



**Navy League of the U.S.
Contra Costa Council Board Meeting
February 2, 2025
ZOOM Video Conference**

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

Call to Order: 5:01 PM

Minutes: **December 2024.** Legislative Affairs input was provided on December 23rd and was requested to be provided in the notes. See update from email below in Legislative Affairs.

Treasurer's Report: Approved

• Contra Costa Navy League	\$ 5,271.43
• Jeanne Sharkey Memorial Fund	\$ 1,175.00
• Navy League CG Fund	\$ 3,855.00
• Navy League Savings	\$ 3,471.43
• Navy League USCGC Tern Acct.	\$ 403.93
• <u>Sea Cadets Savings</u>	<u>\$ 1,337.58</u>
• Total Assets -	\$15,514.37

President Discussion Items:

- Frank Hall is donating to our Council. Pam will give him a call.
- Steve has completed the Financial Annual Report for 2024.
- Pete and Steve went to Zio Fraedo's to schedule our dinners. The Sea Service Award Dinner for April 24 was not available. The new date is Wednesday, April 23rd. Prices have gone up: Prime \$75, New York Steak is \$64, and Rib Eye is \$75. We will accept the Zio Fraedo dessert and not order cakes. The Board approved reserving the dates with the New York Steak option.
- Military Child Fund sponsored by Admiral Bob Day and his wife Barbara. We will delay vote for donation March 2025 meeting.
- Setting the date for field trip to Gold Bar on Treasure Island or possibly a reserve the Treasure Island Yacht Club will be delayed until March 2025 meeting.
- Pete Gates will send out template for Unit invitations for the Sea Service Award Dinner.
- Perhaps the Navy League will offset costs for Pam's flight to the National Convention to be discussed at next meeting.



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Unit Updates:

Administrative Advisory Committee Pete Gates- Director –
See Zio Fraedo discussion in President Discussion items above.

Sea Cadets Team Clegg-
Julie Whitman is in Utah. Chris was able to directly talk to her. She has 2 people that are being trained to replace her. She was apologetic and in six months the 2 people will be taking over. Mustering should be in March. The SF group contacted Julie. Julie does not want us to reach out to another group. We will wait until March to address reserving a Color Guard for our dinners.

Membership Myriam Clark
The membership applications are on the back of the Newsletter and Myriam will have new brochures at the dinners. Myriam visited the ladies and due to illness it was recommended that she not see individuals at the facility.

Legislative Affairs Bill Kinsey -Not in Attendance
Notes from December 23, 2024 email from Bill Kinsey to the Board: *We have an opportunity to inform our elected leaders of the importance of sea services and to support our sea service personnel via legislative activity. Luke Lorenz is our Navy League Senior Director of Legislative Affairs and he provides further information below and a link that you can use to send a prepared message to your members of Congress.*
https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/72909/?login_code=gpMY16zVc02isEYtRzOQbN3O4kDWL5PEmEJDuwHzQ-OvYe9rkijyLtWR_-0t-2EPqg53WeRXpM7kXZ9v92KaCa3CLHuZoG_KdVgM9nne9VjcGAjvxQ8rPNMn0YI%3D

Aids to Navigation ANTS Ron Rogness
No Report.

Sector San Francisco Team VanPutten –
No Report.

The TERN Team Van Putten –
No Report.

The Alder Trevor Hall –
Trevor asked for them to select their nominee for the year.

Rio Vista Lois Terrell –
No report. Lois will be out of the town for next meeting so she will contact them for the award nominee.



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USN VQ3, USN NavComm

Ron Rogness

Ron is drafting a letter to NavComm outlining VQ3's activities and our mission. VQ3 is interested in helping us work on communications with NavComm. A letter will go to VQ3 sometime in the future to see if we can schedule a field trip in September

Navy and Marine Corps Recruiters

Christie Robinson-

No report.

Marine Corps Advisor Company B

Pete Gates –

No report

Sea Chant/Press Releases

Pam Speka and Dianne Cole

Newsletter will go out next week. We will strive to get four newsletters out this year.

Webpage/Member Directory

Bruce Clegg-

Bruce is keeping the webpage up and going.

Recreational Director

Bill Kinsey/Steve McCabe– Not in attendance

No Report.



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2025 Upcoming Events

Sea Service Award Dinner	Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Rio Vista Barbeque	Monday, May 19, 2025
USCG Birthday Dinner	August 14, 2025
Travis NavCom Tour	September TBD
Fleet Week	October 10-13 (to be verified)
Navy/Marine 250th Birthday Dinner and Toys for Tots Donations	Thursday, October 23, 2025
NavCom/VQ3 Cookie Brigade	Monday, November 24, 2025
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner	Thursday, December 4, 2025

Meeting adjourned 5:59 pm

NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2025 – 5:00 pm via Zoom