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Newsletter of the NLUS  
Alameda Council  
**Fall  
2023**

## “On the Horizon”

- Nov 23 Thanksgiving ♦

- Dec 9 Toys for Tots Drive

- Dec 25 Christmas ♦

- Jan TBD General Membership Meeting

- Mar 1 Joint Council Crab Feed Fundraiser

♦ Fly your flag

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### **“View From The Bridge”**

**Barb Day, President**

#### **Message from the NLUS Alameda Council President**

Hello Fellow Navy Leaguers,

The Holidays are quickly approaching!! It’s a very busy time of year, and I hope everyone has a chance to connect with friends and family.

The Alameda Council will be participating with the Alameda Elks Lodge in their Toys for Tots drive. This is a great way to give back and help those less fortunate. The Drive Through Toys for Tots Drop off will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 at the Alameda Elks Lodge. You can help out by volunteering to work at the drive through by contacting Michele Langford or Donate, Donate & Donate Toys.

**We are also gearing up for our Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser.** The Flyer to purchase tickets is in this newsletter, so we hope to see ALL OF YOU there. It’s our largest fundraiser of the year and we are always looking for donated items for our Silent Auction and Raffle, so if you have a favorite business or activity consider asking them if they would donate an item or experience for our fundraiser. If you have questions reach out to me at [barb.day.ca@gmail.com](mailto:barb.day.ca@gmail.com) or cell # 510-427-0072.

Wishing everyone Happy and Healthy Holidays and hope to see you all in the New Year.

Best,  
Barb Day  
Alameda Council President

### **Membership**

You can Join or Renew at: <https://www.navyleague.org/become-a-member/>  
Or use the QR Code to the right.



For more information on **Alameda Council** of the Navy League of the United States find us at



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**See you in San Diego!**

The Navy League National Convention 2024 will be held June 5-8, 2024

At the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California!

**Activities and Attractions!**

There will be many activities and attractions in San Diego for members and their families to enjoy during the National Convention.

Look for more details Coming Soon!

<https://www.navyleague.org/meetings-and-events/national-convention/>

Legislative Affairs

**Cosponsor the Pay Our Coast Guard Act!**

**The Issue**

With more than five consecutive clean audits, the Coast Guard is without a doubt the best bang for taxpayer dollars in the federal government. At a total budget of around \$12 billion, the Coast Guard is the world's premier, multi-mission, maritime service. They offer a unique and enduring value to the nation. The only branch of the U.S. Armed Forces within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), a federal law enforcement agency, a regulatory body, a first responder, and a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community – the Coast Guard is uniquely positioned to help secure the maritime border, combat transnational criminal organizations (TCO), and safeguard commerce on America's waterways.

While Congress has ensured that our men and women serving in the military do not experience any lapses in their paychecks despite potential lapses in government funding, there is currently no such mechanism for the Coast Guard. During the last government shutdown, our men and women in the Coast Guard continued conducting dangerous missions to defend our nation while also worrying about when their next paycheck would arrive.

**The Solution**

Support the Coast Guard's need for assured pay, allowances, and benefits of Coast Guard personnel, should there be a lapse in government funding. The Navy League asks Members of Congress to support the pay parity provisions in [H.R. 2693](#), Congresswoman Scholten's "Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023", and the "Pay Our Coast Guard Act" newly introduced in the Senate by a bipartisan coalition of Senators. There are countless Coast Guard allies and proponents in both the House and Senate and we believe that this provision can make it into must-pass legislation with your help!

**Why You Should Take Action**

The Coast Guard is not given the same paycheck assurance as the Department of Defense due to its jurisdiction falling under the Department of Homeland Security. During the government shutdown in 2019, over 40,000 active Coast Guard members worked without pay.

The Coast Guard is essential to national security operations, which include search-and-rescue missions, securing American ports and borders, and protecting our maritime environment. The men and women of the Coast Guard do not undertake a mission any less dangerous or any less necessary than other military branches. The Coast Guard service members should not have to worry about the wellbeing of themselves and their families while making a sacrifice to service our nation.

To Take Action Go to: <https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/48115/>

## Upcoming Events




If you would like to volunteer to help out at the drive through event contact Michele Langford at [Michelemlangford@aol.com](mailto:Michelemlangford@aol.com) or cell # 510-593-7958 for info.

Or if you would like to donate toys but can't get to the Alameda Elks Lodge for drop off you can contact Michele Langford to arrange pick up.



**Drive-Thru Drop Off**  
**December 9, 2023**  
**10am - 3pm**



We are loading up the  train!

Alameda Elks Lodge #1015 is collecting toys through 10 December

On December 9th, from 10am - 3pm, we are hosting a drive-thru drop off where anyone can quickly drop off toys.

Come to our parking lot at 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda where Santa's Elks will be there to collect your toys and deposit them into the collection bins.

No need to exit your car, so it's quick & easy!

Feel free to super-size your toy. We can handle them!

**LET'S SHARE THE GIFT OF LOVE AND CARING WITH ALL.**

**CONTACT JOE LOPARO @ 510-813-5273 OR MICHELE LANGFORD @ 510-593-7958 FOR INFO**





**SAVE THE DATE**

**Navy League CRAB and PASTA FEED**

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**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](mailto:alamedanlus@gmail.com) or [barb.day.ca@gmail.com](mailto:barb.day.ca@gmail.com) or call 510-427-0072



Community Affiliate Spotlight

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*Go Beyond.*



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## Fleet Week San Francisco 2023



### USCG Ships participate in Fleet Week San Francisco Parade of Ships

Pictured at left: National Security Cutter USCGC WAESCHE Pictured at right: Fast Response Cutter USCGC BENJAMIN BOTTOMS



Alameda Council members helped their Adopted Units, CG Cutter WAESCHE and CG Cutter BENJAMIN BOTTOMS, by facilitating Ship Tours during Fleet Week. Over a thousand people visited the ships during Fleet Week! Both the WAESCHE and Benjamin Bottoms participated in the Parade of Ships. (Pictured above)

The Alameda Council also supported a Fleet Week Reception hosted by the Coast Guard's Pacific Area Commander VADM Andrew Tiongson at Quarters on Yerba Buena Island.



### Harper for Kids (HKF) Tennis

The Alameda Council partnered with the Harper for Kids organization to sponsor a tennis clinic held at Coast Guard Island, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The program provides tennis lessons to kids using legendary coach John Wooden's Pyramid of Success Model, helping kids become "the best they are capable of becoming". The program aims to teach tennis while building character.



### BOO BINGO!!

The Alameda Council, NL participated in the 1st Annual BOO BINGO fundraiser, held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Alameda. The event was sponsored in partnership with Alameda Veterans Groups and the Oakland Council, NL. BOO Bingo was a great success, and we plan to hold 2 Bingo events a year in partnership with the same organizations.

Hope to see you at a future BINGO!





## Fall Harvest Festival



### Harvest Festival - Coast Guard Island – October 27, 2023

The Alameda Council partnered with other local Navy League Councils and the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club to provide a dessert booth with sweet treats for all the military families who attended the event.

## Adopted Units Updates

### USCGC Munro (WMSL 755)



The crew of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Munro (WMSL 755) returned to their Alameda homeport following a 23,000-mile, multi-month Western Pacific patrol operating in support of U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet by conducting multiple engagements with partner nations promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Munro departed Alameda in June. Throughout the 118-day patrol, Munro participated in international engagements in Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei, and with ships at sea from the Royal Thai Navy and United Kingdom Royal Navy.



"This opportunity to work with our allies and partners throughout the Indo-Pacific increased our regional interoperability and sharpened our seamanship," said Capt. Rula Deisher, Munro's commanding officer (pictured center right). "We appreciate and look forward to our continued partnership and at-sea engagements with the Korea Coast Guard," (pictured below) said Capt. Rula Deisher, "We are thankful for the hospitality of the city of Gwangyang and truly enjoyed the many opportunities provided to participate in both professional and cultural exchanges."





# Adopted Units Updates

## USCG District 11



Throughout Fleet Week, the Coast Guard will showcase its capabilities and commitment to the community through various public engagements “We are honored to be a part of San Francisco Fleet Week – we are the largest branch of service in the Bay Area, and we are thrilled to be a large piece of this honored event,” **said Rear Adm. Andrew Sugimoto, commander USCG District 11.** Our vast mission specialties gives us an opportunity to help ensure a safe event for everyone, as well as highlight the skills and capabilities of our service.” San Francisco Fleet Week is a multi-day event that celebrates our nation's sea services and offers the public a unique opportunity to engage with the men and women serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps.

## USCGC Waesche (WMSL 751)



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Waesche (WMSL 751) docks at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for a port call ,Oct. 16, 2023.. The Waesche's command (CO Robert Mohr pictured at left) coordinated a clean-up project with local American Legion Post 12, at Parque Lineal with the cutter's crewmembers volunteering .

In a remarkable display of humanitarian collaboration, 50+ crew members with the visiting U.S. Coast Guard ship, the USCGC Waesche, joined with several members of American Legion Post 12 Banderas Bay and ANAVETS Unit 19 Puerto Vallarta to support community clean-up efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Lidia U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard B. Uranga)





## Adopted Units Updates

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

#### Sailors of the Quarter

Ken Langford represents the Alameda Council  
Presenting a Certificate of Appreciation, Council Challenge Coin and \$50



IS1 Kasey A. Stewart, USCG MIFC PAC SOQ—2nd Quarter 2023

As a PMG geopolitical Analyst, Stewart briefed the PACAREA Commander on multiple intelligence priorities including Mexican Navy (SEMAR) Counter-Drug Capabilities, the Chinese Maritime Economy and Chinese Influence in Oceania Civil Elections. Additionally, she developed a National Intelligence Highlights Brief that drew attention to intelligence community products that met Pacific Area intelligence priorities and operational interests.



IS1 Cierra L. Nix, USCG MIFC PAC SOQ—3rd Quarter 2023

During this period, Nix quickly integrated into the Living Marine Resources Section, where her support was instrumental in the success of Operation North Pacific Guard, a multinational operation to enforce fisheries on the high seas.

### US Naval Reserve Center Alameda (NRC)

#### Naval Reserve Center Alameda making a difference in the Community



Another great volunteer event held 25 Oct 23, with the Friends of the Alameda Free Library. Thank you to our wonderful staff who volunteered for this event. Members of the Naval Reserve Center Alameda helped The Friends of the Alameda Free Library with set up for their Fall Book Sale Fundraiser. It's a big job to get all the donated books from storage to set up. The Book Sale is a major fundraiser for the Alameda Free Library and without all the volunteers who help out it would not be the success that it continues to be.

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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 Rednour ♦ 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 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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