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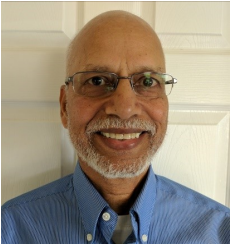
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President's Message

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer. The pandemic is over, but COVID still appears to be making rounds. We are all urged to receive a COVID booster as well as a regular annual flu shot since the flu season is just beginning.

In August, we had a very successful mid-month lunch meeting at the Bard. The highlight of the meeting was the celebration of the 233rd anniversary of the founding of the Coast Guard and honoring of the Coast Guard of the Year, ET2 Michael Richardson, USCGC Blacktip. In addition to our Navy League members and their guests, the luncheon was attended by Port Hueneme City Councilwoman Martha McQueen-Legohn, Tracy Gallaher, County Supervisor Vianey Lopez's staff member and several Coast Guard members. Welcome aboard to life member Desiree Peckham sponsored by Dorothy Carmack also at the luncheon. Contact Michele Grimaldi, 1st VP for membership applications and information.

During this meeting, we had a successful fundraiser wine auction, conducted by our 3rd

VP Annette Block and Stan Block. At our monthly luncheon in September, we had a successful Fall Baby Shower. The Council donated diapers, a baby car seat and baby items to the representatives, Sonya Akintonde and Ms. Lisa Patrick, of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Thanks to members and guests for your generous donations!

At the **October 12th luncheon**, we can look forward to the US Navy Birthday celebration and Sailor of the Year award and we will elect Nominations Committee members from the general members. On **November 9th** we will have the US Marine Corps Birthday celebration and we will also have our annual election for officers. The Navy League Channel Islands Council Annual Holiday Luncheon will be on Sunday, **December 10, 2023**, at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Be sure to invite your friends and family members. I hope to see a great turnout of our membership for these meetings.

I hope to see you all at the October 12th lunch meeting at the Bard. In the meanwhile, enjoy the cool fall weather and a Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!



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National Navy League of the United States Annual Convention held in June

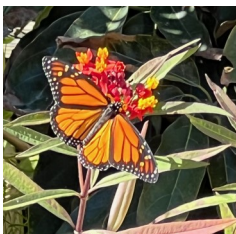
Channel Islands Council received the Mackie Newsletter Gold Award



Purna Pai, President extends congratulations and a thank you to each member for supporting the Council's events, renewing your memberships and giving donations to support our active-duty and their families and also for your continuing support for Military Awards, Baby Showers, Sea Cadets, Navy League Cadets and NJROTC Cadets. It is a team effort to make positive contributions. We appreciate all of our members and supporters.

Thanks to the Officers, Board of Directors, volunteers and all members. Appreciation and thanks to Arlene Fraser, Editor and Publisher of The Pilot. You make a difference!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



Members of the Nomination Committee from the Board are: Bette Alburdis, Stan Block, and Kitty Hurliman; Annette Block as alternate. On October 12, 2023, additional Nominations Committee members will be elected from the general members, three and an alternate. Arlene Fraser, serves as Chairperson.

2024 Officers will be elected at the November 9, 2023, luncheon at the Bard Mansion.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this message, please let me know or contact any of the officers and board of directors. We look forward to your participation and willingness to serve on the Nominations Committee and on the Board for 2024.

Elected officers and board of directors will be installed at the January 11, 2024 luncheon.

Arlene Fraser, Chairperson

Nominations Committee 805 377-0468 arlene64@aol.com



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Season Changes, HAPPY FALL

Summer turns to autumn and autumn to winter. Like all of us busy at home with preparations for the upcoming season, the Navy League is getting ready for our



annual Holiday Party and Wine Auction! Scheduled this year for Sunday, December 10 (put it on your calendars), this event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and, with your help, we can achieve our goals of supporting members of our seagoing services and our NJROTC and Sea Cadet units. We've already got some great wines, spirits and auction items ready to go and look forward to seeing you all there! Remember to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this very entertaining social gathering with a purpose! Look for your flyer in this newsletter, and please call or email me with any questions you may have.

Cheers!

Annette Block

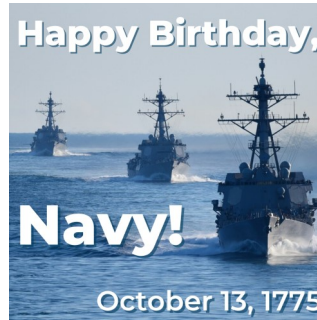
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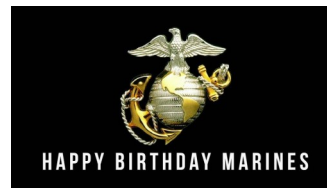


OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2023



Remember to make your reservation to attend on OCT. 12, 2023 at the Bard Mansion 11:30 am

Navy birthday & Awards luncheon.



Mark your calendar to attend the USMC birthday on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at the Bard Mansion



Thank all Veterans on Nov. 11 Veterans Day!



Celebrate with your family and friends!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Plan to attend on Sunday, December 10, 2023, Holiday Lunch & Wine Auction at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Flyer invitation in this newsletter.

Stay safe & healthy too!



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FALL BABY SHOWER HELD THURS., SEPT. 14, 2023 AT BARD MANSION

Thank You Letter received:

Dear Ms Kitty Hurliman and Members of Channel Islands Council Navy League,

On behalf of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, I would like to thank you for the outstanding organization of the Baby Shower given on 14 September 2023 and the generous donation of approximately \$2000.00 of baby clothing, diapers, toys, car seat and miscellaneous accessories. While it may be easy to put a monetary value on the items you have contributed, it is much more difficult to measure the amount of heart involved. Families receiving these items have benefit of knowing that the items were personally selected.

Year-to-date the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has held Budget for Baby Workshop, making contact with over 4000 individuals. In Ventura, we are able to enhance our workshops with the items contributed, as well as assist clients in need of emergency financial assistance. Your support will help assist families achieve financial self-sufficiency, through the many services and programs provided by Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.



Thank you so much for your continued support of our programs. In particular, Kitty Hurliman has done an outstanding job in procuring and organizing the receipt of this donation. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the Society, and more importantly, by the service families we support. , , ,

Sincerely yours,

Sonya Akintonde

Director

NMCRS Ventura County





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FALL BABY SHOWER



Thanks to all members for your generosity and variety of items donated for the Baby Shower! Gift cards from any store and monetary (check payable to Channel Islands Council) donations designated for Baby Shower appreciated too! We will plan to continue the Spring and Fall Baby Shower luncheons and will continue to collect baby shower items throughout the year/monthly at the Council luncheons and distributed to NMCRS as received to keep their supplies available for families. If you have any questions regarding items for the Baby Shower or need assistance with shopping, please contact Kitty Hurliman at 805 509-8174. Please leave a voice message or send a text message and she will contact you.



From left to right: Kitty Hurliman, Channel Islands Council liaison to NMCRS, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Patrick and Sonya Akintonde, Director of NMCRS. Purna Pai, Council President presented a Council challenge coin to Sonya. Thank you to NMCRS for their outreach program and support to families. Also, thanks to everyone for their wonderful baby shower donations!



Baby Shower models: from left to right—Christopher Arnold, Bob Quinn, Kim Lucas, Annette Block, Janet Foley, Lisa Patrick (volunteer at NMCRS), Sonya Akintonde (Director of NMCRS), Bonnie Smith, Dawn Canfield, Joseph Montague and Joyce Montague. Everyone had a fun time at the Fall Baby Shower. Thanks to Kitty Hurliman. Liaison to NMCRS who shops year-round and coordinates the Spring and Fall Baby Showers. Everyone enjoyed shopping for our young families at Naval Base Ventura County. Thank you for your wonderful baby shower gifts!



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Welcome to Guests and Friends of Dawn and Melissa at the Bard Mansion on Sept. 14, 2023



From left to right: Shane Sammon, Melissa Frederick *, Dawn Canfield*, Maria Zevallos, Carl Bathelt, Chelsea Bathelt, Cheryl Bathelt, Joyce Montague and Joseph Montague. Note * NLUS Channel Islands Council members.

Congratulations to Lucky Door Prize Winners



From left to right: Leslie Smith, John Quinn, Melissa Frederick, Nancy Dussault, and Christopher Arnold are lucky door prize winners at the Bard Mansion on September 14, 2023. Thanks for attending our Baby Shower. Congratulations!



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!



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U.S. COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

AT THE BARD MANSION THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 AT 11:30 AM



From left to right: Purna Pai, Council President, presented Certificate of Recognition to Coastie of the Year, ET2 Michael Richardson, USCG. Stan Block, Council liaison to USCG, presented the Council's challenge coin and an award check was given to the awardee from the Council.



Coastie of the Year, ET2 Michael Richardson, USCG.

Martha McQueen-Leghon, Port Hueneme City Council Member presented a Certificate to ET2 Richardson; next photo: Tracy Gallaher, Staff member from County Supervisor Vianey Lopez's office also presented a Certificate from the County Supervisors; and third photo: Kitty Hurliman presented a tote bag from the Council to ET2 Richardson and she also presented additional Certificates and congratulations from: the Cities of Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura; California Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, Congressmember Julia Brownley and from the Oxnard Harbor District Commissioners. The Channel Islands Council also presented a check to support the USCGC Black Tip at USCG Station, Channel Islands.



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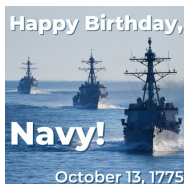
**Oxnard Harbor District &
City of Port Hueneme**

Special reminder: Contact Bob Quinn, at 805 276-8474 and let him know of any ill or bereaved member. He will get a card in the mail immediately. Please keep him 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, OCTOBER 12, 2023 at 11:30 am**



US NAVY BIRTHDAY & AWARDS

NOTE: 2023 Price:

\$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

Oct. 12* USN BIRTHDAY & * Awards; Nov. 9 USMC BIRTHDAY

See invitation for Dec. 10, 2023, Holiday Lunch & Auction.

Plan to attend, invite family & friends. Join the FUN!