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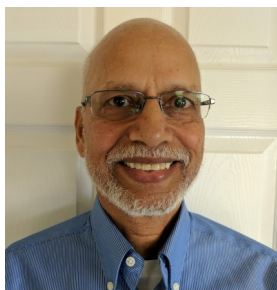
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President's Message

HAPPY SPRING

As the incoming President of the Council, I would like to thank all the members of Board and the general membership of the council for giving me this great opportunity to serve our council. It has been a whole year since the entire nation first went into lockdown due to COVID pandemic. Finally, the spring, the harbinger of rejuvenation of nature is here, which should help us all to uplift our spirits during this continued "Stay Home and Stay Healthy" climate of the pandemic. By now, I hope most of our members have been vaccinated and are

looking forward to meeting monthly, in person, when the facilities open for such meetings. We hope you and your family and friends will join us for in person luncheon meetings at the Bard Mansion, starting on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 11:30 am. Refer to page 3, in this newsletter for 2021 Calendar of events. We

will continue to follow health regulations, wearing face masks and social distancing.

Even though we are not meeting in person the council Board is continuing its business of providing awards to the Sea Services and youth awardees, raising funds for all the services and awards that council provides, and maintaining our membership roster. Soon you will be hearing from our Ways and Means Committee chair, Annette Block, who is planning events for us to participate in order to raise funds for our activities. The council exists and accomplishes its goals mainly because of the participation and hard work of its members. Therefore, it is critical for all of us to renew our memberships in a timely manner. You may hear from our Membership Chair, Cynthia Janacek regarding the membership renewal, if you have forgotten or are procrastinating to renew.

Finally, I would like to thank our Past President, Arlene Fraser, for her strong leadership during the past two years and her continued guidance. Stay safe and healthy! I look forward to seeing you soon in person.

From Purna Pai, President

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Tom Fraser, presented Board gift to Arlene Fraser for outstanding leadership as Council President, 2019-2020.



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Merchant Marines

In May, the Channel Islands Council usually has a guest speaker but because of the pandemic we could not. Merchant mariners have existed long before the U. S. Navy or the U. S. Coast Guard. Seamen were involved with the Revolutionary War.

The Merchant Marines is a civilian organization which operates merchant vessels, transporting cargo and passengers during peacetime and in war is an auxiliary of the U. S. Navy. Although we do not have as many ships as we use to, The Merchant Marines are still a vital part of United States. There are Merchant Marine Academies at Kings Point, New York; Vallejo, California; Great Lakes; Maine; Massachusetts; and Texas. Bill Buenger, one of our Navy League members, went to Kings Point.

On Columbia Island, Washington, D.C., there is a statue with cresting waves with a flock of seagulls hovering about with the words "those men of the United States who in the Navy, the Merchant Marines and other paths of activity upon the waters of the world have given life or still offer it in the performance of heroic deeds."

With the Port of Hueneme being in our backyard, we, as the Channel Islands Council have close ties.

Article from LaVonne Fosse, Merchant Marine Liaison



U.S. Merchant Marine U.S.P.S. Stamps

Since colonial times, America's merchant ships have piled the oceans and other navigable waters conveying goods and passengers. During war-time, they have also helped deliver troops and war materials. This role was formalized shortly before World War II, when legislation empowered the "U.S. Merchant Marine" to serve as a naval auxiliary unit. During WWI, the U.S. Merchant Marine bore the brunt of delivering military supplies overseas to U.S. forces and allies. Today, it continues to help meet the nation's security needs while also transporting commodities that sustain the American economy.

Information from United States Postal Service



NJROTC award to Cadet of the Year will be presented by Bob Quinn at Hueneme High School on May 27, 2021. Limited attendance.

Navy League National Convention June 11-13, 2021, St. Louis, Missouri visit www.navyleague.org for information and registration.



NAVY LEAGUE CHANNEL ISLANDS COUNCIL

WINE EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER

LIVE AUCTION TO BE HELD AT OUR GENERAL MEETING ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

Please join us as we celebrate the return of our General Meetings
at the Bard Mansion for the Coast Guard birthday,
Coastie of the Year Award and with a festive and fun
auction of domestic and international wines!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Channel Islands Council 2021 CALENDAR

LUNCHEON AT THE BARD MANSION TIME: 11:30 AM

AUGUST 12, 2021 USCG BIRTHDAY & AWARDS LUNCHEON also, Wine Fundraiser Live auction

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 LUNCHEON/ PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED in the Summer Newsletter

OCTOBER 14, 2021 US NAVY BIRTHDAY & SAILORS OF THE YEAR

NOVEMBER 11, 2021 USMC LUNCHEON & MARINE OF THE YEAR; TOYS FOR TOTS

Calendar - Subject to change, if COVID 19 health requirements change.



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History of Training Ship Nicholas H. Anderson

Lance Corporal Nicholas H.
Anderson, USMC 1985 - 2004

Training ships are units comprised
entirely of league cadets.

Commissioned January 23rd, 2010

Training Ship Nicholas H. Anderson was commissioned on January 23, 2010 at CBC Port Hueneme. Originally members of the Ben Moreell Battalion, the unit's Navy League Cadets and the adult staff tasked with conducting their program were transferred into the newly created NLCC unit. TS Nicholas H. Anderson continues to share space and some support staff with the Ben Moreell Battalion, which currently occupies spaces on the entire second floor of Building 104, adjacent to the NCTC.

The Training Ship is proudly named for Lance Corporal Nicholas H. Anderson, United States Marine Corps. LCPL Anderson died in a vehicle incident while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. He died on November 12, 2004. Prior to his enlistment in the USMC, LCPL Anderson was a member of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

During the Ben Moreell Battalion's 50 years of active service, hundreds of cadets have learned about naval life, and developed a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, and self-reliance, all within an environment free of drugs and gangs. TS Nicholas H. Anderson carries on that proud tradition with the younger members of the Corps, preparing them for future enrollment in the NSCC and beyond.

Sea Cadet/Navy League Cadet Units updates

We haven't been meeting on base due to the pandemic. We are still having virtual drills and training. The four units in our region (Santa Barbara, Port Hueneme, Point Mugu, and Calabasas) meet one day a month for a combined drill. In November 2020, we were the hosts and we joined up with Steven Gama, Hueneme Council member for a Port Hueneme Beach cleanup day. After cleanup the 4 units ran some fun drills on the beach. Other drills have included hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains.

We have a new CO, Garbriel Gonzalez. Ramon Casas is now the Regional Director for Naval Sea Cadets.

From Jonnie Lisman, Navy League Member and Volunteer as the finance officer for Ben Moreell Battalion/Training Ship Anderson.

LTjg Terrance Dobrosky serves as Commanding Officer for the NSCC Trident Patrol 65 Squadron and TS Minutemen NLCC unit at Point Mugu.



NSCC Ben Moreell Battalion Unit



Cadet W. Harter - PO2
Cadet J. Hayton - KI
Cadet R. Pratus - PO2
Admiral Moreell's arrival.



Photo left: Admiral Ben Moreell at the Jan. 27, 1971 Commissioning for the “First Seabee Sea Cadet Unit” formed by Navy League Ventura County Council (now Channel Islands Council). News clippings and additional photos provided by Jonnie Lisman from the Unit’s historical archives.

Commissioned January 27th, 1971

Ben Moreell Battalion was commissioned on January 27, 1971 at CBC Port Hueneme. The original crew included seven adult leaders and 34 cadets led by CDR Billus Whitworth, USN (retired), who served as the unit’s first commanding officer. Ben Moreell Battalion was the first Sea Cadet unit to be modeled after the Seabees and Admiral Moreell himself attended the commissioning ceremony.

In those days, prospective cadets were required to pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test along with a regular military physical. Only about one in three cadet applicants passed the written examination. Cadets who successfully completed the Sea Cadet program, however, were eligible to enlist in the Navy at an advanced pay rate and to bypass Navy basic training.

Both the 31st Naval Construction Regiment and the Naval Construction School (now the Naval Construction Training Center) were originally tasked with providing training support to the unit. The NCTC still provides classroom and training support to Ben Moreell Battalion, especially during annual Seabee Training where regular Navy personnel conduct all construction-related classes. CBC Port Hueneme continues to provide berthing during our training evolutions on a space-available basis.

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Congratulations!



Seabee of the Year, UT1 (SCW/EXW) John Castaneda, USN, received certificate from Purna Pai, council president, NLUS Channel Islands Council at a limited attendance program due to pandemic regulations. Bob Quinn also collected SOY certificates from: Congresswoman Julia Brownley, California Assembly member Jacqui Irwin, County Supervisor Kelly Long, Mayor & City Councils from city of Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura and from the Oxnard Harbor District Commissioners. Everyone extends their “congratulations, to SOY, Castaneda.

Certificates prepared for, 2020 Sea Cadets of the Year: PO3(E-4) Naomi J. Rogers, NSCC Ben Moreell Battalion Unit at Port Hueneme; Seaman Ian S. Dobrosky, Trident Patrol Squadron 65 at Point Mugu; 2020 Navy League Cadets of the Year: PO3 (LC4) Penelope J. Lucky, TS Nicholas Anderson at Port Hueneme; ABC/LC3 Lincoln Curtis, TS Minutemen at Point Mugu. Congratulations for your outstanding achievements!

2021 Sponsors for Military and Youth Awards

Sponsors for 2021:

Oxnard Harbor District, CBCFCU, MOAA VC Chapter, Capt. Steve & Lcdr Eileen Huber, Annette & Stan Block, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lauber, and Arlene & Tom Fraser.

Please let me know if you are interested to sponsor this year’s awards. Contact me at 805 485-3995 or 805 276-8474. Thanks for your support!

Bob Quinn, Military & Youth Awards Chairman

2021 Awards

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Awards to:</u>
January	Sea Cadets/NLCC of the Year
March	Seabee of the Year
May	NJROTC Cadet of the Year

August 12, 2021 at the Bard Mansion
USCG Sailor of the Year

October 14, 2021 at the Bard Mansion
U.S. Navy Sailors of the Year

November 11, 2021 at the Bard Mansion
U.S. Marine of the Year



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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- ☐ \$225 Regular 5-year
- ☐ \$1,000 Life Membership (up to age 55)
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Give the gift of membership. Enter the member's name under member information and the payee under method of payment.

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*Preferred Council **Navy League Channel Islands Council** **PO Box 873** **Port Hueneme CA. 93044**

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☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard
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 Questions? Call Cynthia Janacek VP Membership
805-889-3418

 **Mail Application to:**
Navy League Channel Islands Council
PO Box 873
Port Hueneme CA 93044

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Special reminder: Contact

Judy Quinn, at 805 485-3995

and let her know of any ill or bereaved member. She will get a card in the mail immediately. Please keep her informed, as each and every one of our Navy Leaguers are very important to us.



Returning to Bard Mansion

Security Access Requirements to NBVC Port Hueneme

Security Forms for 2021 are required to be completed in advance to process for Security Pass Listing /Gate list for visitors, similar to previous years. Forms available from Arlene Fraser and return completed, signed forms to Arlene to submit to the NBVC Security Pass office. If you have any questions or concerns and need to complete a form, please **contact Arlene at 805 377-0468**. Thanks for your cooperation.



Happy birthday to Jim

Daniels, on March 6, 2021, friends and family drove by his home to kick off his 95th birthday; his official DOB is March 9th.



WANTED: BASKETS

Please bring your empty door prize baskets to the Bard Mansion and return to Annette Block. She will recycle and prepare new door prizes. Thanks for your support and participation!