

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES ALAMEDA COUNCIL

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Newsletter of the NLUS Alameda Council SPRING 2021

"On the Horizon"

- Jun 11-13 NLUS National Convention, St, Louis
- Jun 22 Alameda Council Genera Members Mtg—Zoom
- Jul 4 Independence Day ◆

Barb Day

- Jul 10 Sign-up for the Local NLUS Golf Tournament

President

- Aug 1-4 Sea-Air-Space Conference, Wash. DC
- Aug 4 US Coast Guard Birthday

- Aug 9 Local Councils Golf tournament, Redwood Cyn
- Sep/Oct Members BBQ
- Oct 3-11 SF Fleet Week
 - ♦ Fly your flag
 - **♦♦** Flag at Half-Staff Sunrise to Sunset
 - ◆◆◆ Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon

"View From The Bridge"

Barb Day, President

Message from the NLUS Alameda Council President

Navy Leaguers,

As VP, I'm filling in writing the President's Message for this newsletter. I hope it finds everyone happy and healthy! I would like to thank Barb Day for the work she does on our newsletter. She puts all the information together, gets pictures when possible and writes a lot of the content! And we get this wonderful newsletter!

We have a lot going on in the next few months. Now that we are getting more shots in arms for the Corona Virus things are slowly getting back to normal!

We will have our next General Meeting via zoom but after that we plan to have an in person event! We are also getting back to a couple of fundraisers. We have the opportunity to work a fireworks booth, if you can help out and work a couple of hours in support of this it would be much appreciated! And the joint Golf Tournament we hold annually with the Oakland Council is back on! More information on all of this can be found in this newsletter. Enjoy your copy of the newsletter and thank Barb once we are all back at an in person event!

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National Convention

To be held in St. Louis June 11-13, 2021

The Navy League National Convention 2021 will be held this summer in St. Louis. We will provide more details as to location, schedule and accommodations as soon as we can.

The meetings will occur on June 11-13. Additional social events will be announced. Discounted hotel room rates begin on June 9. The convention schedule will be posted no latter than March 15.

If you have any additional questions regarding the schedule, please contact <u>Senior Vice President of Operations Jerry Saunders</u>. If you have any questions about accommodations, please contact <u>Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Events Claire Rusk</u>.





August 1-4, 2021

STEM Expo: Aug. 1 | Conference and Exposition: Aug. 2-4
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland

2021-2022 Maritime Policy Statement

The top priorities of each sea service are listed in our biennial Maritime Policy statement

Navy League members have a unique advantage when it comes to advocating on behalf of the sea services: We have no ulterior motive or partisan backing. We do so only because it is what is good for the sea services and our nation.

With those intentions in mind, we unveiled our 2021-2022 Maritime Policy report. This document serves as a north star to our initiatives in the coming two years, detailing what matters are of critical importance for Congress and the administration to address.

Both our national defense and our economy are reliant on the seas. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an uncertain future when it comes to congressional funding priorities, but we must be certain to never let our representatives forget that American jobs and security rest in the hands of our sea services.

To view the complete 2021-2022 Maritime Policy Statement go to:

https://www.navyleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Maritime-Policy_2021_Final.pdf

Pacific Central Region NLUS Region Meeting

Members of the Alameda Council of the Navy League attended the Pacific Central Region Meeting, Saturday, May 1 2021 at Coast Guard Station Novato, CA home of the USCG Pacific Strike Team West. We were welcomed by the Executive Officer of the Strike Team, the meeting started at promptly 10:00 and was hosted by the Marin County Council NLUS. The meeting moderator was Mrs. Carrie Barnecut the current Pacific Central Region NLUS President, items covered were the selection of several National Delegate's for the national convention. The focus of the meeting included council annual reports, membership status, and community out reach programs in support of our active duty service members and their families.

The current status of greeting ships that are returning home continues to be a challenge as a result of COVID restrictions, the councils were hopeful that the restricition will start to loosen in the coming months. The councils presidents were given time to share their council activities with the attendees, who were all spaced six feet apart, the Oakland Council presented a brief about the Commissioning of the USS Oakland (LCS-24) is an Independence-class littoral combat ship of the United States Navy which was Commissioned in The City of Oakland, CA on April 17 2021. There was also a special presentation from Navy League national headquarters by Ms. Karen Maddox about the status of Navy League membership and efforts at the Headquarters level to improve membership numbers, which currently stand at approx.38,000 members nationwide. The meeting was also made available virtually through ZOOM.

We would like to thank the Marin County Council, Mr. Bill Stephans, and Mrs. Marylin Wong for hosting the Pacific Central Region. They provided Lunch and Snacks, that combined with an interesting and topical agenda, made for a really great meeting.

A Special Thanks also goes out to the CG Pacific Strike Team for being great hosts!!





Council Achievements



The Alameda Council

Was awarded the 2020 Sea Service Unit Adoption Excellence Award

For their ongoing support of:

Adopted local sea service active duty units

Local Sea Cadet Units

As well as additional support for moral and deployment events

Thanks to all who helped us support those who serve







General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:00pm -8:00pm Via Zoom

Meeting Program is still being finalized We'll update you with a zoom link and program agenda by June 18th.

If you have any questions email us at alamedanlus@gmail.com

Community Affiliate Spotlight





9th Annual Navy League Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Oakland and Alameda Navy League Councils

Monday, August 9, 2021

Redwood Canyon Golf Course

17007 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, CA 94546 510.537.8001 • RedwoodCanyonGolf.com

Join us for a fun round of golf.
Funds raised support our adopted
Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard Units.
Limited to 80 Golfers! Please register by July 10th.





7:00 AM Registration (\$100 per Person • \$75 Military Officers • \$65 Military 04 & below) 8:30 AM Shotgun start – Scramble Format.

There will be 1st, 2nd & 3nd place awards as *Longest Drive* and *Closest-to-the-Hole* prizes on all par 3's.

1:30 PM Lunch, Awards & Raffle

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Upcoming Events



Fireworks Booth Fundraiser Volunteer Opportunity



Alameda Council is participating in a Fireworks Booth in Dublin. If you volunteer to work one (or more) shifts at the booth your efforts go to raise funds for the Alameda Council NLUS so that we can continue to support our Adopted Units, Sponsored Units and Sea Going Services.

To volunteer contact Barb Day at barb.day.ca@gmail.com, list your availability and Barb will sign you up and confirm your shift(s)

The booth will need staffing on the following shifts,

Monday June 28:

12:00 noon -2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Tuesday June 29:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Wednesday June 30:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Thursday July 1:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Friday July 2:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

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Saturday July 3:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Sunday July 4:

9:30 am Set up 10:00am-2:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm

7:00pm Closing/Teardown

Please consider helping with this effort as it will help our council help our service members.



As COVID Restriction lift we look forward to getting back to in person events. We are hoping to schedule an

Adopted Units / Council Member BBQ / General Members Meet-

September/October Date TBD

Look for more details in your email and the next newsletter



It's BAAAACK!!!!! We're planning our 2022

Navy League

CRAB and PASTA FEED

We are looking at Dates in February of 2022 We'll keep you posted as details firm up



Council Activities

USS OAKLAND (LCS 24) Commissioning









The USS OAKLAND (LCS 24)

was commissioned in it's namesake city Oakland, CA April 17, 2021.

Members of the Alameda Council participated by volunteering to stuff the SWAG bags given to donors as well as helping hand them out on the day of the commissioning.

Supporting Our Partner the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club



At left: The EBCGSC hosted an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Alameda Council filled plastic eggs with candy and donated to the event.

At right: The EBCGSC held their annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. Council members Luz Estramonte and Michele Langford helped out shown here with two Spouses Club members



Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, Alameda



The 2021 Memorial Day Ceremony to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation was a socially distance one, held at Alameda Veterans Memorial Park on Bay Farm Island. The Alameda Council NLUS participates annually by presenting a wreath to honor our fallen heros during the Wreath Laying portion of the Ceremony.



Pictured at left:

Michele Langford (San Francisco Area President), Ken Langford (Alameda Council Director) and Anne Gooch (Alameda Council Treasurer) represent the Alameda Council



Adopted Units

US Coast Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)



MIFC PAC was able to come together for our first in-person morale event since the pandemic began. The crew gathered at the CGI Gazebo for a Hawaiian Luau themed celebration and goal of bringing awareness to the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Campaign. There was some much needed socialization and a tropical food contest. Members prepared some amazing dishes to share! At Left above LCDR Carrie McKinney (MIFC PAC XO) and CAPT Michael Guldin (MIFC PAC CO)





With the COVID restrictions recently relaxed Navy League representatives were allowed to attend on base functions. Fully vaccinated individuals were not required to wear masks. The MIFC PAC recently held an "All Hands" where promotions, transfers, and acheivements of unit personnel were celebrated. Barbara Day represented the Alameda Council, NLUS. She spoke to the commitment the Alameda Council has to support it's adopted units, emphasizing how much we appreciate their service and how much we value the Navy League's unique position to be able to support our sea going services. Pictured to the left is Barbara Day with IS1 Ruiz and CAPT Guldin speaking to attendees. Pictured to the right is Barbara Day presenting the Navy League recognition of the MIFC PAC EPOQ award. It was accepted by IS1 Ruiz for IS3 Nortenon who called away at the last moment.

The MIFC PAC EPOQ (Enlisted Person of the Quarter) for the first quarter 2021 is IS3 Nortonen. As an Intelligence Analyst on the MIFC PAC watch floor, IS3 Nortonen has expertly stood watch ensuring that all time sensitive tasks were completed including actively vetting and monitoring vessels of interest within the Pacific Area. During the recent remodeling of the MIFC PAC's sensitive compartmented space, IS3 Nortonen took on additional responsibility to ensure proper security protocols were followed as well as training newly arrived personnel. IS3 Nortonen's keen leadership skills are what make him an outstanding performer and dedicated member of the USCG and MIFC PAC Team.

Adopted Units

USCGC MUNRO



With COVID restrictions loosening we were able to attend an in person all hands on the USCGC MUNRO. The Alameda and Lake Merritt Councils jointly presented a certificate, challenge coin and monetary award to the MUNRO's Sailor of the

Quarter. Pictured (from left to right):

Senior Chief Josh McBride

(Command Senior Enlisted Leader)

Captain Blake Novak

(Commanding Officer)

MK3 Marcus Gilliland

(EPOQ 1st Qtr 2021)

EM1 Jeff Scott

(EPOQ 4th Qtr 2020)

Marti Lantz

(Lake Merritt Council, President)

Michele Langford

(Alameda Council, VP)



Sponsored Units

Grey Ghost Division Training Ship Kearsarge



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The cadets of Grey Ghost Division and Training Ship Kearsarge are eager to start getting back into the swing of attending drill and trainings again! Our first two-day drill, since the shutdown in March 2020, was in May and we could not be more excited to finally stay overnight on the USS Hornet again in August. We all have a busy couple of months ahead with our annual fireworks booth. Fourth of July celebrations, and of course, summer trainings.

We also recently had a change of command. HMC John Aquino and his family are moving out of state and therefore needed a replacement as Commanding Officer. The Aquino family did a great job running the unit we will miss them! Chief Aquino has been succeeded by Lieutenant Kelly Norton, a former Grey Ghost Division cadet. LT Norton is looking forward to being able to give these young adults the same opportunities she had as a cadet.

With our seniors graduating high school, there will also be a cadet leadership change happening in the next couple of months. Chiefs Moiz Khan and Melanie Oidor are pictured above giving pointers to the new LPO Hanson Lau and BATCOM Zainab Khan.

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TIME – DATED MATERIAL RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Alameda Council Navy League of the United States is supported by the following organizations: Community Affiliate:



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 militaryoriented 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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