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Presidents Message

Jim Harbuck

By the time you receive the Sea Chant, Fall will be upon us. Not only is the month of September a transition to a new season; it has special meaning to our Council and the Sea Services. By that I mean:

The Sea Chant has a new editor. The editorial baton has been passed from Mr. George Kneis to Ms. Pamela Speka. I know we all look forward to receiving the Sea Chant periodically. George has been the editor for several years and has accomplished an outstanding job by improving the quality of the publication and setting up a digital version. His skill, expertise and ingenuity have made the Sea Chant a great publication. On behalf of all Council members, Thank you so very much for your dedicated service. You have definitely earned a Bravo Zulu from all of us.

Pam has graciously accepted the challenge of being the editor and her enthusiasm bodes well for the future. Thank you for taking on this responsibility. Pam cannot do it alone; she needs our support with news items, pictures pertaining to our adopted units, the Navy League and the Sea Services at large.

This September also marks 200 years since a decisive naval battle took place on Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Commodore Perry's fleet was outgunned by the British (54 guns vs. 63). That September day, at Put-In-Bay, Perry raised his "Don't give up the ship" flag and the battle was on. Perry carried the day by destroying the entire fleet. Great Britain had never before lost an entire fleet, much less to its former colony.

Note: If you receive MOAA's Military Officer Magazine there is a great article on the War of 1812 in the September issue.

There is an exhibit at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. paying tribute to female service members who risked or gave their lives in service to our country. Please read more about the exhibit further on in this issue of the Sea Chant.

We have two dinner events planned for the Fall and Winter timeframe. They are: the U.S. Navy-U.S. Marine Corps birthday celebration dinner on October 24th and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance dinner on December 5th. Please keep these dates open and flyers will be forthcoming as we get closer to the specific dates.

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Welcome New Members



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Welcome to the Contra Costa Council! The mission of the Navy League of the United States is to inform the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services — The United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and the United States Merchant Marine. **Our Goals are:**

- **Educate National Leaders and the Nation**
- **Support the Men and Women of the Sea Services**
- **Provide Assistance to the Sea Services**
- **Support Youth Programs**

NEWS FLASH!

The USN-USMC birthday dinner will be held on Wednesday, Oct 23rd, at Zio Frado's.

Usually our dinners are held on Thursdays, however, scheduling issues required us to change the day.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Navy League Establishes Washington Navy Yard Survivors Fund

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy League of the United States has established the Washington Navy Yard Survivors Fund to provide financial assistance to those families most affected by the tragic events at the Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013.

“It is our duty, as a trusted partner of the sea services, to do what we can to ease the burden of those whose lives are forever changed by this tragic event,” Navy League National President James H. Offutt said. “We look forward to working with like-minded nongovernmental organizations, community leaders and others on this endeavor. We are going to do our best to help members of our extended Navy family through this difficult time”

This fund will be closed at a date to be determined, with 100 percent of the donations going to help the victims’ families and those injured in the attack.

To find out how you can help, visit <http://www.navyleague.org/>.

For more information, please contact Stacy McFarland, Staff Vice President, Development and Programs at [800-356-5760](tel:800-356-5760) or [703-528-1775](tel:703-528-1775) or via email at development@navyleague.org.

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COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY DINNER

8/22/13



Rear Admiral Karl L. Schultz
President, Jim Harbuck



The Coast Guard Birthday Dinner at Zio Fraedos was held on August 22, 2013 to honor our men and women that protect thousands of miles of our American shores since early 1770's. California since 1849- the gold rush days, our Coasties have protected 20,000 miles of shores all the way to Alaska! Rear Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, addressed the guests and shared the history and valuable duties of our Coast Guard. He most recently served at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington D.C., where he was responsible for Governmental and Public Affairs. Covering the narcotics and illegals that cross our borders constantly keeps these forces busy.

Hello Log Line

VQ3, has had a rather busy month. I am proud to say that we had 18 of our shipmates selected for advancement! The Navy advancement system utilizes a combination of test scores, evaluation points, award points and evaluation averages to make the determination for selection Navy Wide. Our commands results were nothing short of outstanding. This month we successfully completed a large exercise that kept all of our sailors very involved and our facility is currently receiving some upgrades to enhance our ability to complete our mission. This week we completed a mandatory stand down where we are aggressively stomping out sexual assaults within our Navy. We conducted seven different sessions with our sailors focusing on smaller groups to enhance the interaction of our shipmates and place a large emphasis on the negative affects it can have on our Navy Family. Sexual Assault will not be tolerated and were confronting this issue head on!

That's about it for now V/R AMCS Weatherly

Hello Log Line Continued...

Our adopted unit that we fondly call the “**Concord Marines**” is officially Detachment 2, Alpha Company, Beach and Terminal Operations of the 4th Marine Logistics Group. They are located in the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Concord. It is commanded by Captain Caitlin Ferrarell. Their First Sergeant is Simon Sandoval.

But wait! There’s more!

This unit is soon to be deactivated and will be reborn on September 29, 2013 as the brand new 6th Air Naval Gunfire Liason Co. (ANGLICO), Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve. The new Inspector/Instructor is Lt Col. Christopher Curtin. Captain Ferrarell and 1stSgt Sandoval will be staying on.

They will grow substantially, taking over the entire building which they used to share with the Army. They are growing in strength from 11 Active Duty Marines to about 17. They are authorized to have about 200 Reservists (including about 50 Officers) versus their recent strength of 96.

Their mission is to develop and maintain a force of Marine Reserves in a state of readiness should they need to be deployed in support of the regular Marines 5th ANGLICO.

These Marines will be trained for a completely different role than the previous group.

News from Radio Gang

For your meeting, the following unit individual accomplishments since our last correspondence provided:

1. ITCS Richard White, USN - Qualified as Enlisted Information Warfare Dominance Specialist (EIDWS). This is designated by a warfare pin awarded and worn above the uniform ribbon rack (September 2013). This warfare qualification denotes expertise in the field of naval information operations, to include communications, information technology, intelligence, cryptology, and weather forecasting.
2. IT1 Tashika Enwright, USN - Promoted from Petty Officer Second Class to Petty Officer First Class (E5 to E6) (May 2013).
3. ET2 Catherine Williams, USN - Promoted from Petty Officer Third Class to Petty Officer Second Class (E4 to E5) (May 2013).
4. ET2 Gerald Moore, USN - Promoted from Petty Officer Third Class to Petty Officer Second Class (E4 to E5) (May 2013). ET2 Moore was our Bluejacket of the Year that your organization recognized at the awards dinner in April. He recently transferred to SPECIAL BOAT TEAM TWELVE in Coronado, California (September 2013).



Fallon Nevada

Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center

This was a Navy League Event extraordinaire that gave guests a “bird’s eye view” of what our Navy “TOP GUN” base is all about. The training of these young men is intense and gives our country the best naval air instructors and Contra Costa County, Fallon, Marin, Sonoma, Reno, Lake Merritt, San Francisco, and Stockton. Jean Sharkey, the event coordinator put together a tour that will be long remembered. We were able to see the facility’s training auditoriums; the jets take off and land from the Air Station Tower!

Zip, the public affairs escort from the base, kept us on our toes with great stories and facts about Fallon. The 125 nautical miles, 250,000 acres of land with 8,000 base acres make up this dynamic training base.

The topography of Afghanistan presented challenges for Navy aviators attempting to reach and destroy installations in the deep canyons and ravines of the rugged terrain. A special ‘course’ was provided at NAS Fallon in ‘strafing’, a technique used in World War Two and before. The rockets and other weapons fired from Navy aircraft were not as effective as desired.

We concluded our visit with a breakfast at the Galley, and then to the tower to watch the final flights of their graduates. Also toured the Hanger to view the Rescue Helicopter the “SAR Longhorn” and hear about its responsibilities of rescue on land and some water rescues. These moments only made all of appreciate even more our active duty men and women and their dedication to our country.







Fleet Week Events

Fleet Week activities for 2013 will not look like Fleet Weeks of the past many years. Due to federal sequestration provisions, the Navy will not have vessels for a parade and the Blue Angels are grounded nationwide except for training flights to keep the pilots 'sharp'. There will be, however, activities in San Francisco which will be detailed shortly, according to the Fleet Week Committee. Announcements in news media will be forthcoming.

Region Meeting Oct. 4-5

The Pacific Central Region will hold a Region meeting in Auburn October 4-5, according to Darrell Fike, Region President. National President James Offutt will attend from Arlington, as well as Bill Waylett, a staff member who provides support to Councils and Regions. The Friday evening Welcome Aboard social will be followed by a Saturday business and training session geared to all Navy League members and Council officers. All Navy League members are invited and encouraged to attend. A special guest will be Bert Upson, consultant and author who left the 79th floor of the World Trade Center only 90 seconds before the second plane hit the building.

Hotel information for Auburn is part of the flyer distributed for the Region meeting. For more information please call Jeanne Sharkey at 925-228-1375, or email bjsharkeyiii36@gmail.com

Navy League to Commission USS AMERICA in S.F

The Secretary of the Navy has asked the Pacific Central Region to sponsor the commissioning of USS AMERICA (LHA-6), and 884-foot amphibious assault ship with a crew of 1,000-plus. The event will be held in San Francisco in early September 2014, at which time AMERICA will join the Pacific Fleet with home port in San Diego. The carrier-like vessel, which will not fit thru the Panama Canal, carries helicopters, Osprey aircraft and Marines on missions.



Year of the Military Women



An exhibit at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington D.C., honors the contributions and sacrifices of female service members. Year of Military Women, which debuted in April and will run through April 2014, was created in partnership with the U.S. Army Women's museum, the Women in Military Service for American Memorial and other institutions.

"We thought this was a story whose time had more than come," says Vice Admiral John Totushek, USN (Ret), president and CEO of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. "Women have been supporting the defense of our country since the Revolutionary War, though they often didn't get the same recognition as their male counterparts. We wanted the American public to understand the contributions these women have made."

The exhibit features important dates in the history of American female military service and how the military utilized women over the years. Other highlights include a display of uniforms worn by pioneering military, including one worn by Navy Capt. Mildred McAfee, the first WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) director during World War II. "Year of Military Women has gotten great acceptance from the women who have served or are serving" notes Totushek. "Its message is that it's not just men who have served our country for the past 230 plus years, it's the men and women who have done so much to keep this nation free."

Facts from 1813

James Madison was president of the U.S. during the war of 1812

By 1813 there were 18 states: CT, DE, GA, KY, LA, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT and VA

The phrase "Uncle Sam" first was used in the War of 1812, when service members referred to food from meat packer Samuel Wilson as Uncle Sam's grub.

Source: MOAA's Military Officer Magazine: September 2013

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- Oct. 15-18 **Fall Meeting and National Executive Committee (N.F.C.)
Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana**
- Oct. 23 **(Wed.) U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy Birthday Dinner.
At Zio Fraedo’s Restaurant, Pleasant Hill**
- Nov. 05 **Council Board Meeting—USMC Reserve
Training Center—Concord**
- Dec. **NO COUNCIL BOARD MEETING**
- Dec. 05 **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event
Toys for Tots— Christmas Brunch
(Date to be determined)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 3 Daylight Saving Time
Ends*
- Nov. 5 Election Day*
- Nov. 8 First All-Jet Combat in
History (1950)*
- Nov. 10 U.S. Marine Corps Birth-
day (1775)*
- Nov. 11 Armistice/Veterans Day
(1918)*
- Dec. 9 Hanukkah*
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving*
- Dec. 7 National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

Operation Restore Hope
America’s Intervention in
Somalia Began (1992)*
- Dec. 10 Human Rights Day*
- Dec. 15 Bill of Rights Day*
- Dec. 16 Battle of the Bulge Began
(1944)*

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