

# NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES ALAMEDA COUNCIL

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> Newsletter of the NLUS Alameda Council **Spring / Summer** 2022

## "On the Horizon"

- Oct 3-11 San Francisco Fleet Week
- Oct 13 US Navy Birthday
- Oct 18 Eight Bells Ceremony
- Oct 18 Adopted Units BBQ
- Oct. 18 General Members Meeting
- Oct 29 Fall Region Meeting -Cal Mritime

- Dec. TBA General Members Zoom Meeting
  - ♦ Fly your flag
  - **♦♦** Flag at Half-Staff Sunrise to Sunset
  - ♦♦♦ Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon

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Message from the NLUS Alameda Council President

Hello Fellow Navy Leaguers,

It has been a very busy transfer season for our adopted units! Most of them have had Change of Command ceremonies, which means a new CO.

In this edition of the Update we will introduce you to all the CO's of our adopted units.

We are planning an Adopted Units BBQ in conjunction with the Eight Bells Celebration that honors the lives of those who are standing the watch and those who have stood the watch. Consider helping out with the Adopted Units BBQ as we say thanks to all our adopted units who are standing the watch.

Barb Day Alameda Council President

#### Website

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

www.alamedanavyleague.org

#### **National News**

#### **Navy League National Convention 2022**









#### **Upcoming National Events to look for:**

Sea Air Space held in national Harbor, MD is scheduled for April 3-5 2023. Registration is now open at seaairspace.org.

The Navy League National Convention 2023 will be held in Dallas, TX. We will keep you posted on the dates.





#### April 3-5, 2023

STEM Expo: April 2 | Conference and Exposition: April 3-5
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland

## **Region News**

Welcome to our 2022-2023 Region Officers

Pacific Central Region President - Michele Langford

#### **Region Vice Presidents:**

Events: Anne Gooch Youth Programs: Steve Nash Legislative Affairs: Marilyn Wong CG Auxiliary Liaison: Bill Kinsey

#### Area Presidents:

Northern California: Don Anderson Northern Nevada: Bud Southard San Francisco Bay: Carrie Barnecut

The Fall Region Meeting will be held at the Cal Maritime Academy on October 29th Look for registration information in your email inbox!

## **Legislative Affairs**

## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS -- Pacific Central Region Bats Nearly 1000 Bill Language Undoubtedly Result of Navy League Advocacy

The Pacific Central Region completed its 2022 "Hill Surge" with meeting Members of Congress and/or their staff of 25 out of 26 congressional districts and states associated with the Navy League's Pacific Central Region. This combined with the advocacy efforts of 14 other Regions of the Navy League led to the drafting of a final National Defense Authorization Act that contains language reflecting our Hill Surge efforts. The Legislative Affairs team is watching closely the final negotiations and outcome.

#### **Membership**

#### Navy League Announces Active Duty Military Now Eligible for Membership

Change in Organization Bylaws Opens Membership Into the Navy League for Active Duty Service Members

The Navy League of the United States - a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine - announced that it has opened it membership to active duty service personnel from every branch of the military to join the organization as individual members. This historical change in the Navy League's bylaws, passed by its board of directors, has shifted its membership from an all-civilian organization to a joint civilian and active duty organization.

The Navy League currently has 30,000 members in 200 councils around the globe.

#### **Council News**

### **National Convention**



Navy League of the United States 2022 Council Awards Alameda Council

Council Performance Award - Outstanding Council Mackie Newsletter Award - Silver Mackie Social Media Award - Bronze

Michele Langford (Alameda Council VP) attended the National Convention in Orlando and represented the Alameda Council as we were presented with the 2022 Council Awards noted above right. Pictured at left: the Pacific Central Region Council Representatives display their awards in a photo with NLUS CEO Mike Stevens and National President Dave Reilly.

## Joint Council Adopted Units BBQ





The Alameda, Lake Merritt, and Oakland Councils hosted a Joint Adopted Units BBQ on Tuesday, May 24, inviting all members of their adopted units to come enjoy lunch, to say "Thanks for your service". Over 200 adopted unit members were served a fresh BBQ lunch with homemade desserts supplied by the Lake Merritt council and members of the Oakland council taking the lead on the grill.

#### **Council News**

#### Memorial Day Celebration and Memorial Wreath Presentation







Members of the Alameda Council attended the City of Alameda's Memorial Day Celebration and presented a wreath to honor those US Military members who have fought and died serving their country. Pictured from left to right: Alameda Council members Connie Carvalho and Matt Bliven present a memorial wreath to honor those who have served. Alameda Council Memorial Day Wreath displayed. USCG Leadership pictured with Rob Bonta, Mia Bonta and Alameda City Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft,

#### **USCG Cutter Community Relations Support**





The Alameda Council provided boxes of children's blankets and books to the USCG Cutters STRATTON and MUNRO to give away to local communities during their Pacific deployments.

Pictured at left: Members of the Alameda Council packing boxes fof donated items for the USCG cutter deployment community relations program

## **Upcoming Council Events**



# **Eight Bells Joint Council Adopted Units BBQ**

Join Us Tuesday, October 18th 1100-1300

As we host a lunchtime BBQ to say
"Thanks for Standing The Watch"
To all of our Sea Going Service members and supporters



#### Adopted Units BBQ Volunteers needed

We are looking for help with Set Up 10:00—11:00 Service 11:00-1:00 Clean Up 1:00-2:00



For additional details on how you can help contact:
POC Michele Langford
Email: Michelemlangford@aol.com
Or contact your council representative.





## **Community Affiliate Spotlight**



## **Adopted Units Updates**

#### **US Coast Guard District 11**



## Rear Admiral Andrew M. Sugimoto

Eleventh District Commander (D11) U.S. Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Andy Sugimoto assumed his duties as Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District in June of 2022. As such, he oversees the Coast Guard's safety, security, law enforcement and environmental stewardship operations from the California-Oregon border to Peru including Arizona, Utah, and Nevada.

Rear Admiral Sugimoto previously served as the Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Intelligence, where he lead the efforts of over 1,100 intelligence professionals who conduct the service's intelligence programs, to include collection activities, analysis and production, geospatial intelligence, counterintelligence, cryptology and critical IT and security functions

His afloat assignments include: Commanding Officer of USCGC STRATTON homeported in Alameda, CA. STRATTON conducted operations in support of OP ARCTIC SHIELD north of Alaska and counter narcotics patrols in the Eastern Pacific. Other afloat assignments included serving as Commanding Officer, CGC ACUSHNET, Ketchikan, AK; and CGC TYBEE, San Diego, CA. Rear Admiral Sugimoto served as Executive Officer on CGC CHASE, San Diego, CA, CGC MONOMOY, Woods Hole, MA as well as Deck Watch Officer on CGC SHERMAN, Alameda, CA. He has served more than 12 years at sea and is a proud Cutterman.

A native of California, Rear Admiral Sugimoto graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2002 and was conferred a Juris Doctorate.

### **Adopted Units Updates**

## **USCGC Waesche (WMSL 751)**



The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Waesche held a change of command ceremony on Friday, July 15, 2022. Capt. Robert S. Mohr relieved Capt. Jason H. Ryan as commanding officer during the ceremony.

Presiding over the ceremony, Vice Adm. Andrew Tiongson, commander U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area said, "the Waesche crew embodies their official motto of strength, endurance and service."

Speaking at the ceremony, Ryan said of his crew, "it has been my distinct pleasure to see you grow personally and professionally and help you move on to bigger and better things in the Coast Guard."

He closed by saying, "given the opportunity, I would go back and do it all again, especially if I could sail with a crew like this. Second to none!" Ryan's next assignment will be the Chief of Operations at U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area.

Welcome aboard the Waesche Capt. Mohr, and welcome to PACAREA Capt. Ryan!

#### **USCGC Munro (WMSL 755)**



U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Rula Deisher gives a speech during the change-of-command ceremony for the Coast Guard Cutter Munro in Santa Rita, Guam, May 19, 2022.

Deisher assumed the duties as commanding officer of CGC Munro, relieving Capt. Blake Novak as commanding officer, where she will be responsible for providing offshore presence in support of national security

## **USCGC Forrest Rednour (WPC 1129)**



LT Kevin Ng assumes the duties as Commanding Officer of USCGC FORREST REDNOUR (WPC 1129) July of 2022, relieving LT Drew Ferraro during the Change of Command Ceremony. In this capacity, he is responsible for safe operations of the Coast Guard's finest Fast Response Cutter operating in the California Coastal Region and Eastern Pacific. With a crew size of 24, USCGC FORREST REDNOUR conducts high-tempo Alien Migrant Interdiction, Counter Drug, and Fishery Enforcement Operations in support of the safety and security of the US at its southern maritime border. Prior to reporting to USCGC FORREST REDNOUR, LT Ng served as a member of the Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) Executive Support Staff in Washington DC.

LT Ng is originally from Syosset, New York and is a Class of 2016 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government.

## **USCGC Robert Ward (WPC 1130)**



<u>USCGC Robert Ward</u> (WPC 1130) held a Change of Command Ceremony on May 27, 2022, where LT Steven Naylor was relieved by LT Amy Ross. Congrats and good luck to both!

LT Amy Ross entered the United States Coast Guard via Officer Candidate School in 2015. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biopsychology, and a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, culminating a Master's degree in Legal Psychology.

LT Ross has almost four years of sea time. Her military awards include the Armed Forces Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Special Operations Service Award and various other service and unit awards.

Originally from Portsmouth, England, LT Ross is a naturalized citizen who considers Portsmouth, RI to be her hometown. She has parents in Arizona, a sister in Rhode Island, and a brother in Costa Mesa, CA. LT Ross enjoys yoga, hikes, and the California sunshine.

## **USCGC Terrell Horne (WPC 1131)**

Chief Warrant Officer Jason Bussell has been in the Coast Guard since December of 2005. BOSN Bussell assumed command of CGC HAMMHERHEAD in April of 2021, transitioning to the CGC MAKO in October of 2022. BOSN Bussell has served twice as Executive Petty Officer (XPO) afloat aboard patrol boats, helping transition the CGC TERRELL HORNE from a Lieutenant command to a Chief Warrant Officer command, the first Fast Response Cutter in the fleet to do so. Upon departure from the CGC MAKO he will return to the CGC TERRELL HORNE to become the second CWO to command the ship.

BOSN Bussell is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officers Academy class 228. He and his wife Shannon welcomed their firstborn daughter Lilian into the world on Christmas of 2021.

## **USCGC Benjamin Bottoms (WPC 1132)**

On Friday, July15, 2022 CAPT Harrison, Chief of Response for the Eleventh Coast Guard District, presided over the Change of Command ceremony, where LCDR Allice Gholson relieved LCDR David Zwirblis as Commanding officer of the USCGC Benjamin Bottoms.

LCDR Gholson is joining us from Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in Bahrain where she served as the Logistics Officer. She holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas and a commission through Officer Candidate School in New London, CT. As the new Senior Officer Present Afloat (SOPA), she is the highest ranking officer out of all cutters

homeported in Sector LA/LB and is responsible for maintaining uniformity between 09 cutters.

We welcome her aboard and wish her a successful tour.

#### **USCG Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)**

A Change of Command Ceremony was held over the summer where Captain Rachel Lewis relieved Captain Michael Guldin as Commanding Officer of the Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)

Captain Lewis' previous assignments include her position as Deputy Director, Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service in July 2018 and served as an Advisor to the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence on all Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence, Insider

Threat, and Attaché matters. As senior military officer, CAPT Lewis also served as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service military personnel and is a badged and credentialed Counterintelligence Agent.

A graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, CAPT Lewis earned a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research. Additionally, she holds a Masters degree in Homeland Security from American Military University; a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Defense Intelligence College (now known as the National Intelligence University); and is currently enrolled in the Naval Postgraduate School Executive Leader's Program, Center for Homeland Security. CAPT Lewis is an Honorary Chief and a permanent Cutterman.

## Naval Reserve Support Center (NRC) Alameda



Navy Reserve Center (NRC) Alameda held a change of command ceremony aboard USS Hornet (CV 12), July 14, 2022. In the presence of NRC Alameda staff, community leaders, family, and friends, Capt. Kerri Chase relieved Capt. Roberto Dumlao as commanding officer of NRC Alameda. Following the change of command ceremony, a retirement ceremony was held for Dumlao, who will have served 25 years at the conclusion of his next assignment.

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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 ◆ USCG Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)
USCGC WAESCHE ◆ USCGC MUNRO (in Partnership with Lake Merritt Council)
USCGC Benjamin Bottoms ◆ USCGC Terrell Horne ◆ USCGC Forrest Renour ◆ USCGC Robert Ward
USN Naval Reserve Center Alameda (NRC)◆ 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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