



UPDATE

“On the Horizon”

**NAVY LEAGUE
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ALAMEDA COUNCIL**
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Newsletter of the NLUS
Alameda Council
December
2018

-Jan. 1st HAPPY NEW YEAR ♦

-Feb. 2nd USCGC ROBERT WARD Commissioning



At Sector San Francisco YBI

-Feb. 22nd Joint Council Crab Feed Fundraiser

♦ **Fly your flag**

-Mar. 23rd NLUS hosted Coast Guard Ball

♦♦ **Flag at Half-Staff Sunrise to Sunset**

♦♦♦ **Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon**

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“View From The Bridge”

Michele Langford, President

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Message from the Navy League Alameda Council President

Hello Navy Leaguers!

Please enjoy your winter edition of Update. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year will bring happiness and joy to all of you!

In this edition of Update you will see information on the up coming commissioning of the new C.G. FRC ROBERT WARD as well as the Annual Crabfeed .

We hope to see you at one of the two events coming in 2019! The Crabfeed is the biggest fundraiser we do and allows us to support our Adopted Units and Sea Cadet programs. We are able to do Sailor of the Quarter, BBQs and various other activities for our Adopted Units with the money we raise at the Crabfeed. Please consider donating and/or coming to the Crabfeed! This event will again be hosted jointly by Alameda, Lake Merritt and Oakland Councils.

Hope to see all of you at the Commissioning and Annual Crabfeed! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Michele Langford
Alameda Council President

Website

For more information or to join the Alameda Council of the Navy League of the United States

www.alamedanavyleague.org

Upcoming Events

USCGC ROBERT WARD Commissioning



The Alameda Council, NLUS is taking an active role in the Commissioning of the 30th Fast Response Cutter to be delivered to the US Coast Guard. The USCGC ROBERT WARD. The Coast Guard has asked - the Navy League, USCG supporters and the San Francisco Bay Area maritime community - to sponsor the commissioning of their newest Fast Response Cutter. The commissioning is planned for February 2, 2019, in the San Francisco Bay Area. FRCs are 154-foot multi-mission vessels with a crew of 24. Each has a range of 2,500 miles and is equipped for patrols of up to five days. Designed to conduct drug and migrant interdictions, port, waterway and coastal security operations, fisheries and environmental protection patrols, defense missions and search and rescue. They have been described as a computer in a ship's hull with the ability to see over the horizon.

We have an incredible opportunity to make a difference, and to show our continued appreciation for the 24/7 protection of our nation's ports and waterways, as well as providing for the ROBERT WARD and her crew. For more information or to take an ownership interest in the first day of life for USCGC ROBERT WARD and share the pride when this beautiful cutter comes to life and joins the Coast Guard fleet visit the USCGC ROBERT WARD commissioning website at: www.robertwardcommissioning.org

Greater San Francisco Bay Coast Guard Ball Hosted by NLUS Councils Save the Date

*When: Saturday, March 23, 2019
Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA*

*The Local NLUS Councils are hosting the Bi-Annual Greater San Francisco Bay
Coast Guard Ball*

*This is an evening to celebrate the service of the Men and Women of the United
States Coast Guard*

*For more information or to purchase tickets contact
Alameda Navy League Council at email: AlamedaNLUS@gmail.com or
Michele Langford at 510-749-9175*

Upcoming Events



Raffle Prizes



Live & Silent Auction
(Credit cards accepted)

**Navy League of the United States
Oakland / Alameda / Lake Merritt Councils**

9th Annual Crab & Pasta Feed

For the Non-crab lover, chicken may be pre-ordered

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Introducing Premium Table Set Ups

*limited number available @ \$150 per table of 8 (plus price of ticket).
Includes 3 bottles of wine (1 red, 1 white & 1 sparkling); commemorative wine glasses & favors;
VIP "first" service; crab utensils, drawn butter & Navy League coin*

**ELKS Lodge Alameda
2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501
6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner
No-host Bar Bring your own crab utensils**

\$60 Adults \$40 Enlisted Mbrs (E6 & below) \$20 Kids (<16)

**NLUS is a Civilian Non-Profit Organization in Support of the Sea Services
Navy Marines Coast Guard Merchant Marine Sea Cadets
Proceeds benefit the adopted units of each council**

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be held at the door. Deadline 15 February 2019
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE / EMAIL _____

SEAT WITH _____ Chicken Only # _____

TICKET QTY: _____ X \$60 (adults) _____ X \$20 (kids <16) _____ X \$40 (enlisted E6 & below)
Tables of 8 - write additional names on back

PREMIUM TABLE \$150 ADDITION: _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ towards tickets for our Adopted Units' Sailors & Families \$ _____
Checks payable to NLUS Alameda Council.

Mail to NLUS Alameda Council, PO Box 1056, Alameda, CA 94501.

To learn more about NLUS, visit www.nlus.org

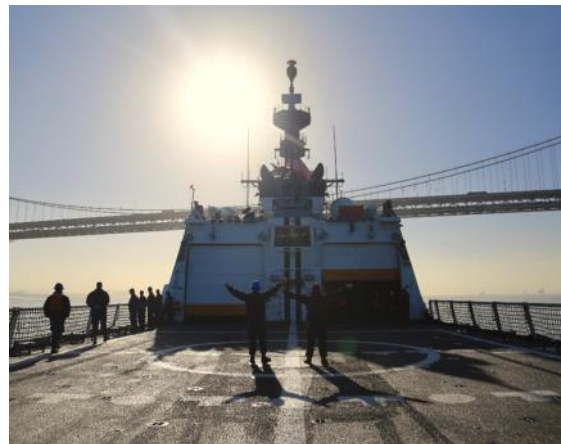
For more information or to donate a raffle prize, email MicheleMLangford@aol.com or call (510) 749-9175 or
Barb Day at barb.day.ca@gmail.com or call (510) 427-0072

USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL 751)



In August, WAESCHE's dry dock period was reaching completion and the first day of Sea Trials was set for August 20th. At 1030 local time on August 20th, USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL-751) got underway from Vigor shipyard in Seattle for the first time in a year. .

- Basic propulsion, steering, and systems tests were conducted in the Puget Sound.
- WAESCHE reached 30 + kts using the Combined Diesel and Gas Turbine propulsion mode. After reaching maximum speed, WAESCHE conducted an emergency stop test, halting the Cutter to full stop as fast as possible.
- WAESCHE conducted a full test of the Counter Measure Wash Down system.



- On September 20th, WAESCHE crewmembers spent their last morning in Seattle conducting drills and final preparations for the ready for sea certification and the transit back to Alameda.
- On the morning of Monday, September 24th, more than a year and a month since she left home, WAESCHE passed under the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge and moored up to Berth 3 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda. Throughout their time in Seattle, the crew of WAESCHE worked selflessly, striving to turn WAESCHE back into one the most mission capable vessels in the Coast Guard fleet.

Adopted Units

USCGC MUNRO (WMSL 755)

ALAMEDA, Calif. – The crew aboard Coast Guard Cutter Munro are scheduled to return Monday December 24th to their homeport in Alameda after a 105-day, 17,000-nautical mile, multi-mission deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean.

The crew conducted a Western Pacific Living Marine Resources patrol during the 105-day deployment. Munro's law enforcement teams conducted 10 at-sea inspections of foreign flagged fishing vessels on the high seas to counter illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing practices in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission area.

"The crew worked tirelessly to execute 10 fisheries boardings, 186 flight evolutions, and dozens of boat operations in support of fisheries enforcement which demonstrates U.S. presence in the Western Pacific," said Munro's commanding officer Capt. Jim Estramonte. "Munro's successful deployment paves the way for future Coast Guard Oceania patrols. Having the opportunity to bring the cutter to Guadalcanal, a place of Coast Guard lore, made the patrol even more meaningful for the crew."



Top: The USCGC MUNRO (WMSL755) ties up at the pier at Coast Guard Island on Dec. 24th just in time for Christmas with their families.

Below: The families of the Crew of the USCGC MUNRO along with members of the Alameda and Lake Merritt NLUS Councils set up on the dock to welcome the ship and its crew back to Alameda.

Joint Adopted Units Bar-B-Q



The Alameda, Lake Merritt and Oakland Councils hosted the Adopted Unit Bar-B-Q at the Chief's Hut on Coast Guard Island on Nov. 29th to thank all their units for their service. It was a huge success, the Bar-B-Q was attended by more than 150 active duty members, including a visit by Pacific Area Commander VADM Linda Fagan (pictured above far right with Michele Langford and Barbara Day President and Vice President of the Alameda Council)

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**TIME – DATED MATERIAL
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

The Navy League of the United States Alameda Council supports the following units and organization:

Adopted Units:

USCG District 11
USCGC Waesche
USCGC Munro (in Partnership with Lake Merritt Council)
USCG Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)
USN Naval Operations Support Center Alameda (NOSC)
USMC 4th Force Reconnaissance Company Alameda

Sponsored Units:

US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Grey Ghost Division
US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Training Ship Kearsarge

Partnerships:

Alameda Naval Air Museum
East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families. You need not have served in the military to be a member of the Navy League.

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