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President's Message

Jim Harbuck

Wow, by the time you receive this issue we will almost be half way through 2015. It has a busy time for your Council. We have had two dinners. One of which, the Sea Services Awards dinner, was extra special as it highlighted the outstanding achievements of these fine Sea Service personnel and Sea Cadets. We also had a BBQ for the US Marine personnel and their families on May 1st. Our great group of volunteers then turned around on May 2nd and gave a pizza party for our Sea Cadet units. June 12 was a cookout for Station Vallejo personnel and their families.

There is more to come in the rest of the year. Please keep your eye out for flyers on these events in the coming months. In fact you'll receive a flyer in July for the US Coast Guard birthday dinner to be held in August

Our Council is one of the busiest in the Bay Area. We are able to do so through the super efforts of your Board of Directors. We all have many duties, however, I would like to highlight the focus on one particular group. These are the liaisons to our eight adopted active duty units and the Sea Cadets. They are the communication link (the Council's eyes & ears so to speak) of what's going on in each unit, what assistance we can do for the unit & their families and to coordinate events to show our appreciation for what they do for our Nation. Here is a Bravo Zulu (a well done) to the following liaisons:

US Coast Guard:

Aids to Navigation-SF	Jeff Hall
Cutter ASPEN	Trevor & Wren Hall
Sector San Francisco	Lorin & Sally Andersen
Station Vallejo	Jo & Al Romine

US Navy:

Recruiting Station-Golden Hills	Jeanne Sharkey
Strategic Telecommunications	Marge Burns
UnitVQ-3 Aviation Detachment	Pamela Speka & Barney Meade

US Marine Corps:

USMC Reserve Training Center	Pete Gates
6th ANGLICO	

Sea Cadets:

Diablo Squadron &	Bruce & Chris Clegg
Training Ship Lorraine Hughey	

These folks and many others are what keeps this Council humming and on an even keel.

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Help yourself to some good BBQ.



Jo Romine laughing with Pete Gates and the Cruishanks!



The Boat Ride for the Day!



Guests on board at the Vallejo Cookout Boat Ride!

OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION

FLEET WEEK IN OCTOBER

Fleet Week 2015 is in the planning stages. Many details remain to be resolved by the Fleet Week Committee in San Francisco. At this time it appears we will have four U. S. Navy ships coming in. Other ships from other nations and the Coast Guard will be added for the parade of ships and the open ship schedules along the San Francisco waterfront. We have heard that the parade of ships will again, be held on Friday to begin Fleet Week. Not confirmed.

Planning for the air show and other activities as held in previous years is still in the works. The Navy's Blue Angels are scheduled to perform their usual spectacular demonstration above San Francisco Bay.

As details are confirmed closer to the October events, we will pass them along.

COAST GUARD AWARDS LUNCHEON

The annual Pacific Central Region Coast Guard Awards luncheon will be held Friday, August 28th at Coast Guard Island. This recognition of the 'Best of the Best' in the Eleventh Coast Guard District, this year being the 25th such event, will be held on Coast Guard Island at 11:30 a.m. Navy Leaguers are encouraged to attend to show our appreciation for what the Coast Guard's finest do for us. Rear Admiral Joseph A. Servidio, USCG, Commander of the Eleventh District, will be the presenter of the awards assisted by =Navy League Region President Darrell Fike and a representative of the Sea West Coast Guard Federal Credit Union which presents each of the 13 awardees with a certificate for \$100.

A flyer with details will be forthcoming.

PACIFIC CENTRAL REGION MEETING

A meeting of members of the Pacific Central Region will be held in Alameda on Saturday, August 28. Region President Darrell Fike, of Carson City, announced the meeting which will follow the Coast Guard awards event being held on Friday. A 'Welcome Aboard' reception/gathering will be held Friday evening prior to the Saturday morning meeting. A luncheon will follow the meeting, scheduled at this time for the Air Museum at the Oakland airport.

Darrell has encouraged attendance by all Navy League members, not just Council officers. Sessions will be held on several topics of concern to the sea services. Sessions will also deal with Council matters to assist Council leaders.

A flyer with details will be sent to all Contra Costa Council members.

Log Line

Concord Marines Change of Command

Lt Col. Christopher Curtin, current commander of the 6th Anglico and good friend of the CCCNLUS, is moving on to his new assignment in the Pentagon. A Change of Command Ceremony will take place at the Training Center on 12 June commencing promptly at 1000.

The new Commander will be LtCol. Zyla.

An invitation has been extended to members of our Board of Directors. No RSVP is necessary. Our Council will be well represented by the Harbucks, the Gates', Betty Wyrick and Pam Speka who have already made plans to attend.

Please note that this ceremony is on the same day as the Station Vallejo Cookout which starts at 1100. It is important that we strongly support the Cookout and many of us plan to attend both.

Semper Fi!

Log-Line On Friday, May 1st, CCCNLUS hosted a barbeque for the 6th ANGLICO Marines;

Staff and their families at their Training Center in Concord. We prepared and served a lavish luncheon to approximately 80 people including a strong showing of about 45 Navy Leaguers. CO Lt Col Cristopher Curtin expressed his sincere appreciation to the Navy League for their willingness to sponsor such a great event in support of his Marines. The menu consisted of grilled Tri-tip roast, grill chicken tenders, potato salad, special Navy League cole slaw salad and rolls. Beverages consisted of iced tea, lemonade and ice water. All of this was followed by ice cream bars and cookies. The weather was great and a good time was had by all.



Here is the Sea Chant input from Sector SF.

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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.

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VQ3 We did march in the Dixon May Fair parade last month. I do not see why the we could not conduct a tour next year at some point.

SEA SERVICES DINNER



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, awardee of the year, NC1 Steven Powell, Jeanne Sharke, and CPO Michael Curran, USN.



Congressman DeSaulnier, Awardee of the year, Sea Cadet Michael Maetinez, NSCC, and Bruce and Chris Clegg.



Congressman DeSaulnier, Captain Gregory Stump, USCG, and awardee of the year, MST2 David Irvin, USCG.



Our Navy Leaguer of the Year, Pete Gates, and our President, Jim Harbuck.



Navy Leaguer, Pete Gates with Barbara Harbuck and his award.



Navy Leaguer, Mariam with Jim Harbuck.



Miriam and Marge greeting everyone with their tremendous personalities and service.

SEA CADETS PIZZA PARTY AND AWARDS CEREMONY



Last May, a day-long training certified 22 of 25 Cadets for First Aid and CPR. The NL supplied Pizza, etc for the tired Cadets, but surprising to us, the Cadets headed for the strawberries first. Is this a breach of proper behavior for a teenager?

The Cadets have been helping community service for emergency events in Antioch. Meanwhile the Sea Cadets have been doing Color Guard and commemoration service in Concord.

Many of the Cadets are busy doing training at Camp Pendleton in the San Diego area.

Bay Area Events

10th Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday, August 31, at Moraga Country Club. Shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds go to support the families visiting severely injured veterans hospitalized at the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in Palo Alto. Four-person best ball. Cost: \$200 includes green fees, cart, box lunch, dinner, team and individual awards. Includes \$25,000 vehicle hole-in-one contest, \$5,000 putting contest, \$1 million shootout, raffle and silent auction. Contact information: Steve Cruikshank at (925) 938-6364, s.cruikshank@comcast.net, cccnl.org or www.walnutcreekwealth.com (Charities).

August 10	Alameda-Oakland NL Golf Tournament at Chuck Corica Golf Complex
August *	Rosie the Riveter Museum
August 20	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday dinner
August 31	10th Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament
October 22	U.S. Navy-U.S. Marine Corps Birthday dinner
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner
December TBD	Toys for Tots Brunch

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Be sure to contact Marge Burns, Membership Chairman for all address and contact information changes and updates.

Use the enrollment form on the back page of the Sea Chant and mail directly to Marge.

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Please enroll me as a Navy Leaguer Today!

I am not a U.S. Citizen *I am a U.S. Citizen*

New Member Renewal

Name(s) (Mr., Mrs., Dr. etc.) First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Name of Spouse: (Mr., Mrs., etc.) First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

Address: Number, Street Name, (Apt., Ste., P.O. Box) Date of birth

City State Zip code (+4)

Home Phone Business Phone E-Mail

Sponsor's Last Name Sponsor's Membership # New Member in Council

**MAIL APPLICATION TO: Marge Burns
1422 Cortez Ct., Walnut Creek 94598**

Type of Membership (Please Check One):

- Individual One Year Member\$65.00
- Joint Husband/Wife One Year \$117.00
- Individual Two Year Member\$117.00
- Individual three Year Member.....\$175.00
- Individual Life Membership.....\$500.00
- Joint Husband/Wife Life Membership....\$750.00
- Active Duty Military Spouse.....\$30.00
- Associate One Year (non US citizen).....\$50.00

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