford County man was arrested Friday, accused of causing a grisly crash on Interstate 95 that resulted in two deaths, including that of a young child.

Malik Jeremiah Thomas, 25, was charged with driving while intoxicated and two counts of aggravated involuntary manslaughter, and other charges may be pending. He is being held in the Rappahannock Regional Jail under no bond. Stafford Commonwealth’s Attorney Eric Olsen said that Thomas’ blood-alcohol content was .17, more than twice the legal limit of .08.



Thomas

Virginia State Police spokesman Matthew Demlein said the crash took place at 1:53 a.m. in the northbound lanes of I-95 in Stafford, about a mile north of the Stafford Courthouse exit. Police said a Dodge Charger was traveling at a high rate of speed when it crashed into the rear of a Nissan Rogue.

The impact knocked the Rogue off the left side of the interstate, where it overturned. An adult passenger in the mangled Rogue was pronounced dead at the scene, while her 3-year-old child was taken to an area hospital, where the child was pronounced dead. The Rogue driver, the

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