



UPDATE

“On the Horizon”

**NAVY LEAGUE
OF THE UNITED STATES
ALAMEDA COUNCIL**
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Newsletter of the NLUS
Alameda Council
October/November
2018

-Oct. 13th: U.S. Navy Birthday

-Nov. 10th: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

-Nov. 11th: Veterans Day ♦

-Nov. 12th: Veterans Day Observed ♦

-Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving

-Nov. 29th: Adopted Units BBQ & General Membership Mtg

-Feb. 2nd USCGC ROBERT WARD

Commissioning YBI

-Feb 22nd 9th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

♦ **Fly your flag**

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

♦♦♦ **Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon**

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“View From The Bridge”

Michele Langford, President

Message from the Navy League Alameda Council President

Hello Navy Leaguers!

Welcome to the Fall edition of Update!

Inside you will find information about up coming events and updates on our Adopted Units.

We once again will be hosting an Adopted Units BBQ, this will also be our Fall General meeting. I hope you can come out and meet the folks in our Adopted Units.

I would also like to encourage you to participate in our Wreaths Across America fundraiser! This is a wonderful event that happens every year. The wreaths you help purchase go on the graves of our Veterans during the Holiday Season. You can go on line to purchase a wreath or send us a check and we will do it for you!

I hope you will start your Holiday giving by purchasing a wreath during the holiday season!

Enjoy this edition of Update, hopefully you will find something you would like to attend or will just enjoy the news from our Adopted Units!

Best,
Michele Langford

Website

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

www.alamedanavyleague.org

Membership

Much excitement has been generated with a new, lower dues structure.

The Navy League of the United States is offering a new, fully digital **E-Membership**, an electronic membership for individuals who want to take their membership on-the-go for **only \$25 per year**. Spouses, parents, students and other partnerships can mix and match multiple memberships to best suit the subscription/electronic access preferences of the family.



A **one-year Premium Membership is now offered at \$55**, which includes the print edition of our acclaimed *Seapower* magazine and the annual *Seapower* Almanac delivered to your home. Even greater savings are available through multiple-year memberships, up to five years or life, based on age..

Many of our members are up for renewal, the new options make it fast, easy and affordable to continue to make a difference. A membership form is included with this edition of the Update for your convenience.

You can join online or print out a downloadable Membership Application at :
<https://join.navyleague.org/wordpress/membership-form/>

Alameda Council General Membership Meeting

We'll hold our General meeting in conjunction with the Adopted Units BBQ on Nov. 29th, a great chance to meet some of the folks that we support throughout the year.

Region News

Council and Area Presidents,

Mark your calendars for a Region Meeting on 26-27 April 2019 in Auburn. Don and Mona Anderson have been busy planning the event (Mona thinks ahead), including a speaker from Cal State Maritime Academy.

In addition to a request to save the date for the meeting, this is also a request for some funding support. We hope to have the bust of RADM Bonnie Potter completed in time for the Region Meeting, but unfortunately, the Auburn Council is running into funding difficulties. If your council can make a contribution of \$100, \$200 or more, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bonnie Potter was the first female Medical Corps Officer to make Flag Rank, she was also an exceptionally strong and effective supporter of Navy League, at Council, Area and Region levels.

If your council can make a contribution, in any amount, it can make a difference for questions contact Don Anderson, email address 25eagle@wavecable.com and send any funding you can to:

Auburn Airport Events,
2389 Rickenbacker Way,
Auburn CA 95602
Telephone Number: 530-823-6204
Write "Bonnie Potter" on the check memo line

Very Respectfully, Tom

Tom Winant
President, Pacific Central Region
Navy League of the United States
650-678-7120



National News



Next Navy League President Elected

At the fall Board of Directors Meeting held Nov. 4 in Alexandria, Virginia, our board of directors elected the Navy League's next national president elect, William Stevenson III of our Phoenix Council.

Stevenson joined the Navy League in 1992, is a past president of the Phoenix Council, and currently serves as a National Vice President and Special Adviser to the National President. He has won the top recruiter award in 2015 and 2016. Stevenson has been a successful fundraiser for various organizations.

His goals as national president, include developing a national-level event that exposes younger members to the Navy League, continuing to develop relationships with nondefense companies, acquiring new technologies for Navy League headquarters and councils so they may work together more efficiently, ensuring councils and the field have the tools they need to succeed, reducing Navy League headquarters' line of credit, and building upon the past successes of Sea-Air-Space and the Maritime Gala.

Due to changes in the bylaws, Stevenson will automatically succeed the current national president, Alan Kaplan, at the 2019 Navy League National Convention and serve for a two-year term (2019-2021).

Legislative Affairs

Sequestration

CQ reports however that while policy priorities may change, the tone of HASC will stay the same. Rep. Smith has not argued for deep defense cuts, and has a good working relationship with Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) who has long chaired the committee to bipartisan success. Meanwhile Defense news reports that [analysts are predicting another bipartisan budget deal](#) will likely be reached to avoid the return of sequestration.

[If you haven't already, please add your voice to the hundreds of Navy League members who have already taken action to ask their members of congress to repeal the Budget Control Act that could force sequestration to return](https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59994/Respond) at <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59994/Respond>

Coast Guard Icebreaker Funding in the Lame Duck

We now have a window to help get icebreaker funding. From the Navy League's perspective, the most important legislation being considered in the lame duck session is the Department of Homeland Security funding bill that has passed the House Appropriations Committee but has not passed the full House. This bill is likely to be a political flash point as the parties argue over border funding, one of the President's top priorities. However regardless of what else is in the bill, the Navy League is focused on ensuring funding is included for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) to procure the Coast Guard's Polar Security Cutter, the first new American heavy icebreaker in over 40 years.

While the 116th Congress will be led by Democrats, the new Congress will not be sworn in and take office until the first week of January. That leaves less than a month to complete the last spending legislation to keep the government from shutting down on December 7, or require another Continuing Resolution (CR). While chances are high that a partisan fight will result in another CR, the Coast Guard deserves full-year funding to plan long-term and remain ready, relevant, and responsive.

[Add your voice to the hundreds of Navy League members who have taken action to ask their members of congress to Fund the Polar Security Cutter in FY19.](https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59994/Respond) at <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59994/Respond>

Upcoming Events



Joint Adopted Unit BBQ & General Meeting at the Chief's Hut On Coast Guard Island



**Thursday, Nov. 29th
1130-1300**

**We'll be inviting the members of our Navy League Adopted Units
for Lunch and Laughs**

**To say "Thanks for your Service"
Look for details on how you can help
POC Michele Langford
Email: Michelemlangford@aol.com**



**Alameda Council General Membership Meeting
Will be held in conjunction with the Adopted Units BBQ
Come meet some of your Adopted Unit members**

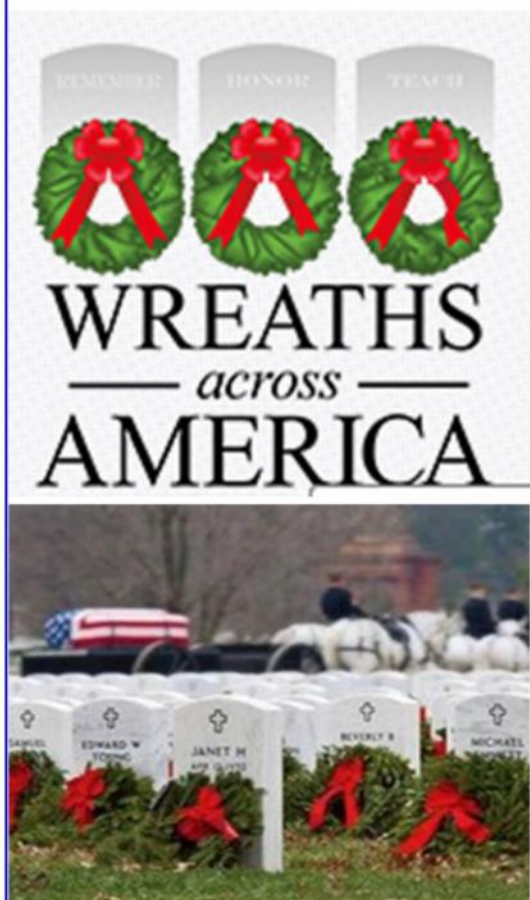
USCGC ROBERT WARD Commissioning



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

Upcoming Events



Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 15, 2018

Why Give?

It's Simple. Your gift of \$15 honors a fallen hero by sponsoring a wreath that is placed on his or her grave.

Or Purchase a Patriot Pair, sending a wreath to a friend or loved one and sponsoring a wreath on a fallen hero's grave.

To Support this effort you can click our link and Donate at:

www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/CA0127P

Or send a check for \$15 for each wreath you'd like to sponsor to the Alameda Council at PO Box 1056, Alameda, CA 94501

Thanks for supporting this effort to honor our fallen Vets!

Michele Langford

President, NLUS Alameda Council

If you have questions you can contact Michele at 510.749.9175



COAST GUARD ISLAND FREE BOOK DAY

THURSDAY, 13 December 2018

1100-1300

BASE ALAMEDA GALLEY LOBBY

and

CHIEF'S MESS

HOSTED BY

NAVY LEAGUE COUNCILS - LAKE MERRITT AND ALAMEDA

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE **Navy League CRAB and PASTA FEED**

Friday, Feb 22, 2019
6:00 pm Social Hour 7:00pm Dinner
Alameda Elk's Lodge Rathskellar
2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, CA

Donations
for the Silent and Live Auction are needed

If you know a business or individual willing to contribute, please contact
Barbara Day at alamedanlus@gmail.com or
barb.day.ca@gmail.com
or call 510-427-0072

Sponsored Events

On Saturday, October 20th, the Alameda Council co-sponsored a military child sportsmanship event on Coast Guard Island with Harper for Kids, a youth character development program based on legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden's Pyramid of Success. The Alameda Council purchased "Inch and Miles, The Journey to Success" books to give to each participant following a 90 minute tennis clinic which promoted the principals of hard work, fitness, & skill. Many thanks to HarperForKids.org for supporting our military families!



Adopted Units

MIFC PAC

Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific



Above Left: MIFC PAC CY18 3rd Quarter EPOQ. Congratulations to our Enlisted Person of the Quarter (EPOQ) IS2 Brittany Rytky. Shown with Alameda Council Vice President Barb Day Presenting a NLUS Certificate of Congratulations along with a check and Challenge Coin

Above Right: The MIFC PAC Enlisted Person of the quarter Brittany Rytky is shown with ISC Penn, CDR Joyce Dietrich-Holm (,MIFC PAC XO), Barb Day (Alameda Council NLUS), Julio Blea (Sea West Coast Guard Credit Union)

District 11



Anne Gooch and Michele Langford represented the Alameda Council NLUS at the most recent District 11 All Hands by presenting Certificates of Appreciation, monetary award, and challenger coins to (pictured at left) YN2 Caitlin Thompson as the District 11 Enlisted Person of the Quarter. YN2 Thompson is a member of D-11 Legal staff and is recognized for exemplary performance in her duties which include Trial Support, Legal Assistance Support and Personnel Support. And (pictured at right) Ms. Tina Perry as the Civilian of the Quarter. Ms. Perry is recognized for her exemplary performance in her duties with D-11 North Auxiliary Office in her implementation of the Coast Watch pilot program increasing the efficiency of the background check program for US Coast Guard Auxiliarist volunteers. Giving the Coast Guard the ability to make the best use of the over 1,300 volunteer Auxiliarist that make a difference to the Coast Guard on a daily basis. The Alameda Council offers congrats to these two dedicated professionals.

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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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