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**NAVY LEAGUE
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ALAMEDA COUNCIL**
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Newsletter of the NLUS
Alameda Council
**Winter
2023**

- Jan 1 Happy New Year!!!
 - Feb Date TBD - General Membership Meeting
 - Mar 3 Joint Council Crab Feed Fundraiser
 - Apr 3-5 Sea Air Space Expo—National Harbor, MD
 - Spring Region Meeting - Date to be Determined
 - Jun 7-11 National Convention - Dallas Texas
- ♦ Fly your flag
 - ♦♦ Flag at Half-Staff Sunrise to Sunset
 - ♦♦♦ Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon

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“View From The Bridge”

Barb Day, President

Message from the NLUS Alameda Council President

Hello Fellow Navy Leaguers,

**Can you believe it's 2023!??
We are looking forward to a Great year!**

Our largest fundraiser of the year is our upcoming Joint Council Crab Feed, scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023. It is a great evening of delicious food and great comradery along with the opportunity to support the Navy League Councils through our live and silent auctions as well as our raffle. So make sure to be there and bring your friends and family with you!! We will be emailing information about how to purchase tickets to attend in the coming weeks.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the many tasks that come with putting this event on. If you would like to find out how you can help please reach out to Michele Langford at - MicheleLangford@aol.com or myself at - barb.day.ca@gmail.com or you can email the council account at alamedanlus@gmail.com and we'll reach out to you. **I look forward to seeing everyone there.**

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

Sea Air Space 2023



April 3-5, 2023

STEM Expo: April 2 | Conference and Exposition: April 3-5

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

National Harbor, Maryland

Sea Air Space held in national Harbor, MD is scheduled for April 3-5 2023.

Registration is now open at seairspace.org.

Navy League National Convention 2023



National Convention 2023 will be held in Dallas Texas June 7-11.

Check back soon for hotel information



Center for Maritime Strategy

A Partnership with the Navy League of the United States

The Center for Maritime Strategy (CMS) is a non-profit, non-partisan research institution dedicated to studying maritime issues and their context within wider American national security policy. Through its research and analysis, external outreach, publications, and high-level events, CMS engages key stakeholders across government, academia, and industry.

Our mission is to strengthen American national security through its sea services, conducting policy-driven research, advocacy, and education on the relationship between maritime power and national security policy. Founded in January 2022, the Center supports all of the Nation's sea services, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, through conducting scholarly research and analysis to drive prudent national security policies. Its inception came in response to several key national security challenges that demand revitalized maritime power:

1. The re-emergence of strategic competition with China and Russia.
 2. The decline of the American maritime industrial base.
 3. The expense and complexity of maritime platforms and systems which necessitates judicious foresight and long-term force planning.
 4. Ever-increasing globalization driven by maritime highways and expanding sea-based infrastructure.
- The difficulty of achieving political consensus on Capitol Hill in an era of heightened partisan polarization. The Navy League of the United States sponsors the Center for Maritime Strategy, furnishing operational support and leveraging its 120-year history of supporting the American sea services with nearly 200 local chapters throughout the globe.

For more information about the Center for Maritime Strategy go to: <https://centerformaritimestrategy.org/>

Membership

Navy League Announces Active Duty Membership

All Service Members Now Eligible to Join Organization



A Powerful Resource for Active-Duty Members

The Navy League of the United States membership program provides active-duty service members with benefits that serve them at every phase of their career and life. Active duty member of the Navy League enjoy all the same benefits of our members.

Transition Assistance Community Member Benefits Scholarships Giving Back

Your Next Mission

When you become a member of the Navy League, you are ensuring that your time in uniform is not the only time in your life where your drive to serve a greater purpose was met. Enrolling prior to your retirement will create a seamless transition, where you and your family will have strong community ties anywhere, with 200 councils ready to help.

Through national and local programs, the Navy League of the United States provides a powerful voice to educate the public and Congress on the importance of our sea services to our nation's defense, well-being and economic prosperity.

To Join Scan the QR Code and Select Alameda Council.

Region News

Pacific Central Region Fall Meeting

The Fall Region meeting was hosted by the Vallejo Council and held at the Cal Maritime Academy. Thanks to the Vallejo Council for organizing this great event.

Pictured from top: Pam Speka (President Contra Costa Council) receiving a Cert. of Appreciation from Michele Langford (Region President); Carey (Lake Merritt Council) and Carrie Barnecut (Alameda Council) receiving Cert. of Appreciation from Michele Langford; USCG Aux District Commadore Dean McFarren, Guest Speaker; Group Photo of attendees; Michele Langford, Thomas Cropper (President of CSUM, USN RADM ret.) Steve Nash (President of Vallejo Council) and Don Anderson (Northern California Area President)





SAVE THE DATE
Navy League CRAB and PASTA FEED

Friday, March 3, 2023

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
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Community Affiliate Spotlight

Earn More with a SeaWest Certificate

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Council News

ALAMEDA COUNCIL HELPS COAST GUARD CUTTER STRATTON WITH COMMUNITY OUTREAC



The outreach events took place in Savoonga and Kaktovik, two Arctic villages in Alaska. Eighteen STRATTON crew members traveled to these villages to meet with tribal leaders and interact with local children.

The Alameda Council provided the hand crafted blankets which were given to the residents when the crew met with the native communities. The blankets were made by Navy League friends and supporters. The communities were incredibly thankful for the blankets.

In a thank you note from the SRATTON, Captain Steve Adler said: “You and your team are commended for playing an integral role in helping STRATTON accomplish the mission of native nation engagement. These engagements directly support our National Security. In these uncertain times, it has never been more important that the world knows the United States military maintains an Arctic presence. Furthermore, it is important all Americans know the United States Coast Guard maintains a global presence to protect and save them.”

Adopted Units BBQ

Eight Bells Sea Service Celebration Adopted Units BBQ



On October 18th the Alameda, Lake Merritt and Oakland Councils hosted their Fall Adopted Units BBQ to thank all their adopted units for their service. The event was held on October 18th to coincide with the Eight Bells Sea Service Celebration. The celebration was created for the annual commemoration of all who serve on or support cutters in the Coast Guard and other sea services, as well as paying respect to all deceased mariners. The ringing of eight bells signifies the end of a sailor's “watch”. Each of the three councils support different units on the Island, as well as the four Pac Area cutters. So, the barbecue is open to all members stationed on Coast Guard Island as well as additional Naval and Marine units nearby!

Pictured below left at the chiefs’ Hut are Navy League volunteers and the last of the lunchers, including Coast Guard Pacific Area Commanding Officer, Vice Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson who came to thank the Navy League for the event.





Executive Board Alameda Council Nominations and Proposed Slate

President : Barb Day
Vice President: Michele Langford
Secretary: Mike Smith
Treasurer: Anne Gooch

We will be voting on our executive board at our first members meeting of 2023. Please look for additional details on Date and Location. Above is the proposed slate for executive board. If you are interested in serving on the Alameda Council Board please contact us at alamedanlus@gmail.com

Partnership Updates

Alameda Naval Air Museum



Alameda Naval Air Station closed in 1997, after being opened in 1942. As the base drew down in employees and work, entities brought their historical documents or items to the current Naval Air Museum, located in Bldg. 77, at Alameda Point. Formerly housing the flight terminal, for passengers and cargo moving up and down the coast and around the world this 3 story building has been converted into a facility that showcases the work of Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF) and the tenant commands based at NAS. We have displays of General Jimmy Doolittle, who lived in Alameda and where his B-25's were craned aboard the USS Hornet before the raid on Tokyo in 1942. We have one of the largest exhibits of Pan Am Airways, who called Alameda home prior to the construction of the base. The network and flight paths established by Pan Am were crucial in the future operations of the Pacific Air Forces during WWII. We have a fairly decent library of many books that can be researched and viewed, including original blueprints of the base construction. We have recently added a well-managed uniform repository for donations and now have a splendid train display with an operating scale train that is nearly 20 feet long and oval track. The

piers at NAS Alameda were the terminus for the trans-continental railroad and supplied many ships with their goods needed to sail on time, including fuel and weapons. Finally, the former cafeteria on the 2nd floor is home to a 200 person capacity venue with stage and sound system for meetings, get togethers and other events with revenues supporting the operations of the museum. We could always use your help – from minor construction, repair, and painting to development and implementation of a point of sale for our gift shop. COVID was hard on many businesses but we have been able to weather that storm and look forward to more visitors as Alameda Point continues to develop and please contact us for volunteer opportunities!

Alan Tubbs – Board Member alamedanavalairmuseum@gmail.com

East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club



The Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Councils partnered with the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club to host a dessert table for the Fall Festival held at CG Island in Alameda. Over 300 CG active duty and family members attended the event!

Adopted Units Updates

US Coast Guard District 11

USCG District 11 Presents Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Civilian of the Quarter

SK1 Sara Ross was selected as the D11 Enlisted Person of the Quarter for her outstanding performance.

Mr. Mark Gregory was selected as the D11 Civilian of the Quarter for his outstanding performance.

The USCG District 11 held their All Hands on 30 Nov 2022 where they made the above presentations. As one of the Alameda Council's adopted units the council provided Certificates, Challenge Coins, and \$50 check to thank them for their outstanding commitment to excellence and their service to our country.

USCG Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC)

USCG MIFC PAC Enlisted Person of the Quarter



MIFC PAC Held their All Hands on 23 Sept 2022, Ken Langford represented the Alameda Council in presenting a Certificate, Challenge Coin and \$50 to MIFC PAC's Enlisted Person of the Quarter (pictured at right)

USCGC Waesche (WMSL 751)



WAESCHE is eagerly anticipating its upcoming operational patrol, after an extensive dockside that affected nearly every equipment system on the ship including replacement of both main propulsion diesel engine gear cases and overhauling two ships service diesel generators. The work paid off with successful shakedown trips in late November and early December. The attached photos are from the shakedown trips that included helicopter operations at sunset near the Farallon Islands and inspecting the anchor chains out to the 8th shot while anchored in San Francisco. As you can see the weather conditions were ideal for training and testing. Many of WAESCHE's crew also completed recertifications and earned qualifications that will be needed for our upcoming patrol.

Naval Reserve Support Center (NRC) Alameda

NCR Alameda held their unit holiday Party on 15 Dec 2022 where they honored their Service Members of the year.

ACTIVE/TAR:

Sailor of the Year - IT1(SW) Ivan Smith III
Junior Sailor of the Year - HM2 Samantha C. Concepcion
Blue Jacket of the Year - AO3(EXW) Irma A. Avila

SELRES (Reserves):

Sailor of the Year - HM1 James E. Jeffery
Junior Sailor of the Year - LS2 Noel Manansala
Blue Jacket of the Year - MA3 Rico W Mak

As an Alameda Council Adopted Unit, the Council provided Certificates, Challenge Coins and \$50 to each awardee to say Thank you for your service.

Pictured (left to right): Commanding Officer CAPT Kerri Chase presents award to IT1 Ivan Smith; CMC Jeffrey McNair presents award to HM2 Samantha Concepcion; CMC Jeffrey McNair presents award to LS2 Noel Manansala



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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 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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