



Contra Costa Council Navy League of the United States

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an interesting year we have had for 2019. We are one of the top councils in the country and have amazing supportive board members that lead this council, and members that standby us throughout the year, after year, after year! Hope you enjoy this newsletter highlighting our events, and a grand special "day at the museum" - Rosie the Riveter!



I will be stepping down as your president for the remainder of this year, and Mr. Jim Harbuck will be taking over to see us through the year. Following his leadership, we will be

electing a new president which we would look to someone who can carry on. I will be retiring to Colorado, my home, and will remain involved with this newsletter production. Also, will be assisting our VP of Legislative Affairs, Bill Kinsey, who has put us on the map with our tremendously successful outreach to our Congressional leaders in the San Francisco Bay Area.

My love and dedication to this Council, and our mission will remain. The Navy League mission and this organization is one of the most important in this country. I surely hope all of you will stay strong, and on board to keep our events, and support of our units at the top of your list! The board invites anyone who would like to join them at the meetings with any suggestions and input going forward.

My mailing address will be: 1437 No. Denver Ave., #268, Loveland, Colo. 880538.

Pam Speka

CCCNL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019

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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 • USCG • USCGC Tern • USMC, 6th ANGLICO, 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. USN Recruiting Station, and USMC Recruiting Station, Pleasant Hill, CA.

Greetings Contra Costa Council board mates,

I'm pleased to report the successful completion today 7/10/19 of a briefing for CA-11 congressional staff on the USCG ANT-SF mission within CA-11 in the vicinity of Richmond, and a demonstration of related tasks.

- CA-11 attendees included Ryan-Thomas Brown, district rep/military affairs liaison, and Alison Pines, intern
- USCG attendees included: ANT-SF crew led by BMC Ortiz, OIC ANT-SF; CWO3 Mickey Price, Waterways Branch navigation officer and ANT-SF supervising officer
- NLUS Contra Costa: Bill Kinsey
- Briefing included a discussion of the importance to the residents of CA-11 of the orderly conduct of oil tanker traffic, the prevention of ship collisions in proximity to populated areas, and environmental protection in an area of dense petroleum infrastructure, all of which are possible because of the aids-to-navigation system in place that is maintained by ANT-SF.
- The briefing and demonstration of tasks was conducted underway aboard ANT-SF's 26-foot trailerable workboat in the Richmond Inner Harbor and Point Potrero Reach, indicated below in the red oval. Tasks included servicing lights on both a fixed aid and a buoy. A demonstration of navigating by use of a range was also conducted. The vessel launched from Marina Bay Yacht Harbor in Richmond and was underway about 2 hours.
- CA-11 staff was provided with a print copy of relevant excerpts from the current NLUS Maritime Policy Statement, file attached for your review.
- My thanks to Contra Costa Council ANT-SF liaison Rich Radigonda and council president Pam Speka for their support in facilitating this event.

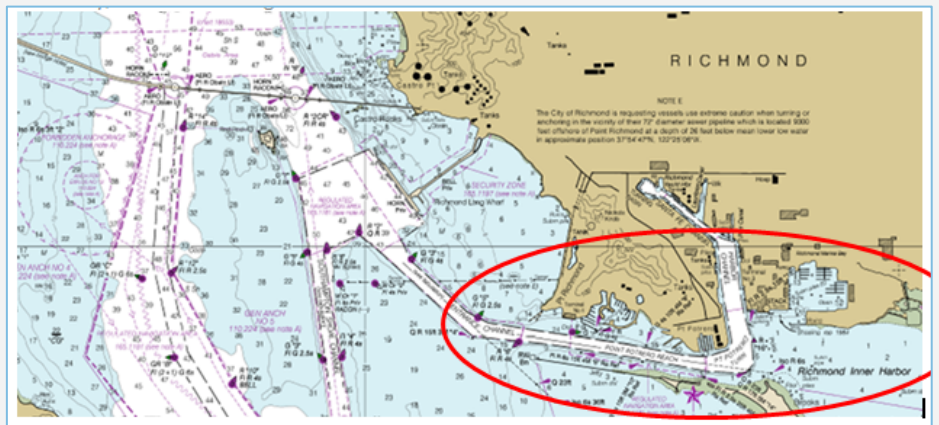


Left to Right: Bill Kinsey, NLUS; Alison Pines, CA-11; BMC Ortiz, ANT-SF; Ryan-Thomas Brown, CA-11.

Photo by CWO3 M. Price, USCG.

Very Respectfully,

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



Great Job, Bill, as always!

Installation Dinner, February 20

The Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building was our host location, and our faithful Sharkey's – Bill and Jeanne hosted the event in their usual graceful, and effective manner! It was a delightful dinner and everyone who attended voted and welcomed the new board into service for the year 2019. Thank you all who came to support us in this special evening.



Jeanne Sharkey swearing in all board members to their assignments AND Bill Sharkey introducing the evening and our dinner



The Sea Cadet Color Guard in performance- what a group of young folks changing their lives through this experience with this great organization and leadership.



Rusty Henricks, Petty Officer Andrew Kang who made a presentation of Sea Cadets in his life, and now heading to the Naval Academy, LTJg, Julie Whitman, and President, Pam Speka.



Our featured speaker, Petty Officer Andrew Kang, for the evening sharing his Sea Cadet experiences and his acceptance into the Naval Academy. This young man and his dedication to the Sea Cadets was a very interesting story, and we all wish him well as he goes forward with his career in the US Navy.

ANNUAL SEA SERVICES AWARDS DINNER APRIL 24

This annual dinner is always well attended and honoring the “Best of the Best” from our Sea Services units. These young future leaders are featured by their leaders from each until and a nice summary of their actions, and their outstanding service to their unit. Always breathtaking to hear all these young folks achieve.



Recipient of award and Liaisons presenting: (LtoR) Jim Harbuck, Congressional presenter, Aaron Silver, Barbara Harbuck, awardee, CS2 Anthony Decker, Lt. Nolan Salyer, Presenter and OIC of the TERN, Connie and Pete Van Putten.



Congressional presenter, Aaron Silver, ITCS John Clements representing NAVCOMTEL Strategic Communications, and awardee, ETR1(1W/SS) Gabriel A. Pajas



6th Anglico MARINES: Congressional presenter: Aaron Silver, Captain Daniel P. Murphy, awardee, SSgt Jonathan Hernandez, and our Liaison, Pete Gates.



Congressional Presenter Aaron Silver, Aids to Navigation, BMC Marcellino Ortiz, and awardee, BM3 Ina Trayanouskaya

ROSIE the RIVETER MUSEUM TOUR June 20



Grand Historical, and educational day with some of our members pictured here to share the day with our hostess, 97 yr. old, Betty Soskin. There was not a breath taken during her talk. The video detailed the actual experience of the Rosie gals, and men who worked together -one of the three shifts each day. Port of Richmond built over 700 WWII ships in one year keeping the shipyards open 24 hrs., and 7 days a week. An amazing experience to see it all, and walk through the history of these people.

Council Members attending and meeting Betty Soskin! Pam Speka, Holly Meininger, Lois Terrell, Ron Rogness, Ann Kaye, Larry Kay, Hostess, Betty Soskin, Marge Burns

The emblem that represents all those amazing women during WWII building ships, working long hours for .35 an hr.

“Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon of World War II, representing the women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. These women sometimes took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who joined the military.” National Museum Statement



Pacific Central Regional Meeting, April 26-27, 2019

Our Council President, Pam Speka, attended this meeting held in Auburn, CA and presented our events, awards presented, C of C's, Fleet Week activities to the other councils in this region. Also had the opportunity to meet and talk with new National President, Bill Stevenson. Nice tour of the DeWitt Museum, former WWII military base. Keynote speaker, Captain San Pecota of the Cal Maritime Academy's training ship, Golden Bear. His remarks about the new approach to Maritime Marine merchant ships as we head into the next 10 years – amazing how this will change!

LOG LINE – COMMUNICATION FROM OUR UNITS

Announcement for our Concord Marines: New OIC, New Name!

President Pamela Speka and Liaison Pete Gates met with LtCol Daniel Laux on May 16th. LtCol Laux is the Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Advisor Company B, a new Reserve Unit with personnel stationed at the Concord Training Center (about 40) and also at Camp Pendleton (about 37). Reservists are developed into certified Advisors (there are about 3000 such qualified advisors currently). Once certified, these Reservists can be deployed anywhere they are needed.

The occupancy will remain strong for the foreseeable future. It was mentioned that a Supply Company from San Jose may relocate to Concord. LtCol Laux and his family relocated from Okinawa where he had served. A HUGE THANKS TO Pete gates for always taking such good care and attention to our Marines!

USCGC ASPEN and USCGC TERN –
will begin to gear up for the **Fleet Week** festivities (October 11-14, 2019) offering our council and other guests a ‘Day on the Bay’ with lunch!

USCG TERN - Ltjg to Lt. Nolan Sayler's promotion ceremony. So excited to share the ceremony with our unit. Captain Marie Byrd presented and hosted.

*Pam Speka, Pete Van Putten- liaison,
"new" Lt. Nolan Sayler of USCGC TERN,
Barbara Harbuck and Jim Harbuck- liaison.*



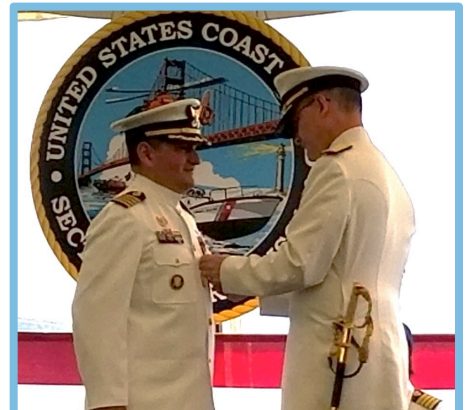
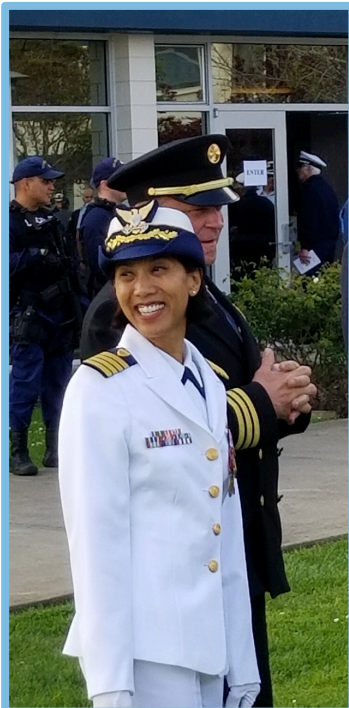
USCG RIO VISTA BBQ- May 23, 2019

Lots of Coasties at the station to enjoy the BBQ, at Lois Terrell, Liaison to station – *annual event*. Well attended, and members eating and visiting with those who serve the station Rio Vista. Perfect weather every year! Appreciated by all!

Aids to Navigation – Please notice the *Congressional Briefing* article from VP Bill Kinsey of Legislative Affairs which details the latest and most current happenings with Aids to Navigation! Chief Ortiz was a perfect host for this event and partnered with Bill Kinsey to make this happen. We thank you, BMC Ortiz for all you do on a daily basis, and the support and respect you always show us at our dinners.

CHANGE OF COMMAND – SECTOR SF

As several of our council members attended this fine session to see Captain Anthony Ceraolo hand over the leadership of the Port to Captain Marie B. Byrd. We provided the reception cake – and attended.



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 SEAPOWERS 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 SEAPOWERS and Almanac
- * Over 1-year rate
- Donation \$ _____

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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

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

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



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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



UPCOMING EVENTS

USCG Birthday Dinner, August 7th, Wed.

USCG FLEET WEEK, Oct. 11-14

USN USMC Birthday Dinner, Oct. 23rd, Wed.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Dec. 6th, Friday