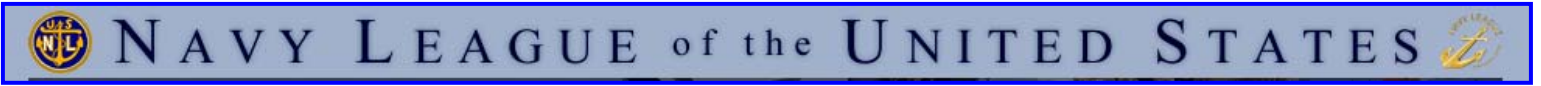


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President's Message

Jim Harbuck

Welcome to the first edition of the Sea Chant in 2015. Our Board, in January, held its Annual Planning Meeting and we are well on our way to having a strong program for our members this year.

First of all, let me recap the highlights of 2014. The activities, functions and contributions to many worthy groups were only made possible by the continued financial support from you, our members. Thank you so much! Here are some of the 2014 highlights:

- We provided financial assistance in the amount of some \$3,900.00 to our adopted active sea service units, our two adopted Sea Cadet units and other military related organizations.
- Several of our Board Members served on the commissioning committee for the USS America (the 1st in its class of a new amphibious assault ship). Our Council made a donation to support the commissioning ceremony.
- Part of our Christmas Open House and Brunch is our "Christmas Cheer" program wherein we present our adopted units and Sea Cadets with checks for their units. In 2014 these Christmas Cheer checks totaled some \$2,100.

I would also like to give a 'well done' (Bravo Zulu) to the Officers and Board of Directors for their hard work this past year. It takes a team to keep things rolling along smoothly. I can assure you that we have a 'can do' team.

Further on in the Sea Chant you will find a list of upcoming events. Please take time to mark these dates in your calendar. I, and the Board of Directors, look forward to seeing you at these events.

If you have any suggestions or comments feel free to contact me or any Board member. We would love to hear from you.

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END OF 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Pearl Harbor Dinner

Rear Admiral Joseph A. Servidio, USCG, Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District was, our guest speaker at the Contra Costa Council's annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance dinner. Several veterans' organizations co-sponsored the evening, also, paying tribute to all Pearl Harbor Survivors. This remembrance affair was the seventh observed by our Council, the only such event in the area.



Gynithe LaSalle—Reflections on December 7th



Gladys Boomer—Reflections on her service



Rear Admiral Servidio & Jim Harbuck

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots Brunch has been an annual Council event for more years than anyone can recall, but at least 15 years. The gathering of toys for less-privileged children, for whom the U. S. Marine Corps acts as Santa Claus, is always a joyous affair made successful by the very generous participation of Navy League members in our Council. At the end of the afternoon, Marines from our adopted USMC Reserve Center in Concord, depart with a vehicle filled with the toys piled high at the front door. The need for such toys seems to increase each year, the Marines report.



Vice Admiral Ray and Mrs Ray, USMC Reserve Training Center Staff and guests



Caption Stump—CO Sector SF receiving Christmas Cheer check from Lorin Andersen

2015 INSTALLATION DINNER

Was held on Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Past President Jeanne Sharkey installed our new officers and all were approved and elected. We enjoyed a dinner attended by several of our members and we were pleased to have 2 new members join our ceremony.

LTC Curtin, CO of the USMC Reserve Training Center located in Concord, CA. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device (gold star in lieu of second award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon (gold star in lieu of second award).



Jeanne Sharkey installing Board of Officers



President Jim Harbuck & LTC Chris Curtin, USMC



Pam Speka with new members: Rich & Judy Rich and Roger & Holly Meininger

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Log Line

Sector San Francisco has been a bifurcated command divided between Coast Guard and Yerba Buena islands – that will soon come to an end. Approximately ½ of the Prevention Department staff who worked on CGI through December 2014 have moved to YBI—the balance will make the transition by July 2015. This is an important strategic enhancement for a number of reasons. First and foremost, combining forces and talents helps to facilitate better communications and partnering between the Sector's departments. Additionally, it generates synergistic effects through cross training and interdepartmental operations.

Several Sector key personnel will be transferring this summer, including the Deputy, CAPT Mike Day (who will assume command of Sector New York); the Planning Chief, CDR Lexia Littlejohn; our Waterways Management Chief and acting Prevention Department Head, CDR Amy Wirts, and; the Command Center Chief, LCDR Shawn Lansing. These amazing officers will be missed; the good news is their successors have a superb service reputation and will thrive within months after joining the Sector Team.

One of Sector's subordinate units, Coast Guard Cutter PIKE, recently finished a two-plus week counterdrug operation in Southern CA. The crew had a huge drug bust – 2,838 pounds of marijuana and the detention of 3 narco-traffickers who were operating a panga heading north. Congrats to LT Tim Berry and the rest of his crew.

USCG Station Vallejo Cookout is June 12, 2015. This is the date that XO Darrell Strickland, now Chief, is leaving to Crescent City, California. This is the day that his replacement is coming in as well.

Toys were not the only gifts brought to the **Council's Toys for Tots** Brunch in December. Two of the lovely "Hostess Gifts" were left, without the givers names attached. Hostess Jeanne is asking for help so she can solve the mystery!

A lovely wild Alaskan smoked sockeye salmon found its way from the Northwest, and two beautiful golden White House tree ornaments arrived, as well.

Jeanne is asking the kind givers to call her and fess up. 925-228-1375. She will be very pleased.

US Navy VQ3 Detachment, it is great to see all the support again this year at the Bill and Jeanne's house for Christmas Brunch. They are great Ambassador's for the Navy League, and truly gracious hosts.

As you know, we have been doing quite a bit of turnover the past 3-4 months. Senior Chief Ure will be our new Senior Enlisted Leader and Assistant Officer-in-Charge. He is taking over Senior Chief Weatherly's position. He will be a great point of contact, as he will be here with us for about three years.

Please let us know if there are any events coming up in the near future. Once again, thank you for your great support.

The Wall That Heals

Coming to the Bay Area April 9-12, 2015

Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno

LIVIN' GOOD FROM CAROLYN LIVENGOOD FOR 12/19/2014-SAN MATEO COUNTY TIMES.

The Wall That Heals, a half-scale, traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be available for public viewing from April 9-12 at Golden Gate National Cemetery, 1300 Sneath Lane (Veterans Way), in San Bruno.

"This is the kickoff event for the Bay Area's two-year commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War (visit: www.vietnamwar50th.com)," wrote Keith Blackey, The Wall That Heals committee chairman, in a flyer.

Built in 1982, The Wall had an important mission: to honor Vietnam veterans and heal the wounds of our nation. More than 30 years later, the mission continues as funds are raised to build the Education Center at the Wall in Washington, D.C., to educate future generations and honor America's legacy of service, including our military personnel serving today.

On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled the 250 feet long replica, which is designed to travel to communities throughout the U.S. Since then, The Wall That Heals has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout our nation to bring the memorial's healing legacy to millions, allowing the souls enshrined on the memorial to once more be among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit also provides an opportunity for thousands of veterans, who have not been able to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall, to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, which allows the healing process to start.

"Volunteers are being sought to serve on a committee to prepare for The Wall That Heals," wrote Blackey. "Must-attend committee meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. the first and third Saturdays from Jan. 17 to April 4 at the Golden Gate National Cemetery maintenance building off Sneath Lane."

Sponsors of the traveling exhibit are also needed. Blackey hopes to raise \$10,000 to cover expenses related to bringing The Wall That Heals to the Bay Area.

"Sponsors will be hosted to a private viewing, recognized during the commemorative ceremony on Apr. 12, and listed in all promotional material," wrote Blackey. "Donations are 100 percent deductible."

For questions, to volunteer, and to donate, call Keith Blackey on his mobile phone at 650-704-2985 or email: Keith@Blackey.net.

News and Notes from National President James H. Offutt

The Sea-Air-Space Exposition will continue to support the mission of the Navy League and lead the way as THE exposition to attend each year to display the most current information and technology relevant to maritime policy.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that Littoral Combat Ships (LCSs) will be renamed Fast Frigates (FFs). This will occur as they are modified with more missiles and guns. Also, in the follow-on program to the current LCS buy, ships will be modified as they are built. These new builds along with the LCS will fulfill the Navy's requirement for 52 small surface combatants. In the same speech, the Secretary pointed out that in the time he has been in office 70 more Navy ships have been procured. Despite the looming threat of budget cuts, the Secretary said that now is not the time to give up the progress we have made with our shipbuilding. Other interesting items included a plan for shorter ship deployments, an effort to improve the quality of life for both at-sea and shore rotations, and the closing of a gap in surface at-sea billets that approaches 20,000. Headlines from the symposium and other breaking sea service news can always be found at the Seapower website.

EVENTS PAGE

April *	USMC BBQ at USMC Reserve Training Center-Concord
April 14	Sea Services Awards Dinner
June 12	Station Vallejo Cookout
August *	Rosie the Riveter Museum
August 20	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday dinner
October 22	U.S. Navy-U.S. Marine Corps Birthday dinner
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner
December TBD	Toys for Tots Brunch

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