



# THE SEA CHANT

FALL WINTER, END 2021 \*\*\* OPENING NEW YEAR 2022

## Contra Costa Council Navy League of the United States

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**At the Year's end**, we are proud to show off what we have managed to do for our units despite all the Covid restrictions. All our members have made this possible by your donations, and support. As we welcome active-duty military members to our NL Councils, this will strengthen our efforts, and membership. This will be effective January 1, 2022. We are **welcoming the 2022** with new events-- since we still deal with the Covid Variants facing this Nation, we are creating a way to still support our units. You will enjoy reading further to see how we will further continue our mission, and a new approach to make it happen! Our new Recreational Director, Bill Kinsey will guide our Council into more, outdoor events to keep our Council moving and supporting our military units.

**BRING ON NEW MEMBERS!** *Who do you know that would like to be a part of our mission as we go forward supporting our Sea Services?* So, Covid has put a damper on all of us, but still, we take care of our units, and your involvement keeps us rolling! For this we thank you.

**OUR GOALS:** *Do not forget, even during these delicate times, we still respect our goals and mission to our units: Educate our national leaders and our local civilians. We provide assistance to the services when needed and support our youth programs.*

Please Visit the CCCNL website for a complete list of our Council Board Members and our Liaisons' activities with our units, and other events we sponsor:

**Special Announcement:** Co-Sponsorship with our Council Neighbor, Vallejo Council will work with us to assist with our Station Vallejo and Liaisons, Al and Jo Romine. They have done a great job!

<http://www.cccnl.org>

### CCCNL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

#### Newly elected:

Pam Speka, President  
Frank Wallace, Past President  
P. Speka, Legislative Affairs  
Jeff Hall, Judge Advocate  
Myriam Clark, VP Membership  
William R. Sharkey, Communications Advisor  
Chris Clegg, VP Youth Affairs  
Bruce and Christine Clegg, Web Master  
Christie Robinson, Recording Secretary  
Steve Cruikshank, Treasurer  
Bill Kinsey, Recreational Dir., LA Advisor

### UNITS WE SUPPORT

U.S. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista  
• U.S. Coast Guard Station Vallejo •  
USCG Sector San Francisco • USCG  
Aids to Navigation Team - San  
Francisco • USCGC Sea-going Buoy  
Tender ASPEN • USCG • USCGC  
Tern • USMC, Advisor Company B,  
Reserve Center • USN VQ-3 Unit  
Travis Air Force Base • USN  
Strategic Telecommunications  
Detachment, Travis AFB • USN  
Recruiting Station, Golden Hills  
Zone, P. H. • Sea Cadet Diablo  
Squadron and Training Ship-Lorraine  
Hughey • USMC Recruiting Station,  
Pleasant Hill, CA.

### REGIONAL MEETING, OCT. 23, 2021

**Our Board Member, Lorin Andersen attended this meeting and met our National President, David Reilly.** The intention is that this meeting is one more way for councils to provide an opportunity for their members to participate in the "bigger picture" that is Navy League of the United States. So, the 15 attendees from 7 councils (who were not council presidents), were very much appreciated.

### Our First Lady of Contra Costa Council



The Navy League lost a Life Member and 40-year member and leader for the Contra Costa Council with the passing of Jeanne Sharkey on September 29, 2021. She passed at home in Martinez after a brief fight against multiple myeloma at 83.

During her four decades of dedicated service to the sea services, she held leadership roles in the Council, Pacific Central Region, and as a National Director. Several years ago at the NLUS national meeting in Honolulu she was named as the Outstanding National Member for that year, as well as becoming a National Director Emeritus.

During the past 20 years, Jeanne raised nearly \$2 million to provide commissioning ceremony funding for seven Navy and Coast Guard vessels, the first being USS McCampbell (DDG-85), a guided missile destroyer, in 2002. Her dedication to the sea services, their personnel and families was non-stop. Jeanne planned and promoted an annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance dinner calling together organizations throughout the area to join our Council in a "lest we forget" event. Her dedication to our nation and its military personnel and families was endless.

*Her dedicated husband, William Sharkey III, wrote this tribute to his wife and our Mentor, Leader, and Heroine of this Council, and Navy League.*

## **SAN FRANCISCO BAY FLEET WEEK**



This is what Fleet Week is all about – being out there in the SF Bay experiencing the air shows, and enjoying our members and guests! So exciting to meet the Coast Guard men and women who protect our shores every day.

Our “special thanks” to Trevor and Wren Hall who year after year facilitate our members and guests to attend on board the USCGC ASPEN. And lunch is served too! Just like being a Coastie. We sponsor our Fleet Week members and guests every year to enjoy the history of our Sea Services, as well as viewing the air shows from the Navy’s Blue Angels, and the Air Force Thunderbirds who come every year to demonstrate the best of flying artistry.



**DEB COLE, GUEST, JOINS LOIS TERRELL (SEATED) ON BOARD USCGC ASPEN TO ENJOY THE SHOW!**



OUR MEMBER, LOIS TERRELL (CENTER), AND LIAISON TO STATION RIO VISTA BRINGING GUESTS TO ENJOY THE BAY AND FLEET WEEK FESTIVITIES!

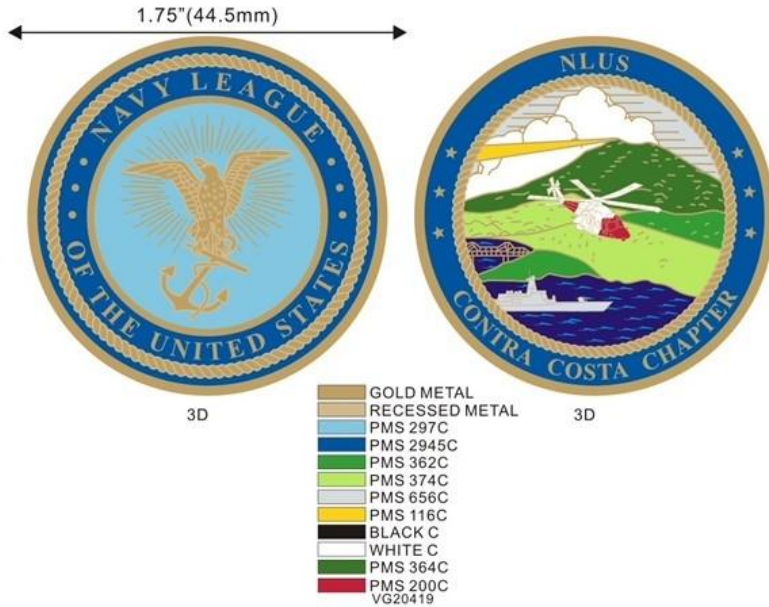


**Myriam Clark** (*center*), our Membership V.P. deserves our sincerest thank you from all of us for the extra effort this lady extends to make sure we have our new members signed up and ready to be a part of our Council.

She always goes the extra mile to participate in every event we sponsor, and contributes to keep us going.

Our appreciation also to our **Christie Robinson** (*far right*), holding two positions as Recording Secretary, and our Liaison to our Navy and Marine Recruiters. Another dedicated member serving wherever needed.

These ladies hosting a guest to enjoy Fleet Week aboard the USCGC ASPEN.



**Our New Challenge Coins!**

Challenge Coins, sometimes known as unit coins, have been used by military organizations to honor individual and unit accomplishments for a long time, perhaps as early as the Roman Legions. We have developed our own coin with features unique to Contra Costa County. Mt Diablo peak is prominently featured with its beacon lit annually to commemorate Pearl Harbor. The Navy, Marines and Merchant services are represented by a ship in the bay and the Coast Guard by the helicopter. The mid-ground represents the lands and bridges of Contra Costa.

Coins are available by donation of \$10 to Steve Cruikshank, 165 Random Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4028.

**THE MARINES ON A SPRING HIKE!!!**



THANK YOU, LT. COL. SIMPSON, AND OUR NEW RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR, BILL KINSEY, FOR ORGANIZING THIS FIRST AND FUN CLIMB UP MT. DIABLO TO KEEP OUR TROOPS IN SHAPE! THE MARINES' LIAISON, PETE GATES, ALSO JOINED THIS EVENT. BILL HAS PLANS TO HOST MORE OF THIS TYPE OF EXERCISE TO KEEP US ALL IN SHAPE WITH OUR UNITS ENJOYING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA. THESE SERVICE MEMBERS FROM OUR USMC COMPANY B, CONCORD BASE. OUR COUNCIL WORKING WITH BILL AND OUR SPONSORED UNITS TO CARRY ON MORE OF THIS TYPE OF EVENT OUTDOORS ENJOYING AND EXPLORING OUR BAY AREA.

THANK YOU, BILL KINSEY FOR THIS BEGINNING INTO MORE ACTIVITIES LIKE THIS AHEAD!

**BBQ AT STATION RIO VISTA, AND OUR AWARDS PRESENTATION TO THE 2021 SEA SERVICES AWARDEE FOR 2021**

*OIC BMC Michael Bennett (left), awardee BM1 Phillip Montoya (center) and Lois Terrell, NL Liaison and host of this luncheon affair with fresh strawberries, Endive salad, Cole Slaw, and all the BBQ meats to make this a feast! Our THANKS to all those that donated to make this possible and such an annual success.*



**Our Annual USCG Station Vallejo Luncheon** sponsored by our Council, and the Co-Sponsor, Vallejo Council. Steve Nash (*far left*), Vallejo fine servicemen and women who serve our Coast Guard, Lois Terrell (*center-Liaison for Station Rio Vista in attendance*). Al and Jo Romine, (*far right*) our Council's Vallejo Liaisons.



A big thanks also to Liaison, Christie Robinson, and our new member, Vincent Robustelli, honoring the **Awardee MM1 Ke’Aira Davis, USN**, for the Navy Recruiters Station. Photo *(right)* PIZZA PARTY for the Navy and Marine Recruiters to present the USMC Awardee, **SSgt Jordan I. Weeks, USMC**.

A special thanks to Vincent Robustelli *(far right)* as he applies at Annapolis.



**Legislative Affairs** will be as active as ever during these times of Zoom meetings. Our Legislative Affairs Board Member attends monthly sessions with our National NL Legislative Affairs Director, and various Admirals across the County leading us in briefings on Sea Services needs and efforts worldwide.

**Always in touch with our Congressional members through this time.**

## Our Support for Regional Activities!

**USCGC Stratton Sendoff to an international exercise.** We helped support the Dignitary reception to send this historical vessel off to international waters with other countries!

**USCGC Stratton (WMSL-752)** is the third [Legend-class cutter](#) of the [United States Coast Guard](#). It is the first "white hull" cutter named after a woman since the 1980s ([USCGC Harriet Lane](#) was launched in 1984). *Stratton* is named for Coast Guard Captain [Dorothy C. Stratton](#) (1899–2006). Stratton served as director of the [SPARS](#), the Coast Guard Women's Reserve during [World War II](#).

**USCG Activities Day!** Our Council donated to this fantastic event to support Coast Guard families. This *Children's Holiday Festival* was sponsored by our Lake Merritt Council Navy League for all USCG local units' families to attend. We donated to support Kids Books give-a-way, and art supplies for four tables of crafts! A successful event. A huge thanks to Marti Lantz for getting this underway and inviting us to be supportive!

## Boys Team Charity for Military Families

Sponsored by our member, Danya Devine to help a USCG family during the holiday season! Thank you, Danya for this opportunity to be a part of this program and assist this family.

[boys team charity](#) (*purposefully lowercase*) was founded by families who wanted to teach their boys the importance of giving back and making a difference in their local community? [boys team charity](#) is a volunteer service organization dedicated to developing an altruistic spirit in young men through active participation of parents and sons in philanthropic projects in their communities. In addition to providing valuable community service, we strive to promote personal growth, strengthen family relationships, develop team skills, and provide educational opportunities for our young men.



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



YES! PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A NAVY LEAGUER

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP  New Member or  Renewal Membership

- \$55 1-Year Premium Individual/International (includes print edition of SEAPOWER Magazine and Almanac
- \$100 2-Year Premium Save \$10\*
- \$130 3-Year Premium Save \$35\*
- \$180 4-Year Premium Save \$40\*
- \$225 5-Year Premium Save \$350\*
- \$1,000 Life Membership (to age 55)
- \$750 Life Membership (age 56-75)
- \$500 Life Membership (age 76+)
- \$25 Membership includes electronic editions of SEAPOWER and Almanac \* Over 1-year rate
- Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Navy League is a 501(c) (3) organization. Donations you make to the Navy League are tax-deductible and support programs like sea cadets, youth scholarships and sea services awards.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Council

METHOD OF PAYMENT

CHECK ENCLOSED (make payable to NLUS)

CHARGE MY:  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMEX  DISCOVER

Best Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVV2 \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEND COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO:

Contra Costa Council of the Navy League of U.S.  
 c/o Myriam Clark  
 680 Moraga Rd. Apt 6  
 Moraga, CA. 94556-2328  
 Mclark680@att.net

The Navy League was founded in 1902 with a clear, three-pronged mission: to support the members of the sea services and their families; to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security; and to help build America's future through successful youth programs like the Navel Sea Cadet Corps. Whether you ever served in uniform or not, we invite you to join us today. Our mission: "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services reflects both our commitment and our broad appeal to everyone concerned with the support of our men and women in uniform. Join in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. flag- Merchant Marine

**Membership Alert:** Members of the Navy League Contra Costa County Chapter will receive an automatic renewal notice from the Navy League of the U.S. on the renewal anniversary date. Members who wish to submit membership dues to the Contra Costa County chapter directly should note if payments are for new memberships or renewals



**Contra Costa Council of the Navy League of the U.S**

**4401 Orwood Road**

**Brentwood, CA 94513**

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**USN/USMC Birthday Dinner - TBA**

**BBQs for USCG stations - TBA**

**FLEET WEEK – October 9-11th**

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner**