



# The Pilot

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## President's Message **Fall Is Here!**



**Welcome** to the fall season: shorter days, longer nights and take time to celebrate the holidays! Thanks to each of you for your time and positive support for our military families and youth groups.

Let's continue to be thankful for our Sea Services, government leadership, health care, medical and everyone who provides services that we all depend on. Continue to focus on staying healthy and safe in your home and wherever you go. Have a safe and happy fall season!

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Reminder to Navy League Channel Islands Council members and supporters that our luncheons are cancelled until further notice. Awards program continues, read update on page 3.

Stan Block, Nominations Committee Chairman... Committee meeting via Zoom to prepare a proposal for 2021 Council Officers...election for Council Officers will be during November 2020. You will receive the slate of nominees to vote via mail in November 2020.

Purna Pai, liaison for U.S. Marine Corps...will announce Marine of the Year 2020 at the end of October and presentation will be limited due to the corona virus restrictions... Good news: USMC Toys for Tots will be collecting new, unwrapped toys this year...NLUS Channel Islands Council will have collection locations at several NL CI members homes...details will be provided end of October with NL CI Council election information.

Please support our annual "December Holiday No-show luncheon". Form enclosed with this newsletter. Share the holiday gift basket information with family and friends. Enter to win Annette Block's beautiful holiday gift baskets with your entry donation. Thanks for supporting 2020 events with your donations to support our military families and youth organizations!

Remember to renew and recruit new members. Contact Cynthia Janacek regarding, membership information.

Reminder: Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 "Fall Back!" Vote for candidates of your choice. Miss all of you. Stay safe and healthy!

*Arlene Fraser*





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## Postings on “Next Door”

Our council is always striving to increase awareness of the Navy League. The Next Door App has become increasingly popular in our local community. It is a private social network for our neighborhoods. We have started to post the activities of the Navy League on Next Door. We are posting events, awards, and other activities.

What you can do to help is twofold. First, if you are not a member on Next Door, please join! Second when you join or if you are already a member, when you see our postings, it would be helpful to either make a comment or tag the posting. Each time a comment or tag occurs on a posting, it moves the posting to the top of the page. Being at the top of the page increases awareness for the Navy League. Thanks for your help and we will see you on Next Door!



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## Special Postage Stamps



Some of you may have noticed different postage stamps on the Navy League correspondence. I have been collecting stamps since the early 1960's and I became interested in it because a relative of my husband. Stamp collecting is not as popular as it once was. Most of my stamps are commemorative and they are educational and tell a story. The Forever stamps are now selling for .55 cents but I still have some that are less and will sell for whatever I paid. LaVonne Fosse (805) 985-8071



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## STATUS of Channel Islands Council Military and Youth Awards Program

Despite the Corona virus the program is proceeding normally with the change in the actual presentation ceremony to comply with the rules on assembly and safe distancing.

The individuals selected as the service member of the year as well as the NJROTC cadet of the year and the Sea Cadet of the year and the Navy League Cadet of the year are being recognized with a Channel Islands Council (CIC) certificate plus a CIC coin and a check. They also receive certificates from Congresswoman Brownley, Assemblywoman Irwin, County Supervisor Long, the Oxnard Harbor District, the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ventura.

Thus far this year we have recognized Cadet seaman Jacqueline Smith from the Ben Morell Battalion, PO1 Cole Germaine from the Trident Patrol, PO2 Zachary Sarkisian from TS Anderson and Cadet Joshua Gelman from TS Minutemen. A special award was presented to PO1 Logan Elliott-Spooner the Regional Sea Cadet of the Year. Cadet Commander Marc Olitoquit was the Cadet of the year from the NJROTC unit at Hueneme High.

ME2 Christopher Nowak was the Coast Guardsman of the Year. Seabees of the Year are BU1 German Dunlop, UT1 Joseph Rubino and CE1 Meghan Daughters. The Sailors of the Year will be recognized in October and the Marine of the year will be recognized in November.

Previously a presentation was made at the Bard at a luncheon honoring the individual and the individual's service on the anniversary of the founding of that service.

Currently the individual receives the same certificates, but they are presented by a senior member of his/her command on behalf of the CIC at an extremely limited ceremony.

It is believed that it was more important to recognize the achievement promptly than to wait for an indefinite time to have a larger ceremony.

Our thanks go to the Sponsors who make the awards program possible and the political organizations that make the award so special.

Congratulations to each awardee for their outstanding leadership and service!

Bob Quinn, Awards Chairman





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## Confinement At Home - Stay Safe and Healthy...



Photo from Bette Alburdis,  
Fall theme in her garden:  
Thankful & Blessed

Join Bette Alburdis at her Mobile Home Parking Space on **Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 from 8 am to 2 pm...**face mask required and social distancing. Others in her area also participating in the parking space yard sale...filled with usable items at bargain prices. For directions/information call Bette at 805 479-3133 Also, contact Bette for information regarding purchase of a home-made wreath for the Fall created by Lisa Guillen, new member who enjoys home-made crafts.

### FYI Regarding "Toys for Tots" : one of the toys collection

Location will be at their Mobile Home Park...contact Bette.

Details for Toys for Tots collection place and dates will be announced end of October. I will send an email message and/or USPS delivery. Also visit [www.navyleaguecica.com](http://www.navyleaguecica.com) for information. Thanks to Purna Pai and Cynthia Janacek for hosting Zoom board meetings for NL Channel Islands Council!

### 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.

