



UPDATE

“On the Horizon”

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ALAMEDA COUNCIL**
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Newsletter of the NLUS
Alameda Council
Summer
2019

- Aug 2nd Coast Guard Day Celebration on CG Island
- Aug 4th U.S. Coast Guard Birthday ♦
- Sep 2nd Labor Day ♦
- Oct 6th-14th San Francisco Fleetweek ♦ Fly your flag
- Feb 28th Joint Council Crabfeed ♦♦ Flag at Half-Staff Sunrise to Sunset
- ♦♦♦ Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon

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“View From The Bridge”

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Message from the NLUS Alameda Council President

Navy Leaguers,

I hope your summer is going well and that you have had a chance to spend time with friends and family!

At the National Convention in Norfolk the Alameda Council’s very own newsletter “Update” was awarded with a Mackie Award. Congratulations to Barbra Day who puts our newsletter together! Bravo Zulu! I would also like to announce that Barb Day will be assuming the role of Alameda Council President. I have been nominated to be the San Francisco Bay Area President. I am excited to take on this new role for the NL and thank you Barb for stepping up to assume the role as Council President. I have enjoyed being the Alameda Council President for the past few years. Thank you for giving me the opportunity, it has been a pleasure serving as your President. I am looking forward to still serving you but in a different position! I will still be an active member of the Alameda Council and will be serving as the Vice President of the Council.

This issue of Update is jam packed with events the Alameda Council has participated in and information about up coming events. Enjoy your award winning newsletter!

v/r
Michele Langford

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NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Anchor Up!

A Leadership Communication

New National Officers for 2019-2020

Here are the [Navy League National Officers for 2019-2020](#) that were sworn in during National Convention:

National President – William Stevenson III

National Senior Vice President – Patricia Du Mont

National Corporate Secretary – Pamela K. Ammerman

National Treasurer – Joe Giambrone

Judge Advocate – David Reilly

Sea Cadets Chairman – Timothy Flatley

National Vice Presidents – Polly Bozdech-Veater, Doug Fulton, Lisa Gallinat, Virginia Gibson, Sinclair Harris, Jonathan Kaskin, Thomas Pruter, Christopher Townsend, John Vargo



Welcome to our incoming president is William (Bill) Stevenson

As national president, Bill Stevenson is sharply focused on the volunteers that make up the Navy League, giving them the valuable time and leadership they need to achieve the Navy League mission.

While strengthening the current membership, he is striving to introduce a younger demographic to the organization, providing a strong future for its councils worldwide. “It is critical that we take a fresh, forward-thinking approach to the Navy League that attracts new members while retaining our valuable core membership,” says Stevenson. “We must create new opportunities for our organization worldwide that elevate our brand, so we can maintain our strong support for the sea services for decades to come.”

We are happy that Bill is a “western states” member – from the Phoenix Council.

2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATES

1. The wording of the official mission has changed, it no longer includes the word “active” in the phrase: supporting the active men and women of the sea services and their families. This makes sense - as most councils do support veterans!

2. Next year your council president will ask you if anyone wants to be a National Delegate. The “delegates” will have similar responsibilities to those of the “directors” in the past, but will not need to attend the Fall Board Meeting on the East Coast. Please consider applying for this interesting position.



Pictured are some of the members of the Pacific Central Region at the 2019 NLUS National Convention in Norfolk, VA

National News



The Navy League of the United States hosted the annual Sea, Air and Space Exposition at the Gaylord Hotel in the DC area. The event is put on by the staff at National Headquarters. They do a fabulous job and if you ever get a chance to attend I highly recommend it! I decided to check it out as I was in the DC area at the time. I attended the Sea Service Update (Pictured Below Left) where the CG Pacific Area Commander VADM Linda Fagan was a panelist, Senior Enlisted Panel and the Sea Service Spouses Panel. These presentations were informative and well done! I also had the opportunity to attend the CG Breakfast where the Commandant of the CG ADM Karl Schultz was the guest speaker, along with our National Vice President Virginia Gibson. Together we had the chance to get our picture with ADM Schultz (Pictured Below Right)

Next year the Sea Air Space Exposition will be held April 6-8th, 2020.



Legislative Affairs

Legislative Affairs Updates

It's a big week in Congress as the National Defense Authorization Act moves through committee, and sea service funding bills will be debated on the House floor. But there is still no budget agreement that will actually provide the room for Congress to pass bills to fund the military and Merchant Marine programs. We need your help, so join us and [call on Congress to repeal the Budget Control Act](#) and avoid sequestration!

In better news, the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019 is now up to 18 co-sponsors in the Senate and 236 in the House thanks to the hard work of many people in the maritime community! Unfortunately this legislation needs two-thirds of both chambers to be considered, so we need your help to get there. [Call on your member of Congress to co-sponsor these bills](#) honoring the sacrifice of World War II Merchant Mariners.

For Access to the online portal that allows you to send an email to your representatives go to: <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Home>

Upcoming Events



Fleetweek

The Navy League will be greeting ships for Fleetweek, if you are interested in volunteering as a Greeter please email Julio Blea or Michele Langford.

There will also be an opportunity for NL members to tour ships that come in for Fleetweek. The tentative date for this tour is Tuesday Oct. 8th. If you are interested in attending, please email Michele Langford.

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Michele Langford- michelemlangford@aol.com

For additional information on all Fleetweek activities please visit their website at:

<https://fleetweeksf.org/>

OCTOBER 6 - 14, 2019



SAVE THE DATE

Navy League CRAB and PASTA FEED

Friday, February 28, 2020

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





Honor Flight Bay Area Tours

INFO: Honor Flight Bay Area - Travel to Washington, DC

Do you know a veteran what would be interested in taking an Honor Flight to our nation's capital or would you like to volunteer as an escort? Get all information needed at

<https://www.honorflightbayarea.org>.

Our Next Tours

Flight 22: Sep 12-14 2019

Flight 23: Oct 17-19 2019

Top priority is given to America's most senior heroes - survivors of World War II, Korea, and the Vietnam War and those with terminal illness who wish to visit their memorials.

Membership



Complementary Electronic Membership

ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES

For All You Do ... Let Us Give Back to You

Spouses of those currently serving in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard are eligible for a complimentary electronic membership with the Navy League of the United States.

The Navy League is your partner supporting those currently serving and their families, advocating for the sea services and educating the public and government officials about the importance of a strong sea services. Offering a complimentary e-membership is just one more way we are here for you.

Need

Our ability to support the United States Coast Guard depends upon growing our membership. The more USCG advocates we have, the bigger our impact.

Benefits

Navy League e-membership includes:

- Access to more than 30 discount programs
- Electronic subscription to *Seapower* magazine
- Membership in your local council
- Invitations to local events and ship commissionings
- Ability to join national committees

Relevant and timely news and information



Ready to join?

1-Year Military Spouse E-Membership: \$0

<https://www.navyleague.org/join-us/individual-membership/active-duty-spouse>

Select "Alameda" as your council hen choosing the council to join

Council Activities

Alameda Memorial Day Celebration



Alameda Council participated in the city's annual Memorial Day ceremony to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation at Alameda Veterans Memorial Park on Bay Farm Island. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, chapter 400, the ceremony included an address from U.S. Coast Guard Base Alameda Commander Jose Pena. Local organizations, including our council, placed wreaths at the memorial. The day included a special tribute to parents who lost children while serving in the armed forces. Navy League Sea Cadets from Grey Ghost division served as the color guard.

After the ceremony concluded the Council held a BBQ and General Membership meeting hosted at the Langford house.



Joint Council Adopted Units BBQ

The Alameda, Lake Merritt and Oakland Council's held their Spring Adopted Units BBQ on May 16th at the Chief's Hut on Coast Guard Island. We had a great turnout from units across the Coast Guard as well as members from the Naval Operations Support Center—Alameda -pictured at right with Ken Langford and Anne Gooch from the Alameda Council. A big thank you goes to the BBQ Crew from the Oakland Council! (Pictured at left)



Thank You to the Golden Gate Chapter Chief Petty Officers Association

The Golden Gate Chapter of the Chief Petty Officer's Association has been a great and generous partner to both the local Navy League Councils and the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club, in letting us all use the Chief's hut for meetings and events. As a thank you the Oakland & Alameda Councils along with the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club purchased a new grill for the hut and presented it to Officers of the CPOA (Pictured at left)

Council Activities



Getting the Word Out About Navy League

Above: Anne Gooch from the Alameda Council mans the information booth at the Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council's Annual Seminar. Getting the word out to the attendees of the seminar about the Navy League, who we are, what we do, and how to join and make a difference.

Below: Julio Blea from the Lake Merritt Council at the information booth at the Valor Games of the Far West Resource Faire. Alameda and Lake Merritt Councils hosted an information booth at the Valor Games of the Far West Resource Faire in June to promote Navy League Membership. Greeting Athletes and volunteers, council reps provided Navy League brochures on local council and national maps that reflected other councils, as many of the athletes were not from the local area, we were able to provide contact info for the athletes local councils.



Adopted Units

USCG District 11

Captain James B. Pruett, Eleventh Coast Guard District Chief of Staff retired from the Coast Guard on 11 July 2019



Rear Admiral Brian Penoyer, Commander, Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) presided. Captain Pruett received his commission in 1991 at Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, VA. He served in the marine safety and prevention field prior to earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Golden Gate University, School of Law in San Francisco. As Chief of Staff, Captain Pruett was the principle advisor to the District Commander on all Coast Guard missions conducted in the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah and all the coastal and offshore waters to include the offshore waters of Mexico and Central America covering over 3.3 million square miles. Captain Pruett was awarded the Legion of Merit, his second, at the retirement ceremony.

CAPT Joseph R. Buzzella, previous Sector San Diego Commander will take over as D11 Chief of Staff. (pictured left CAPT Buzzella with CAPT Pruett)

Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)

Change of Command

The Coast Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC) held a change-of-command ceremony Friday at Coast Guard Base Alameda. CAPT Michael Guldin relieved CAPT Ronald Pailliotet during the ceremony, which was presided over by VADM Linda L. Fagan, commander of the Coast Guard's Pacific Area.

Following the change-of-command ceremony, CAPT Pailliotet retired after 25 years of service. CAPT Pailliotet and his family will reside in Yuma AZ for their next adventure.

CAPT Guldin previously served at the National Intelligence University as a Strategic Intelligence Research Fellow, and his immediate previous assignment was at the Coast Guard Cryptologic Group.



From left to right: CAPT Pailliotet receiving a Legion of Merit award from VADM Fagan, CAPT Pailliotet making his remarks during the change of command ceremony. The Pailliotet family, we wish them Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Adopted Units

USCGC MUNRO (WMSL 755)

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Munro returns home to Alameda following 98-day counterdrug patrol, more than \$467 million worth of cocaine seized

ALAMEDA, Calif. – The crew aboard Coast Guard Cutter Munro (WMSL 755) returned home to Alameda Monday following a three month counter-drug patrol in international waters off the coasts of Central and South America in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

This was Munro’s first counter-drug patrol since its commissioning in 2017, and resulted in drug seizures onboard five “panga” style vessels, one low-profile go-fast vessel, one fishing vessel, and one self-propelled semi-submersible vessel.

The interdiction of the self-propelled semi-submersible on June 18th resulted in the removal of over 17000 pounds of cocaine, worth an estimated \$232 million, making it the Coast Guard’s largest single seizure since 2015. The eight interdictions resulted in the total seizure of more than 31,000 pounds of illicit narcotics worth an estimated \$467 million in wholesale value.

During the patrol, Munro’s crew conducted over 230 flight evolutions with an embarked helicopter from the Coast Guard’s Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON), which specializes in providing airborne use of force during maritime drug interdiction efforts.

Munro’s embarked HITRON team utilized disabling fire on the outboard engines of two fleeing suspect vessels, allowing the cutter’s boarding teams to gain positive control. This was HITRON’s most successful deployment since the unit’s inception twenty years ago.

“I’m incredibly proud of this crew and their accomplishments,” said MUNRO’s Commanding Officer, Capt. James Estramonte. “The success of this patrol is a testament to their hard work and dedication. As they spend some well-deserved down time with their families, they can rest assured that they’ve made a difference by preventing this poison from reaching our streets, and that they’ve taken some of the profits out of the pockets of international drug cartels.”

The Munro [offloaded the contraband](#), along with 8000 pounds of drugs seized by two other Coast Guard cutters, last Thursday in San Diego. The total amount offload was over 39,000 pounds of cocaine and 933 pounds of marijuana, worth an estimated \$569 million.

Vice President Pence, James W. Carroll, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, DEA acting administrator Uttam Dhillon, and Vice Adm. Linda Fagan, commander of Coast Guard Pacific Area, attended the event and gave remarks to the crew and media.

“Our men and women on the frontlines face the highest levels of cocaine cultivation and smuggling ever, and the mission of our Coast Guard crews is fraught with challenge,” said Fagan.

70% of the Coast Guard’s offshore presence is the service’s aging fleet of medium endurance cutters, many of which are over 50 years old, Fagan noted. “In order to maximize effectiveness, their replacements, the Offshore Patrol Cutters, must feature the same advanced capabilities that national security cutters like Munro have utilized to be so successful.”

The Munro is the sixth of the Coast Guard’s legend class national security cutters. National security cutters feature advanced command-and-control capabilities, aviation support facilities, stern cutter boat launch and increased endurance for long-range patrols to disrupt threats to national security further offshore.



Adopted Units

USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL 751)

WAESCHE Damage Control Training

“THIS IS A DRILL...NOW FIRE, FIRE, FIRE IN THE AFT MAIN MACHINERY ROOM.
ALL HANDS SET GENERAL EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MACHINERY SPACE FIRE DOCTRINE.
SET MODIFIED ZEBRA, DO NOT SET ZEBRA ON THE FIRE MAIN”

WAESCHE's Engineering Department, led by the damage control division, conducted basic damage control training while off the coast of San Diego. The training was aimed at building proficiency with newly reported crew and as a refresher for more seasoned WAESCHE sailors. Topics covered include hose handling, donning protective gear, first aid, investigator techniques, and repair locker organization.



Naval Operations Service Center Alameda (NOSC)



The Naval Operations Service Center (NOSC) Alameda held their 2nd Quarter Enlisted Person of the Quarter awards ceremony at their facility in Alameda. Barbara Day was there to represent the Alameda Council and present Certificates of Appreciation, Alameda Council challenge coin, and a cash reward for a job well done and very much appreciated by the Navy League. Pictured at Left: Barbara Day, Junior SOQ HM2 Henry J Moore III, CAPT Kanan Ott (Commanding Officer NOSC) Pictured at Right: Barbara Day, Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter HM3 Robert R. Fernandez Jr. Not Present: Senior SOQ MA1 Emmanuel Theart

Adopted Units

Sea Cadet Units: Grey Ghost Division & Training Ship Kersarge



Change of Command

On April 14th CDR Paul Norton was relieved of command by LCDR John Aquino. CDR Norton's hard work and Leadership over the years is much appreciated. He has made a difference in the lives of many young people through his time as the Commanding Officer of the Sea Cadet Units Grey Ghost Division and Training Ship Kersarge. We wish Paul Fair Winds and Following Seas.



Memorial Day Ceremony Held at Veterans Park, Alameda, CA

Members of the Grey Ghost Division and Training Ship Kersarge represented the Sea Cadet Program at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Alameda. They participated as the Color Guard as well as escorts for presentors. Thanks for participating in this important event.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/GGDTSK/>



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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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