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Please leave a message and let me know if you are attending. If you are not on the Security Gate list, please go to the Base Pass Office to obtain a one-day pass. Thanks!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone. Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays! Fall is here and winter will be here soon!

Channel Islands Council (all members and guests) invited to attend the Ventura County Supervisors board meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 10:30 am at the County Government Center, Administration Building on Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Supervisor Vianey Lopez will be presenting the Council with a Proclamation. Join us to promote Navy League's message and invite new members to join Channel Islands Council. Hope to see you there and at our October and November luncheons at the Bard Mansion.

October 10, 2024, at the Bard Mansion we will be celebrating the U.S. Navy's birthday and recognizing the Navy's Sailor of the Year. The official Navy birthdate is October 13, 2024, and its 249th birthday. National Navy League is promoting membership recruitment during the month of October 2024. If you have membership questions or concerns contact Michele Grimaldi, 1st Vice President / Membership.

Make your Holiday reservations early and invite guests to join us on December 15, 2024. See you soon.

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Greeting from Navy League of the United States, Channel Islands Council Membership

Our National Headquarters has chosen October, in coordination with the recognition of the Navy Birthday, to be the month we roll out a new membership drive. We recognize that most new members are a result of "peer to peer marketing" so I encourage everyone to think about who you know that may enjoy helping us support the United States Sea Services and local affiliates that we assist such as the Sea Cadets, Naval JROTC, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and the on base Food Pantry at Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme. This Council does so much good work for our community and all of it because of the involvement of our members. Reach out to the civilians you may know who might like to continue Theodore Roosevelt's vision and I would also like to remind you that now Active Duty Personnel can join our Council as well.

When you renew online you get immediate confirmation of your transaction. For current members who are renewing, please note that if this is the first time you have renewed online with the Nimble system, you must change your password to access this new system. You will do this by selecting "forgot password". If you need help with this, when you open the main Navy League site, select LOGIN and you will be sent to the Member Login page that has a Reset Password Tutorial to help with this process.

If you are a current member and have moved, changed your email address, phone number, or other information please go to the Navy League of the United States Website and update your information on your Personal Snapshot.

If you do not have computer access or do not wish to join or renew online the staff at Membership will be glad to assist you. Please feel free to call Navy

League of the United States at 703 312-2880. Monday-Friday 8:30 am—5 pm Eastern Time. Please know that if you still have difficulties I want you to contact me so that I can work with the National Office to resolve them for you.

For new members there are great explanations on the website www.navyleague.org to help you understand who we are and what we do. Go to National Navy League website. A quick reminder, when you do join make sure you select our Channel Islands Council so you are placed on our roster. Please inform me when you join. Thanks for your support as a member!

And please follow us on our website www.navyleaguecica.org and on Facebook (Navy League Channel Islands) for reports and pictures of the events and news in between the publication of this Award Winning Newsletter!

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July 9, 2024 Fundraiser at Yolanda's



Thanks to Annette Block for making the fundraising arrangements with Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant! Photos taken in July at Yolanda's of some of the groups that supported the fundraiser.

Thank you very much to all who ate there or ordered take-outs.

Everyone enjoyed their meals and a happy time together supporting Channel Islands Council's youth programs: Sea Cadets, Navy League Cadets and NJROTC.



Congratulations to Channel Islands Council for receiving from National Navy League of the United States, two awards:

Outstanding Council and Sea Service Adoption Excellence Award at the June 2024 National Navy League Convention. In photo above: Purna Pai, and Michele Grimaldi holding the awards.

Congratulations to all Channel Islands Council Board and members for your outstanding service and dedication. We appreciate all of you. Thanks!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Channel Islands Council Board of Directors elected its Nominating Committee members from the Board on September 24, 2024: Bette Alburdis, Kitty Hurliman, Diane Quinn and alternate Michele Grimaldi.

At the October 10, 2024, luncheon at the Bard Mansion three general members and an alternate will be elected to also serve on the Nominations Committee. Purna Pai as past president is the Nominations Committee Chairman. Officers for 2025 will be nominated and slate will be presented at the November 14, 2024 meeting for election. Installation of Officers will be held at the January 9, 2025 luncheon meeting.



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Military Appreciation Mixer at Channel Islands Maritime Museum Hosted by Oxnard Harbor District



Photo above: Barbara Volante, Stan Block, Celina Zacarias, Harbor District Commissioner, President of Oxnard Harbor District; Tony Volante and Annette Block at Annual Military Appreciation Mixer at Channel Islands Maritime Museum. Photo below: CDR Amanda Sardone, USCG Commanding Officer Air Station Ventura; SR Chief Mo Rivera, USCG Air Station Ventura with Annette and Stan Block.



FOOD BANK PROGRAM



Purna Pai presented Certificate of Appreciation and Council’s challenge coin to **Holly Walaszek, Coordinator of Food Bank at Naval Base Ventura County** at the Bard Mansion on September 12, 2024. Holly and Pam Leith shared information about the NBVC Food Bank project and requested assistance from Navy League members to help support the food share program on Base.

Photo below, from left to right: **September 12, 2024, door prize winners** are Jime Cecil, Janet Foley, Stan Block and Michele Grimaldi. Congratulations to happy lucky winners. Thanks to Annette Block for her creative door prize baskets. Thanks to everyone who purchased door prize tickets at the luncheon. We appreciate your fundraising support!



Sept. 12, 2024, door prize winners



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USCG BIRTHDAY AND COASTIE of the YEAR, AMT1 CODY A. REED



Photo 1. Stan Block, Council Liaison to USCG and Tony Suleiman, President presented Certificate, challenge coin and a check to Coastie of the Year, AMT1 Cody A. Reed at the Bard Mansion.

Photo 2. Celina Zacarias, Harbor Commissioner, President of Oxnard Harbor District presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Oxnard Harbor District/ Port of Hueneme.

Photo 3. City of Port Hueneme’s Mayor Pro Tem McQueen-Legohn presented Certificate of Recognition from the City og Port Hueneme.

Photo 4. Tracy Gallaher, Staff representative for County Supervisor Vianey Lopez, District 5, gave a Certificate of Recognition from the County Board of Supervisors to AMT1 Reed.

Additional Certificates were also presented to Coastie of the Year, AMT1 Cody A. Reed from the office of: Congresswoman Julia Brownley, Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, the Cities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Ventura. Kitty Hurliman made a tote bag to hold all the Certificates. Cake cutting ceremony was held and everyone enjoyed the celebration followed with a fundraising wine auction conducted by Annette Block.



**CONGRATULATIONS
 AMT1 CODY A. REED
 USCG
 AIR STATION VENTURA**



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Tour at USCG, Air Station Ventura at Point Mugu NBVC on September 19, 2024

From left to right: Stan Block, LT Robert Goods, Dawn Canfield, Carol Sanders, Michele Grimaldi, Judy Quinn, Janet Foley, Diane Grossman, Diane Quinn, Bob Quinn, and Annette Block. Several Navy League members received an interesting tour of the facilities and equipment at USCG Air Station Ventura at Point Mugu.





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FALL BABY SHOWER AT THE BARD MANSION ON SEPT. 12, 2024



Baby Shower line up from left to right: Steve Huber, Kitty Hurliman, Tony Sulieman, Sonya Akintonde, (Director, NMCRS), Sophalin Lundy, (Relief Services Assistant), Annette Block, Purna Pai and Stan Block. Thank you very much to Kitty Hurliman, Council Liaison to NMCRS for coordinating and shopping year-round for many baby shower items. Special thanks to Annette Block for making the beautiful quilt.

Sonya Akintonde extended sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone at Navy League for the generous donations. *Thank you very much!*



October 10, 2024 Join us at the Bard Mansion to celebrate the Navy Birthday and congratulate Sailor of the Year
November 14, 2024 Celebrate with US Marines at the Bard Mansion.
December 15, 2024 Attend the Holiday Lunch and Wine Auction



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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

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

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Channel Islands Council's
Holiday Lunch and Wine Auction
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024
Flyer insert/Reservation Form
RSVP Due by Dec. 1, 2024

2024 CALENDAR NLUS CHANNEL ISLANDS

2nd Thursday of the Month at the Bard Mansion at 11:30 am.

Price: \$20.00 cash/check per person ; \$21.00 credit card per person

Plan to attend lunch at the Bard Mansion
on Thursday, OCT. 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m

U.S. NAVY birthday and SOY award;
Elect Nomination Committee Members

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Thursday, NOV. 14, 2024 at 11:30 am

U.S. MARINES birthday and
Election of Officers for 2025

RSVP DIANE QUINN tazquinn@gmail.com

Call or send a text to 805 729-0671

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Photos in this newsletter from:
Annette Block, Michele Grimaldi, and Arlene Fraser.