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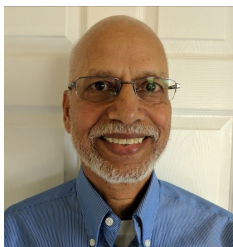
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President's Message

Hello everyone, Happy New Year and welcome to 2024! I hope you had a great Holiday Season and you all are doing well. This year so far, we have had some rain, which is much needed, and a little warmer seasonal temperature than last year.

At the monthly lunch meeting in October at the Bard, we celebrated 248th 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, AE1 Zachary Gamez, VAW-115, Point Mugu, with a check and certificates from the community leaders and local government officials.

During our November lunch meeting at the Bard, we celebrated belated 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, with a cake cutting ceremony which was attended by Capt. Matthews, Sgt. Sammuel Rice and Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Noble along with their Marine Corps Team members. Also, the elections for the officers and Board members of the council for 2024 were held during this meeting based on the nominations proposed by a team led by the past president Arlene Fraser. The 2024 Council officers and board members are shown 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 10th. Thanks to Annette and Stan Block for their hard work, to Clarke Cramer for conducting the wine auction and to all the members of the Council and their friends who participated and contributed to this fundraising effort. We had the highest attendance and raised an outstanding amount during this event! Photos of attendees are on page 4 and page 5 in this newsletter.

On January 11, 2024, Andrew Salinas, Assistant Sheriff from County of Ventura will install the Council Board for 2024. Plan to attend the first luncheon of 2024, and support our incoming officers at the Oath of Office ceremony. Tony Suleiman will serve as 2024 Council president.

Going forward, we will have a program presentation 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.

The Channel Islands Council's Navy Leaguer of the Year will be recognized at the January luncheon. I hope to see you all at the lunch meeting at the Bard on January 11th. Make your reservations early.



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Happy birthday to US Navy and congratulations to AE1 Zachary Gamez, Sailor of the Year!

Purna Pai, President extends congratulations to SOY, AE1 Zachary Gamez, USN, VAW-115, Point Mugu. Representatives also presented Certificates to SOY: from Vianey Lopez, County Supervisor; Dr. Martita Martinez-Bravo, Councilmember City of Camarillo; Misty Perez, Mayor Pro tem City of Port Hueneme; and Armando Gonzales, Staff from Congresswoman Julia Brownley. Also in attendance Tracy Gallaher, Staff member with Supervisor Lopez; and Martha McQueen-Legohn, Councilmember from City of Port Hueneme. Kitty Hurliman also presented SOY Gamez with a custom made tote bag to collect additional Certificates received from: Oxnard, Ventura, California Assemblymember Irwin and Port of Hueneme.



Congratulations to Lucky Door Prize Winners

October winners: Bob Quinn, Kitty Hurliman, Nancy Dussault and Gailen Vick. Special thanks to Annette Block for the beautiful gift baskets. Happy Halloween!

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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Happy Birthday to US Marines and Congratulations to Lucky Door Prize Winners

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November door prize winners from left to right: Purna Pai, Diane Grossman and Kim Lucas with two baskets.

CHANNEL ISLANDS COUNCIL ELECTED 2024 OFFICERS

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 elected from the general members, three and an alternate: Diane Quinn, Leslie Smith, Tony Suleiman, and Beckie Cramer, alternate.

2024 Officers elected at the November 9, 2023, luncheon at the Bard Mansion. See list of 2024 Officers and Board of Directors on the last page of this newsletter.

Please plan to join us for lunch at the Bard Mansion to support our 2024 elected Officers.

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

Installation Officer will be Andrew Salinas, Assistant Sheriff for County of Ventura.



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Dec 10, 2023 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND WINE AUCTION



Sea Cadet Color Guard Unit photo taken by Michele Grimaldi



On the right, Purna Pai, President Channel Islands Council, welcomes Kevin Button, Region President Pacific Southwest to the Council's annual Holiday luncheon and fundraiser at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club.

They exchanged their NLUS challenge coins and welcomed everyone to have a fun time together.



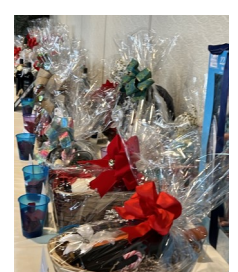
Photo, from left to right: Connie Dome, NSCC staff; Kevin Button, President Pacific Southwest Region; Cadet Antunes, Cadet Troy Dome, Cadet Murray Lynn, Kevin Lynn, staff XO; Cadet Catin Tran, Jonnie Lisman, staff; Cadet Mason Nguyen.

Thank you to Color Guard Unit from NSCC Ben Moreell Battalion at Port Hueneme for opening flag ceremony at the Holiday luncheon. Also, thanks for Cadets assistance during the fundraiser. We appreciate all the volunteers and parents supporting the Sea Cadet program during the year.



Stan and Annette Block and many others prepared to make this year's fundraiser a success. Clarke Cramer served as auctioneer and he stimulated a friendly competition which resulted in every winner happy to be generous.

Many thanks to all attendees for supporting this fundraiser. Funds will support NLUS Channel Islands Council's programs: Sea Cadet and Navy League Cadet Units at Port Hueneme and Point Mugu, Hueneme High School NJROTC, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society/Family Services, and special projects/awards.





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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER AT PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



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NSCC CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR POINT MUGU UNITS

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Bob Quinn and Tom Fraser made presentation of Certificates from Channel Islands Council to incoming CO, Tejomortula and outgoing CO Lt. Terry Dobrosky at the NSCC/NLCC Units at Point Mugu. Lt. Dobrosky served from February 26, 2017 to October 22, 2023. We appreciate his outstanding leadership and dedication during his years as commanding officer. Welcome to new commanding officer Tejomortula as she leads the NSCC Trident Patrol Squadron 65 and NLCC TS Minutemen Unit at Point Mugu.



Certificates presented to: Incoming Commanding Officer Inst. Tejomortula



Outgoing CO Lt. Dobrosky

MEMBERSHIP PORTAL NLUS WEBSITE UPDATE

go to www.navyleague.org
Remember to renew early and invite
your family & friends to join NLUS Channel Islands Council.
Active duty members may also join.



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**SAVE
THE
DATES
&
PLAN TO
ATTEND**

PROPOSED 2024 CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR

AT THE BARD MANSION THURSDAY, AT 11:30 AM	
Jan. 11, 2024	Installation of Officers and Board
Feb. 8, 2024	Sheriff Fryhoff & Assistant Sheriff Salinas
Mar. 12, 2024	Seabees Birthday & Seabee of the Year
Apr. 11, 2024	NMCRS, Spring Baby Shower
May 9, 2024	Merchant Marines
June 13, 2024	TBA
Aug. 8, 2024	USCG Birthday & Sailor of the Year
Sept. 12, 2024	NMCRS Fall Baby Shower
Oct. 10, 2024	U.S. Navy Birthday & Sailor of the Year, Navy
Nov. 14, 2024	U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

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Other Special Events to be announced during the year...



December 10, 2023 at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

Michele Grimaldi created beautiful holiday centerpieces as a prize for one winner at each table. Photos taken by Michele.





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2024 Officers and Board of Directors

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

Special thanks to
Military & Youth Awards
Admiral Sponsors:
Oxnard Harbor District &
City of Port Hueneme

Special reminder: Contact Judy Quinn, at 805 276-8474 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, JANUARY 11, 2024 at 11:30 am
Andrew Salinas, Assistant Sheriff will install the Officers and Board Members

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
arlene64@aol.com 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!

JAN. 11, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Bard Mansion

Installation Officer: Andrew Salinas, Assistant Sheriff
(former Police Chief, City of Port Hueneme)

Starting in February 2024 contact Diane Quinn for reservations.
Her contact info will be in the Feb. 2024 postcard reminder.