



Navy League of the U.S.  
**Contra Costa Council Board 2024 Planning Meeting**  
**January 6, 2024**  
**ZOOM Video Conference**

**Attendees:** Pam Speka, Christie Robinson, Steve Cruikshank, Wren and Trevor Hall, Pete Gates, Ron Rogness, Lester Marks, Lois Terrell, Diane Cole, Myriam Clark, Pete and Connie Van Putten, Chris and Bruce Clegg.

**Call to Order:** 10:04 AM

**President Discussion Items:**

- A Zoom Meeting Installation February 5th was approved by the Board.
- Anyone who wants to join the Advisory Committee is welcome. The Advisory Committee organizes the dinners.
- Jeff Hall is doing well after his surgery.
- We are \$400 down from the start of 2023 in our overall balance.
- Liaisons ask units if they need support and provide donations as needed. We will no longer provide end of the year checks for each unit.
- Bill has identified a small company to pay for all our newsletter production. They want recognition in the newsletter. The size limit will be 10 pages. We need to identify final product received by Peggy for mailing to ensure it isn't too labor intensive to get into the mail.
- Myriam will continue to donate newsletter production this year.

**Unit Updates:**

**Sea Cadets**

Team Clegg-

They don't need any money at this time. They will let us know if they need additional funds. Julie continues to coordinate the Color Guards. During the no show for the Marine/Navy dinner most of them were sick at the time. Julie will be moving to Utah next year. Most Sea Cadet Groups do not have Navy League support.

**Membership**

Myriam Clark

No Report

**Legislative Affairs**

Pam Speka/Bill Kinsey

No Report.

**Aids to Navigation ANTS**

Ron Rogness –

Last event Ron met a potential member and will provide to Myriam.



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**Sector San Francisco**

Team VanPutten

This will be a big year. This summer new leaders will be replacing current leadership.

**The TERN**

Team Van Putten

The Tern is continuing to do local operations.

**The Alder**

Trevor Hall –

No Report.

**Rio Vista**

Lois Terrell –

Lois is targeting May for the barbeque. They would prefer the barbeque on Friday. Lois visited the new Second in Command who will be staying. The current CO will be leaving. Attendance was low last year for the barbeque. Lois will discuss with leadership before the next barbeque.

**USN VQ3, USN NavComm**

Ron Rogness –

Cookies were well received. Ron has a picture of the Chief receiving the cookies. The CO invited Ron in and said he is retiring this Spring. Ron was also introduced to the XO. Communications seem to be improving with VQ3. Ron has a new contact for NavComm.

**Navy and Marine Corps Recruiters**

Christie Robinson-

Navy Recruiting has new leadership. Marine Recruiter has enjoyed our last several dinners.

**Marine Corps Advisor Company B**

Pete Gates –

They have 20 members there all year. Next weekend is a drill in Concord with people coming from all over to attend a drill on January 20. Pete is going to get a bunch of pizza from Cosco. Ron R. will assist Pete on the delivery. The VanPutten Foundation has offered to donate \$250 to the pizza event. Pete is also planning a summer barbeque for the 20-member group.

**Publicity, Communications**

Pam Speka and Pete Gates

No Report

**Sea Chant**

Pam Speka and Diane Cole

Photos submitted for Newsletter need a brief description.

**Webpage/Member Directory**

Bruce Clegg-

We will develop an addendum to our directory. Many on the Board would prefer not to have their identity put on the internet. The addendum will include new members and contact changes.

**Recreational Activities Director**

Bill Kinsey – not in attendance

Invitations for future activities have been extended to USMC MCACB and USMC Recruiting Station Pleasant Hill at the USN-USMC dinner on 11/16. East Bay Regional Parks District director John Mercurio attended the USN-USMC dinner on 11/16 and was seated with Steve McCabe and MCACB.



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Reportedly, introductions were made, and good conversation was enjoyed by all. We look forward to future, and more formal, interaction with EBRPD. USCG Pac Area/D11 holiday party 12/9/23: Bill has been invited to the event and will introduce our recreational program to relevant USCG attendees as circumstances allow.

**2024 Upcoming Events**

<b>Zoom Installation Meeting</b>	<b>February 5, 2024</b>
<b>Sea Service Award Dinner</b>	<b>Thursday, April 25, 2024</b>
<b>Rio Vista Barbeque</b>	<b>May TBD</b>
<b>Coast Guard Birthday Dinner</b>	<b>Thursday, August 15, 2024</b>
<b>Fleet Week</b>	<b>October 11-13</b>
<b>Navy Marine Corps Birthday Dinner</b>	<b>Thursday, October 24, 2024</b>
<b>Cookie Delivery to VQ3</b>	<b>November TBD</b>
<b>Pearl Harbor Dinner</b>	<b>Thursday, December 5, 2024</b>

Meeting adjourned 11:27 am

**NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2024 – 5:00 pm**