Contra Costa Council Navy League of the United States

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the officers and Directors of your Council, I would like to wish you and your family the happiest of Holidays

I am honored to serve as your President for a short period. We miss Pam Speka who has relocated to Colorado. We, however, look forward to the installation of Frank Wallace as our new President in 2020. Your support has been generous and it's because of you that we can accomplish all we do.

ADD: Jim Harbuck, President

WHAT MORE CAN I DO AS A MEMBER

Your membership is vital to the survival of this council, or any council. *Your donations* keep us afloat and pays for our activities and support to all the sea service units we support (which are listed above). In addition, the *Voice to Congress* is one of our most important missions to relate to our local congressional leaders, our support of the sea services nationwide. National has made this effort so easy by just licking on the link and submitting a form letter which is forwarded to your congressional member. BINGO- they get your letter and you receive a receipt of your submission. Please take this seriously, as we need to keep in front of these leaders. That is another Navy League obligation.

Respectfully submitted: Pam Speka, Past President, Consultant

Let us remember – We are a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and our government that the United states of America is a maritime nation and that it national defense and economic well-being are dependent on strong sea services - United States Navy, USMC, SCG and the US Merchant Marines.

CCCNL OFFICERS 2019

Jim Harbuck, President

Pam Speka, Immediate Past President

Bill Kinsey, VP Legislative Affairs

Myriam Clark, VP Membership

William R. Sharkey, VP Communications

Chris Clegg, VP Youth Affairs

Bruce and Christine Clegg, Web Master

Myriam Clark, VP Membership

Christie Robison, Recording Secretary

Steve Cruikshank, Treasurer

Please visit the CCCNL website for a complete list of Council Board Members and Liaisons at: http://www.cccnl.org

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 • USCGC Tern • USMC- Company B Advisory, Reserve Center • USN VQ-3 Unit Travis AFB • USN Strategic Telecommunications Detachment, Travis AFB • USN Recruiting Station, Golden Hills Zone, P. H. • Sea Cadet Diablo Squadron and Training Ship-Lorraine Hughey. USN Recruiting Station, and USMC Recruiting Station, Pleasant Hill, CA.

Your Board of Directors is pleased to present the proposed slate of Officers for the year 2020. You recently received several flyers by mail, the white one sets forth the procedures whereby any Council member can make a nomination for an Officer or Director position. If you wish to do so and no longer have the flyer information, please contact Jim Harbuck at 925-963-1748 for assistance in making such nomination. 2020 Officers & Directors will be installed at our February 10th Board meeting at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building.

Proposed Slate of Officers:

President:	Frank Wallace
Immediate Past President:	Pamela Speka
VP- Legislative Affairs	Bill Kinsey
VP-Membership	Myriam Clark
VP-Communications	Bill Sharkey
VP-Youth affairs & Website	Chris & Bruce Clegg
Publicity	Bill Sharkey
Recording Secretary	Christie Robinson
Sea Chant Editor	Pamela Speka
Treasurer	Steve Cruikshank

Proposed Directors:

Lorin & Sally Andersen	Lester Marks
Marjory Burns	Roger & Holly Meininger
Gary Fenstermacher	Rich Radigonda
Pete & Ann Gates	Christie Robinson
Jeff Hall	Al & Jo Romine
Trevor & Wren Hall	Jeanne Sharkey
Jim and Barbara Harbuck	Lois Terrell
Jim Harwood	Peter & Connie Van Putten
Larry Kaye	Peggy Wallace

CCCNL Board of DIRECTORS 2019

Liaisons assigned to each of our sponsored units serve on this board, and other elected and approved members serving on the governing board serve this council.

CCCNL Executive Committee 2019

These members are volunteers and approved to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors.

ADD THESE NAMES:

Pete Gates, Chair
Larry Kaye
Steve Cruikshank
Jeanne Sharkey
Pete Van Putten
Lorin Andersen
Jim Harbuck

WHAT HAPPENED – HERE – HAVE NO COPY	

Why You Should Join *(Quote from Website)*

"The Navy League depends on passionate individuals like you to support those currently serving and advocate for the sea services. Local councils adopt ships and shore commands, reward and honor enlisted personnel, host dinners and celebrations for military personnel, and support family members left behind when spouses and parents are deployed. At the national level, membership allows you to help our legislative affairs team fight on behalf of our sea services and educate government officials. No prior military service is required to be a member. Spouses of those currently serving can join at no cost; just our way to thank you for all you do."

As a Council, we would look forward to sharing our goal and purpose with any of your friends and family members who could offer so much to our mission. We welcome new folks to join us!

Greetings Contra Costa Council board mates,

I'm pleased to report the following recent legislative affairs activity:

1. **10/2/2019 Voice to Congress** participation request regarding Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019 (S.2297) which includes the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act (H.R. 367) sent to council membership. Noting here that Congressman DeSaulnier CA-11, member of the House Transportation Committee, is a co-sponsor of H.R. 367.

Photo of Marine Congressional Briefing

2. **9/6/2019** Congressional staff briefing with Marine Advisor Company B at Marine Corps Reserve Center Concord, CA. Attendees included: Ryan Thomas-Brown, Military Affairs Liaison/District Rep CA-11 Congressman Mark DeSaulnier;'s office; Senior enlisted members of Marine Corps Advisor Company B 1stSgt Christopher MacVarish representing LtCol Daniel W Laux who was unable to attend; GySgt David Luberti, Administrative Chief; MSgt Steven Gillespie, Operations Chief; CCCNLUS Pete Gates unit liaison to MAC/B-Reserve Center Concord and Bill Kinsey, Vice President Legislative Affairs.

Discussion included unit missions and forward plans of MAC/B, along with useful suggestions by Mr. Brown regarding community affairs, veterans' and servicemember support organizations, and local public safety agencies. A copy of the Navy League Maritime Policy for 2019/2020 was provided to all participants in advance of the briefing.

Very Respectfully,

Bill Kinsey
Vice President, Legislative Affairs
Contra Costa Council
Navy League of the United States

Great Job, Bill, as always!

USCG Birthday Dinner – August 7

This annual event was again vey successful with the attendance of 65 supporting folks! Our Captain Marie Byrd graced us with her coverage of the Sector activities. And, assisted in the cutting of the cake with our "Coasties" to celebrate. Always a pleasure to hear from our units on what they do and how they do it. Always leaves us amazed at the service they provide daily in a very dedicated manner.

Captain Marie Byrd of Sector SF assisting the youngest Coastie to cut Birthday Cake. Thanks Trevor for the cake!

Lorin Andersen at the USCG Birthday Dinner! Thank you Lorin for your dedicated service to Sector SF! Chief Sam Meints of Station Rio Vista looking on.

Connie at USCG Birthday Dinner with Coasties! To the left is Lt. Nolan Salyer (Commanding Officer USCGC Tern)

USCG Birthday Dinner, August 7

A tremendous event attended by over 65 dedicated folks to honor the Coast Guard, which includes our 6 units represented in attendance.

This picture are the members supporting this dinner and birthday cake!

Members who attended President Pam Speka's last dinner before she departed for Colorful Colorado!

Jeanne Sharkey presenting Pam Speka (crying happy tears) with the Council's award, certificate of apprecation, and beautiful engraved clock gift.

Captain Marie Byrd, Sector SF, congratulating Pam Speka, President, for her leadership!

Al Romine goes on a honorary trip!!

Twenty-five honoree's on this trip to visit Washington D. C.

Navy Memorial, the original lone sailor in Washington D.C. The Navy Arms drill team performed. The WWII memorial—on each side of the path, were Navy Cadets and saluted us as we passed by. The Navy Memorial visited; Al donated to this statute years ago.

Also visited the Navy Yard, and the museum. Honor Flight of the Bay Area Foundation raises money through USO to sponsor this event. Al is part of the American Legion and was asked to participate. This program is to honor our WWII and Korean, and Viet Nam Veterans.

ANNUAL COOKIES FOR VQ3 AND NAVCOMM

Our Liaison Marge Burns, and members delivered 420 fresh, homemade cookies to VQ3 and NavComm at Travis! Needless to say- they were so surprised. This is our contribution to their annual November Thanksgiving feast!

Liaison Marge Burns covered with cookies! Jo Romine, Holly Meininger, Chris Clegg, Connie & Pete Van Putten, Lois Terrell. Myriam Clark, Peggy Wallace, Larry and Ann Kaye, Ron Rogness, Marge Burns, and Betty Wyrick!

Our Navy VQ3 at Travis picking up all those cookies with Lt Col Emilio Valdez, with Marge and Diane Cole helping out!

FLEET WEEK October 2019

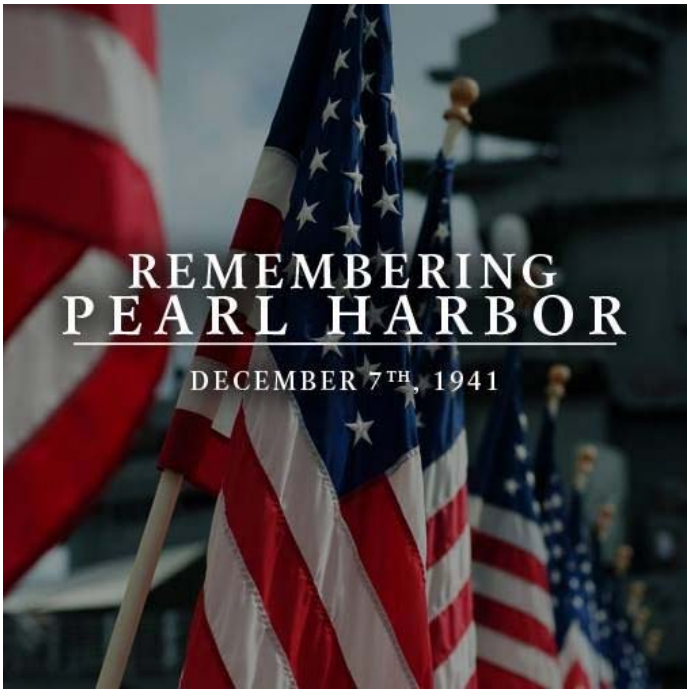
We'll we had a total of 4 days and 30 people that attended fleet week. Surely not like years past–a great experience to be enjoyed by all. But on the bright side- we had donations of $200.00.

Fleet Week Mission

Began in 1981--San Francisco Fleet Week is an annual public event that honors the contributions of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces while advancing cooperation and knowledge among civilian- and military-based Humanitarian Assistance personnel.

Thanks again Pam for all your support and work ♥ *Wren Hall, Event Coordinator*

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERANCE DINNER



Captain Jerrod E. Devine, the new Navy Liaison to the USCG speaker at PH DInner.

The head table at the Pearl Harbor Dinner.

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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 CCCNLUS

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, Membership Chair
680 Moraga Rd., Apr. #6
Moraga, CA 94556-2328

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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

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events and Tours will be posted upon approval for 2020 Board Review

Installation Board Meeting, February 10th to install our new officers and board directors to serve for the year 2020.

Location: Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA.

Time: 5:00PM

We encourage members to attend and see your board at work!