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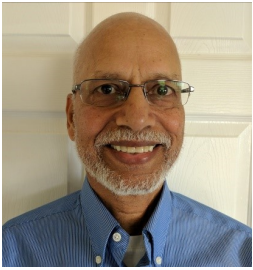
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## President's Message



Hello everyone, Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! I hope you had a great Holiday season and you all are doing well. This year so far, we have had little more rain, which is much needed, and a little cooler seasonal temperature than last year.

At the monthly lunch meeting in October at the Bard, we celebrated 247th birthday of U. S. Navy with the participation of the members of the Navy and the cake cutting ceremony. We also honored Sailor of the Year, Aviation Electronics Technician, AT2 Wilvur Santo with a check and certificates from the community leaders and local government officials.

During our November lunch meeting at the Bard, we had a guest presentation by Annette Garcia who is the founder of Heart of an Angel organization whose goal is to impact and encourage children socially and emotionally through physical and spiritual fitness. Also, the elections for the officers and Board members of the council for 2023 were held during this meeting based on the nominations proposed by a team led by the past president Arlene Fraser and other members. The 2023 Council officers and board members are listed on the last page in this newsletter.

We had a very successful Fundraising Holiday luncheon, which was held at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Annette and Stan Block for their hard work and to all the members of the Council and their friends who participated and contributed to this fundraising effort. We raised the highest amount ever in Council's history during this event!

In January we celebrated belated 247<sup>th</sup> birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, which was attended by MSgt Jonathan Taylor and his team members. We also honored the retiring officers and the Board members from previous year and recognized Bette Alburdis as Navy Leaguer of the Year.

Going forward, we will have a program presentation from Gold Coast Ambulance in February, the Seabee of the Year award presentation in March and Spring Baby Shower with Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society in April. I hope you all will plan on attending these lunch meetings. In addition, our council has a volunteering opportunity in April for the commissioning of USS Santa Barbara at the Port of Hueneme. Please contact Cynthia Janacek at 805 889-3418 or her email at [nursecynthia@aol.com](mailto:nursecynthia@aol.com) to volunteer for the commissioning.

I hope to see you all at the lunch meeting at the Bard on February 9<sup>th</sup>.



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## Installation of Officers and Board at the Bard Mansion on January 12, 2023

Brad Connors, Installing Officer



Installation of Navy League Channel Islands Council 2023 officers and board of directors at the Bard Mansion on January 12, 2023 . From left to right: Jim Cecil, Judge Advocate; Purna Pai, President; Brad Connors, Installing Officer; Lisa Guillen, 2nd VP-Programs; Bette Alburtis, Chaplain; Stan Block,USCG Liaison; Michele Grimaldi, 1st VP-Membership; Annette Block, 3rd VP-Ways and Means; Bob Quinn,Recording Secretary; Judy Quinn, Sunshine; DorothyCarmack, Name tags; Tom Fraser, Sea Cadet Liaison; Kitty Hurliman, Corresponding Secretary and Arlene Fraser, Treasurer.

Photos taken by Bear/Ross Carmichael at the Bard Mansion



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## Navy Leaguer of the Year, Channel Islands Council presented to Bette Alburdis

at January 12, 2023 luncheon at the Bard Mansion. Purna Pai, President, made the annual presentation and recognition for Bette's outstanding service and leadership during 2022. Thank You, Bette and Congratulations!



Certificates presented by Purna Pai, President, to Brad Connors in Appreciation for Installation; to LaVonne Fosse, outgoing Board member for her years of service; and certificate to Jim Cecil, for serving 16 years as Council Treasurer. Jim also received a gift of appreciation for his outstanding dedication and service as Treasurer. Thank you for supporting Navy League Channel Islands Council!





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## USMC 247th BELATED BIRTHDAY January 12, 2023



Purna Pai, President presented Certificate of Recognition to MSgt Jonathan E. Taylor for the USMC 247th belated birthday celebration on January 12, 2023. LCpl Joseph Mitchell, youngest Marine at the lunch served piece of cake by MSgt Jonathan E. Taylor, the oldest Marine at the lunch to celebrate the traditional serving of the birthday cake. Not in photos, LCpl John Brocks also attended the celebration.



**Lucky door prize winners** at the Channel Islands Council installation luncheon at the Bard Mansion, from left: Jim Cecil, Janet Foley, Kim Lucas, Bob Quinn and Tony Volante. Thanks to Annette Block for preparing all the gift baskets monthly. Congratulations to winners!



Photo above: Tony Suleiman introduced guest speaker at the November luncheon, Annette Garcia, founder of Heart of An Angel organization for children.

Smiling faces = door prize winners at the November lunch: Lisa Guillen, Diane Grossman and Carol Sanders. Congratulations!





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## 2022 December Holiday Luncheon at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club



I would like to express my gratitude to all who donated, attended, and helped with the very successful 2022 Holiday Luncheon and Wine Auction. We raised more money than ever before with the wide array of door prize and auction items and the generosity of our attendees. It was wonderful to see many new faces as well as connecting with returning friends.



It will be an exciting year with some familiar and popular fundraising efforts and the possibility of new fun events. We look forward to seeing you at these occasions and hope you will bring family and friends to support the rewarding work we do for our sea-going services, NJROTC and Sea Cadets.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023!

*Annette Block*

Third Vice President, Ways and Means



### 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!

#### Plan to attend luncheons at the Bard Mansion

February 9, 2023 Subject: EMT/Ambulance Response

March 9, 2023

Happy Birthday Seabees and Seabee of the Year award

April 13, 2023

Spring Baby Shower for Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and Family Services at NBVC

#### Second Thursday of the Month

Speaker: Jeffrey Winters, Gold Coast Ambulance

#### Time: 11:30 am

**Make your reservations early. Call Arlene Fraser at 805 377-0468 and leave a message or send an email to arlene64@aol.com**

**NOTE: PRICE INCREASE AT THE BARD MANSION**

**\$20.00 CASH OR CHECK PER PERSON OR**

**\$21.00 CREDIT CARD PP**



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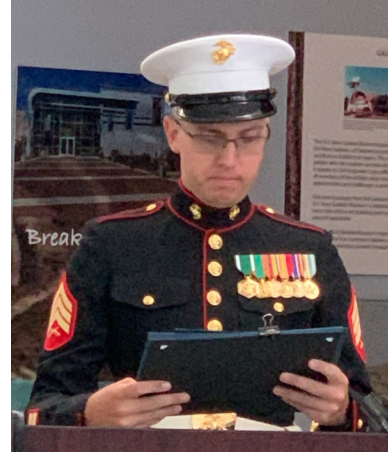
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## Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadet Units—Outstanding Youth Program for Students



New Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadets from Port Hueneme Units at the Seabee Museum welcomed by SGT Sammuel Rice, Commanding Officer of the Units.



**SGT Sammuel Rice, USMCR**

Commanding Officer  
Ben Moreell Battalion, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps and  
Training Ship Nicholas H. Anderson, US Navy League  
Cadet Corp



Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony at Point Mugu Sea Cadet Unit, Trident Patrol 65 Squadron, held for CPO Ian Dobrosky on October 16, 2022.

Congratulations Certificate presented by Tom and Arlene Fraser from Channel Islands Council to CPO Ian Dobrosky for his outstanding leadership. He has been with the program since age 10. His father is the Commanding Officer, LTjg Terrance Dobrosky, NSCC.

### Announcement

**Port Hueneme Sea Cadet/  
Navy League Cadet Units  
Awards Ceremony will be  
held on Saturday, February  
25, 2023**

**Sea Cadet of the Year**

From Ben Moreell Bn:  
**PO3 Dome, Troy NSCC**

**Navy League Cadet of the Year**

From Nicholas H. Anderson:  
**PO3 Songer, Hannah NLCC**



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## SAILOR OF THE YEAR—AT2 (AW/SW) WILVUR SANTO, USN



**October 13, 2022, door prize winners** at the Navy birthday and award luncheon at the Bard Mansion, from left to right: Diane Grossman, SOY Wilvur Santo, USN; Bette Alburts and Janice Guitard.



SOY Wilvur Santo shares sea stories with “Bear”/Ross Carmichael, who also served in the USN and attended the Navy birthday celebration.

Congratulations to SOY Wilvur Santo, USN! Certificate, challenge coin and check presented by Purna Pai, CIC President; Certificate from City of Port Hueneme presented by Brad Connors, City Manager; and additional Certificates and tote bag presented by Kitty Hurliman at the Bard Mansion.



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## 2023 Officers and Board of Directors

Purna Pai, President  
Michele Grimaldi, 1st Vice Pres.,  
Membership & Publicity  
Lisa Guillen, 2nd Vice Pres., Programs  
Annette Block, 3rd Vice President,  
Ways and Means  
Robert Quinn, Recording Secretary  
Kitty Hurliman, Corresponding  
Secretary  
Arlene Fraser, Treasurer  
Bette Alburtis, Chaplain  
Jim Cecil, Jr., Judge Advocate  
**Board of Directors:**  
Stan Block, Dorothy Carmack,  
Tom Fraser, Judy Quinn  
Jim Cecil, Jr., NLUS National Director  
Emeritus

**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.



Thomas R. Bard Mansion

**Plan to attend lunch at the Bard Mansion on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 at 11:30 am**

**Speaker: Jeffrey Winters, Gold Coast Ambulance**

**Subject: EMT/Ambulance Response**

**NOTE: 2023 Price increase to:**

**\$20.00 cash or check per person**

**\$21.00 credit card per person.**

## Security Access Requirements to NBVC Port Hueneme

NBVC Security Pass office prepares a NL Security List for entry to the Base on dates NL will have a luncheon at the Bard Mansion. If you completed a Form and have been approved, your name is on the current Security list. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your cooperation.

**RSVP Contact Arlene Fraser 805 377-0468**

Please leave a message and let me know if you are on the gate list or if you will need a ride from the Seabee Museum parking to the Bard Mansion. Thanks!

## 2023 CALENDAR

**THURSDAY LUNCH AT THE BARD MANSION TIME: 11:30 AM**

**Feb. 9, 2023; Mar. 9\*; Apr. 13; May 11; June 8; Aug. 10\*; Sept. 14; Oct. 12\*; Nov. 9\***

**Note \* Awards luncheon Watch for other special events.**

