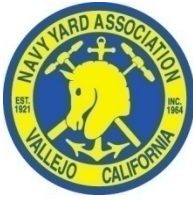


The Navy Yard Association Newsletter



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NYA Bulletin Board

If you wish to reach more than 600 of your fellow NYA members, this bulletin board is available for your use to post information. **Send an e-mail to Veronica Laird at vcullum@hotmail.com (use the subject line "NYA Bulletin Board")**

Shop 64 Breakfast Meeting

Rotating between Vallejo, Suisun, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Woodland
Third Wednesday each month at 9:00am
POC: Parry Benton; (530) 402-1500

Shop 38 Luncheon

Denny's, 4355 Sonoma Blvd (Hwy 29/37 intersection), Vallejo
Second Wednesday of each month (except July/August)
POC: Rudy Lukes, (707) 643-3225

Vallejo Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Florence Douglas Senior Cntr, 333 Amador St., Vallejo
Second Tuesday of each month at 1:15pm
POC: Bill Lewis; (707) 643-6032

Napa Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
Last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm
POC: Dotty Mufich; (707) 226-3642

Mare Island Historical Park Foundation

Mare Island Quarters "A"
Third Monday quarterly (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 10:00am
POC: Ken Zadwick; (707) 557-1538

Nuclear Inspectors' Luncheon

The Sardine Can, Vallejo
First Wednesday of each month at 11:30am
POC: Dick Barlow; (707) 642-6022

Ocean Engineering Luncheon

Sports Bar inside the Marriott Hotel, Napa
Last Wednesday of each month at 11:30am
No POC at this time

Nuclear Engineering Luncheon

Locations vary each month
Each Friday at 11:30am
POC: Allen Green; aalgreen@napanet.net

President's Corner

Ralph McComb

Welcome to the 2012 Navy Yard Association Annual Membership Drive!

Not everyone can say they belong to an organization formed more than 90 years ago solely for the benefit of its members—the employees and retirees of Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Now, more than 90 years later (and more than 15 years after the closure of the Shipyard), this group is held together by a crane inspector, a civil engineer, a welder, two ex-secretaries, and a marine machinist, along with the guiding support of a nuclear engineer. This group includes a writing staff of one (Veronica) that is unparalleled by many groups of a much larger size. A group of officers and directors who ask for nothing in return but to keep things running smoothly, to notify members of items or events that may be of interest to them, and to strengthen their connections with each other. This group organizes fun-filled annual events (Sonya) at little or no cost to members (and with excellent food!). Finally, this group supports the preservation of the rich artifacts from their past through the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation. Sounds like a group worth being a part of, doesn't it? Please help us make this a banner year for NYA membership by renewing *your* membership for 2012. And, tell a friend (or 10!) that they should join, too!

In 2012, the annual all-hands business meeting will include a social hour following the business part of the meeting that is free to all members and one guest each. Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The all-hands meeting is held in October each year. Although this year's meeting date has yet to be scheduled, be assured that we'll publicize the all-hands meeting well in advance so you can plan to be there. Hope to see you all there!



Around Mare Island...

Bruce Christensen

The following are some of the current goings-on around Mare Island:

Job Growth – In February, based on data received from Lennar Mare Island and the City of Vallejo, the Times Herald indicated that businesses located on Mare Island added about 200 new full-time employment positions during 2011. This increase resulted in a total employment on Mare Island at the end of the year of 2,041. This number does not include those employed at Touro University and construction jobs being performed by companies not based on the Island.

According to the City's Economic development director, this growth in employment is partly due to the fact that Lennar now has a dedicated real estate broker who is constantly recruiting businesses to relocate on Mare Island.

Mare Island Bay Trail Dedicated – On Saturday, February 11, during the annual Mare Island Flyway Festival, the Mare Island San Pablo Bay Trail was formally dedicated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony officiated by Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis. The approximately 4-mile long trail on level terrain allows a unique view of the bay and other area scenery surrounding Mare Island. The trail is open daily from dawn to dusk at no cost to public visitors. Along the trail, there are interpretive signs and benches to assist hikers during their visit. Ample parking is available at the trail-head entrance which is located at the west end of A Street, about a half mile west of Azuar Drive (formerly Cedar Avenue). Bicycles and pets are not allowed on the trail.

Congressman Mike Thompson Visits Mare Island – Representative Thompson, soon to represent Mare Island in the newly-formed California Congressional District 5, visited Mare Island in January and again in February to inspect the various amenities in place at the closed shipyard. He walked the Mare Island San Pablo Bay Trail before its official opening and gave it his thumbs-

up. Also, he took in a panoramic view of the entire area from a vantage point at the top of the hill (near the "Spirit Ship") on the south end of Mare Island. During a later tour, he inspected much of Mare Island's infrastructure. At a dinner held in Vallejo in his honor on February 18, he confirmed his desire to make a lot more happen on Mare Island in terms of generation of business, jobs and development.

Artship Departs – In January, the huge white hull that has graced the Mare Island waterfront for several years departed from its berth bound for Brownsville, TX to be scrapped by Esco Marine. The ship has had an interesting history since it was constructed more than 70 years ago (launched at Sparrows Point, MD in 1940); first named the Del Orleans, then commissioned by the Navy in 1941 as the USS Crescent City. After seeing action in WWII, the ship was decommissioned, but was reassigned to the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo as the TS Golden Bear II, where it served until 1995. Later the ship was taken over by the Artship Foundation, but efforts to do something productive with ship were unsuccessful and this year Esco Marine bought the ship at auction for one dollar. The ship completed its final voyage under tow through the Panama Canal, arriving in Brownsville in mid-February.

Big Blaze Razes Building at the North End of Island – Early on Super Bowl Sunday, those living in the northwest sector of Vallejo awakened to flames and dense smoke coming from Building 655, a large warehouse located on the waterfront at the northeast corner of Mare Island. The four-alarm fire at the wooden structure resulted in complete destruction of the 150,000 square-foot building which had been used to store ship's equipment during the Shipyard days. This vacated WWII vintage four-story building was owned by the City and was scheduled to be demolished during the coming year; however, as the result of this fire, the City will save those demolition costs.

Shipyarder's Annual Get-together at Characters – Again this year, Characters Saloon (formerly Caesars Italian Restaurant), located at 315

Tennessee Street in Vallejo, will host former Mare Island Naval Shipyard workers to commemorate the 16th Anniversary of the Mare Island closure. Characters will provide free finger-food and keg beer during the celebration. This year, the event will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012, at 3 PM. All of those who worked on the Shipyard are invited to attend and reminisce with one another. When you attend, be sure to register with your name and address so that you can receive notification reminding you of future celebrations; and, as always, Characters welcomes donations from those attending this event.

Second Annual Armed Forces Day Dance at Mare Island Museum – The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation will again sponsor an Armed Forces Day Dance on—you guessed it!—Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, 2012. The 1940s and 50s dance music will be provided by Vallejo’s popular Dalt Williams Band between 7pm and 10pm. Beverages and light snacks will be available to those attending and, as always, museum exhibits will be open for self tours starting at 6pm. Admission to the event is \$30 per person (\$25 for seniors and Museum ‘Partnership’ members). Those attending in uniform may purchase tickets at half-price.

Last year, the dance was a huge success—bringing in more than \$1,000 in donations to the Foundation. As most of you know, in addition to the Mare Island Museum, the Foundation, as a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) organization, continues to operate Officer’s Quarters A and B and St. Peters Chapel.

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation
Bruce Christensen

MIHPF Partnerships now Offered

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) is now offering Partnerships to encourage community as well as out-of-area support. The MIHPF is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) charitable

Foundation and, as such, all partnership donations are tax-deductable.

Attached to the back of this newsletter is an application for partnerships at the individual, family, student and Out-of-State levels. The partnership plan allows free admission to the Mare Island Museum and to the Museum Library, 10% discount in the Museum gift shop and many other benefits.

If you are interested in becoming a MIHPF Partner, please complete the attached application and remit to MIHPF; Attention: Partnership, 1100 Railroad Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94592.

Become a Plankowner of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation!

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) continues to offer its Plankowner Program to those interested in preserving and displaying the history of Mare Island. As a reminder, the MIHPF is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) foundation.

Those interested in becoming a Plankowner may do so at any of the following levels:

Ensign.....	\$25+
Lieutenant.....	\$100+
Commander.....	\$500+
Captain.....	\$1,000+
Rear Admiral.....	\$5,000+
Vice Admiral.....	\$10,000+
Admiral.....	\$20,000+
Other.....	\$_____

To enroll in the Plankowner Program, please send your tax deductible donation check to:

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation
328 Seawind Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590

To donate by VISA or Mastercard,
Call: 707-280-5742

MIHPF Needs Volunteers

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) is the major force in the maintenance and preservation of historic properties and promotion of Mare Island's past.

Do you have a few hours each week when you can volunteer as a docent, tour guide, or to do gardening or maintenance work in the Mare Island Historic District? If so, the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) will be glad to put you to work!

Some of the sites for which the MIHPF is responsible are the St. Peters Chapel, Officers' Mansions (Quarters A and B), the Mare Island Museum (Building 46), and the grounds surrounding each of these sites. If you wish to volunteer, please call 707-557-0662 or 707-280-5742 and leave you contact information or send an email to: kenzad01@sbcglobal.net or JIG313@aol.com.

Also, anyone interested in becoming a member of the MIHPF Board of Directors is cordially invited to attend the next Board Meeting as a guest.

16th Annual Characters Saloon Mare Island Reunion Friday, March 30, 2012 at 3pm

For the 16th year, Characters Saloon will host its annual Mare Island Reunion. This exciting event will include free beer and heavy appetizers (provided by Characters Saloon); donations are gratefully accepted on the day of the event.

Come join your former co-workers for a beer and some great reminiscing!

Call (707) 553-8503 for details.

Hope to see you there!

Membership update

James Porter

Currently, NYA membership stands at 601, while our dental plan membership stands at 278 members. As you can see in these newsletters, our members are our best recruiters. Keep up the good work in 2012!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. If your newsletter contain includes a self-addressed return envelope and a card strip with your contact information on the left-hand side, here's what you need to do: First review the data on the card, mark any changes directly on the card, cut the card on the dotted line, keep your membership card, and return the contact information portion of the card strip along with your dues in the envelope provided. 2. If your newsletter contains your membership card but does NOT contain a self-addressed return envelope, no dues are necessary.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends on the loss of Gale McCune, John A. Lauritzen, and Richard M. Miley.

Welcome to new member: Robert M. Perry (recruited by James Porterfield).

Your NYA officers have adopted the following award schedule for recruitment of new members (awards subject to availability).

- Recruit 1 new member: Mouse Pad, key chain, decal, or tie-tack
- Recruit 2 new members: T-Shirt
- Recruit 3 new members: Hat
- Recruit 4 new members: Mare Island Clock
- Recruit 5 new members: Briefcase
- Recruit 7 new members: Watch
- Recruit 10 new members: NYA Jacket or Windbreaker

Remember to let Robin Leong know if you've brought in any new members, so you can get your recruitment award! Thanks a bunch for your interest in maintaining our organization!

NOTICE TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: Patricia E. Heady, John A. Kamerzell, Frank A. May, William J. Nelson, James F. Ray, Jr., Donald G. Steineke, and John D. Wilson. We do **NOT** have your correct mailing addresses, thus we cannot send important information to you. **If you see this newsletter (or, if anyone reading this knows one or more of these folks), please forward the current mailing address to Robin Leong via e-mail (preferred) to robin_leong@netzero.net or by phone at (707) 643-1287.**

The NYA Wants You!



This issue of the NYA Newsletter is being sent to former members with the sincere wish that you will consider re-joining the NYA. Membership has many benefits, not the least of which is a close connection to former co-workers as well as current information on what's happening on Mare Island.

Please complete the membership application at the end of the newsletter and mail it with your dues today!

Benefit Officer's Column

Robin Leong

We now have 96 members signed up to receive this newsletter via e-mail! This is a true double benefit—it saves on printing fees, paper, postage, returned-mail fees, is an easy way to keep past issues, AND it reduces the impact to the environment. If you haven't thought about it before, why don't you consider going "green," too?

Please send an e-mail to robin_leong@netzero.net with "Yes, I want my NYA Newsletter via E-Mail!" in the subject line. It's as simple as that!

Benefits

One of our most popular benefits is FREE notary public service. This service is most graciously provided by NYA Officer and Director Sonya Domingo. To make an appointment for notary service, you can reach Sonya by phone at (510) 260-0429 or via e-mail to K-S-Domingo@sbcglobal.net. Please remember to give Sonya a minimum of 24 hours notice for notary appointments.

Another terrific benefit is a \$30 coupon for a Smog Test at Bruce Balbin's Smog Shop (Test Only) on Tennessee Street in Vallejo. I have used Bruce's smog test service (with my NYA discount!), and I was thoroughly satisfied with the service. This is a great deal, folks! It's a good idea to call ahead to Bruce, as he has excellent advice for getting the most out of your vehicle and smog-test experience.

Our latest benefit is an offer from NYA Member Jim Boyd, who owns a vacation villa in the Cancun/Playa Del Carmen Mexico area. Jim is offering NYA members a 25 percent discount on his vacation villa! Check out his website at www.casadosdelfines.com. For those of you who may be concerned about the ongoing violence in Mexico, please note that this vacation villa is in the Yucatan Peninsula, which is far from the border areas where most of the violence has been concentrated.

Dental Plan News

The updated Prepaid and Blue Shield brochures are posted on our website. You can view them at www.mareislandnya.com. While there, why not go ahead and print out a membership form, send it to a former Mare Islander, and tell them about our benefits!

If you are having problems with your dentist, you should first talk to your dentist. Next, discuss the issues with Integrity Administrators, and file a complaint form to document the issues. You may obtain copies of the complaint form in three ways: (1) Get a copy of the complaint form directly from Integrity Administrators. Their address and phone numbers are:

Integrity Administrators, Inc.
P O Box 19338
Reno, NV 89511
Office: 775-324-5644
Toll Free: 866-565-7557
Fax: 775-786-9637;

(2) Download a copy of the complaint form from the NYA website at www.mareislandnya.com; or (3) Contact me, and I'll mail a copy to you. My street and e-mail addresses are:

Robin Leong,
336 Benson Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94590-3027
robin_leong@netzero.net

USS OLYMPIA EFFORT UPDATE

On February 17, 2012, the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation sent a letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation strongly supporting the Naval Historical Foundation's and the Historical Naval Ship Association's nomination of USS OLYMPIA as one of America's Most Endangered Historical Places.

For more information on the effort to save the OLYMPIA, go to <http://mareislandhpf.org>.



ARMED FORCES DAY DANCE MAY 19, 2012

"DALT WILLIAMS BAND"
40's and 50's music

ENTERTAINMENT BY "DANCE
UNLIMITED"

MARE ISLAND MUSEUM
1100 Railroad Ave. Mare Island
Seating Limited • Tickets 707-557-4646

Self tour of Museum 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Entertainment 6:30pm - 7:00pm
Dancing 7:00pm - 10:00pm









PROCEEDS BENEFIT
the
Mare Island Historic Park Foundation

* 40's, 50's Uniforms & Fashions encouraged
* Half Price for anyone in Military Uniform with ID

\$30.00 Per Person
\$25.00 Seniors & Partnership Members



NYA BENEFITS

BENEFITS	COST	WHAT TO DO	COMMENTS
LEGAL SERVICES			
 Notary Public	Free	To make an appointment, contact Sonya Domingo at (510) 260-0429 or send e-mail to k-s-domingo@sbcglobal.net	Please allow 24 hours - you will be contacted to set up an appointment
 Living Trust	10% off the prices posted on the website, at: www.giffordlaw.com	To make an appointment, contact Jean Gifford at (707) 453-1647 or (530) 759-9659	
RETAIL/SERVICE DISCOUNTS			
 Kelly Moore Paint and Wallpaper	25% off	To obtain the discount card, contact Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287	
 Balbin Smog Shop Test ONLY Center	10% off	Contact the Balbin Smog Shop at (707) 647-1601	Other discounts may be available – call the shop and don't forget to mention that you're an NYA member
Handy Consumer Tips Emergent Benefits Job Announcements/Reunions	No cost	Send your e-mail address to Robin Leong at robin_leong@netzero.net	
TRAVEL DISCOUNTS			
 Ambassador Travel	Heavily discounted tours and cruises	Please contact Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287	
RECREATION DISCOUNTS			
Beaver Creek RV Park & Campground (North Coast/Lake County)	15% Discount on camping rates	Show your NYA membership Card	www.campbeavercreek.com
 Napa Wine Train	10% Discount (fare only)	For details, contact Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287	Not available Saturday/Sunday Lunch or Saturday Dinner
 Napa Valley Day Spa (Facials, body wraps, massage, manicures, pedicures, spa parties, etc.)	NYA Members receive a 10% discount	For details, call the Napa Valley Day Spa - (707) 258-9900	
 Vacation Villa	NYA Members receive a 25% discount	For details, go to: www.casadosdelfines.com	Villa located in the Cancun/Playa Del Carmen Mexico area

If you would like to receive benefits updates via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Robin Leong at Robin_Leong@netzero.net.