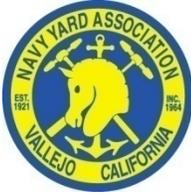


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NYA Bulletin Board

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, & Napa
Third Friday each month at 9:00am
POC: Jim Davis; (707) 226-1119

Shop 38 Luncheon

Denny's, 4355 Sonoma Blvd (Hwy 29/37 intersection), Vallejo
Second Wednesday of each month (except July/August)
POC: To be determined...

Vallejo Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Florence Douglas Senior Center, 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 Historic 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 fall edition of the NYA Newsletter; my part in this edition is to get you excited about next month's NYA Reunion!

This year's reunion—which is FREE to all members and a guest WITH ADVANCE RESERVATIONS—will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 5, 2013, from 12noon to 3:00pm, at the Mare Island Museum, Building 46. The reunion is FREE for all NYA members and a guest. The cost for non-members is \$15 each (remember, membership is only \$15—and, you'd be able to bring a guest for free!). **Advance reservations are so easy—you don't even have to pay in advance!** Just reserve your tickets and pay at the door. Reserve your tickets via snail mail to the P.O. Box address at the top of this newsletter or via e-mail to BGCSJC@aol.com or robin_leong@netzero.net. **Note: PLEASE include the name(s) of your guest(s)! This ensures that everyone will have a name tag on the day of the reunion.**

The deadline to reserve your tickets is September 20, 2013. After September 20, members will pay \$5 at the door, and non-members will pay \$15 at the door. This is truly a time when striking early will save you some real money. Don't wait until the last minute! Make your reservations today!

With each reservation or paid ticket, you will receive a goody bag containing some cool memorabilia AND a ticket for a chance at this year's Door Prize: a laptop computer!! Also, we'll be raffling off some exciting prizes and Mare



Island memorabilia. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for an arm's length (bring that friend with the long arm!). You must be present to win.

As everyone knows, our reunions offer great food, icy cold beverages, exciting drawings and door prizes, and the chance to reminisce with old friends. Don't miss this year's reunion!

If you didn't join the NYA group on their outing to the A's vs. the Angels on Sunday, July



28, 2013, you missed a great game! The game was thrilling (the A's came back from a 5-0 lead by the Angels to

win with a score of 10-6)! Not only did we see our name in lights on the big screen, but everyone went home with a replica jersey from the 1973 World Series win!



Do you like to play golf?

On Monday, October 7 (following the reunion on October 5), a group of Mare Island "Good 'ol Boys" (including Bruce Christensen and Frank Sharkey) will gather for some golfing at a local course (to be determined).

If you'd like to join the group, just send an e-mail to Bruce Christensen at bgcsjc@aol.com, or sign up with Bruce during the reunion.

Looking forward to seeing you at next month's reunion! Make your advance reservations today and don't miss this year's fun event!

Around Mare Island...

Bruce Christensen

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

City of Vallejo Starting to Pay Attention to North End of Mare Island

As was reported in the June newsletter, the City of Vallejo who owns the portion of Mare Island north of the causeway is beginning to realize that this obvious eyesore is detrimental to the developments of a significant portion of potentially useable land. More than 30 buildings located on the northern parcel have continued to deteriorate since the base closed 17 years ago.

To further complicate building demolition and cleanup, these WWII (and pre-WWII) buildings contain many toxics (PCBs, lead based paint, etc.) that were commonly used during that

time, but now are closely regulated by the state and federal EPA.

With the City's ongoing financial woes, a quick solution not in the cards, but for 2013-14, Vallejo has set-aside \$500,000 toward remedying the problem and the Federal EPA has come forth with additional funds to cover some of the toxic cleanup associated with the demolition. In September, the City reported that they may apply for a federal loan for \$4.5 million to cover the demolition of deteriorated buildings at the north end of the Island; it is expected that clearing of those blighted areas will cost about \$10 million..

Systems Engineering and Design Company, Enclos, Opens Shop on Mare Island

The Times Herald and Lennar Mare Island (LMI) reported the July 1, 2013, leasing by Enclos of 50,000 square feet of Building 126 (the former Pipe Shop located across the street from Dry Dock #2). With the arrival of Enclos, 40 new full-time jobs were created on Mare Island.

Enclos is a Minnesota-based firm that currently has local projects which include the New Stanford Hospital, UC San Francisco Medical Center, San Francisco General Hospital, and the expansion of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Arts.

LMI reported that, with the arrival of Enclos, the occupied commercial space on Mare Island has increased by more than 10 percent in the past year to a total of 3.2 million square feet.

Mare Island's Proposed Ferry Operations and Maintenance Facility Update

The \$22 million Ferry Operations and Maintenance Facility proposed for Mare Island by the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) was delayed during June and July while project labor negotiations took place.

The Times Herald reported that after WETA worked for several weeks with the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council on Project Labor Agreement (PLA), members of the Association of Building and Contractors, Inc. opposed the agreement because it restricted competition, increased costs, and put non-union employees at a disadvantage.

On July 19, the unions informed WETA that they would not sign the PLA resulting in the PLA requirement being removed from the bid specification. WETA reported that this action will allow California state taxpayers to benefit from fair and open competition on Phase 1 of the project. For Phase 2 of the project, which is scheduled to go out to bid before the end of the year, WETA may negotiate another agreement with the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council.

The entire project is expected to start in late 2013 and complete in early 2015.

Mare Island's Blu Homes to Display Their Homes Nationwide

In June, the Times Herald reported that the homes that Blu Homes builds at Mare Island will be erected and displayed at several locations around the country as examples of "green prefab homes". The first two of these homes will be located on Mare Island and in the Agoura Hills section of Los Angeles and will be open for tours later this year.

Follow-on homes will be located in Silicon Valley, Seattle, Denver, New York and Boston. Each of these homes will be constructed on Mare Island, after which they will be 'folded-up', loaded onto a truck and transported to each site where they will be 'unfolded' and opened for public inspection.

Mare Island Shipyard, Increases Emergency Response Capabilities, Preps Ship for Dismantling; NOW IS BEING REPLACED by Mare Island Dry Dock, LLC!

In June, the Time Herald reported that Mare Island Shipyard had received a \$521,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Port Security grant to be applied toward the purchase of emergency response equipment. Representative Mike Thompson announced the FEMA grant after helping to pave the way for the funds to be awarded to Mare Island shipyard.

In July, the replenishment oiler, USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3) was towed from the Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay to Mare Island's Dry Dock 3 where its hull was cleaned in preparation for the approximately 3,000 mile tow through the Panama Canal to Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.

In August, the ammunition ship, USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29) was towed from Suisun Bay to Mare Island to be prepared for scrapping. During this process it, was learned that 170 inert mine casings, filled with concrete were being used as ballast to compensate for artillery, and other heavy machinery removed from the ship when it was decommissioned in 1999.

In August, Lennar Mare Island, LLC announced that a new company, Mare Island Dry Dock, LLC, a Philadelphia-based company, has signed the lease for Dry Docks 2 and 3 on Mare Island. The new company plans to repair several ships per year and initially employ 100 workers, with a goal of expanding to 300 workers after 5 years of operation.

Mare Island's XKT Engineering Group Involved in Bay Bridge Fix

In July, there was a media tour of the XKT Engineering facility located in the former Structural Shop (X11) on Mare Island. As a result of the tour, radio, TV, and newspaper reports of the "fix" being provided by XKT went out to

local residents. The Mare Island Company is building heavy steel saddles using 3-inch thick plate and bending the plate utilizing the same presses used during submarine construction at the Naval Shipyard. The finished saddles will be 24 feet long and will weigh about 70 tons each.

The repair to the new (eastern) span of the bridge is to restore the seismic safety feature of the bridge that was lost when 32 large anchor bolts sheared earlier this year. The overall repair to the bridge may cost as much as \$15 million and initially would have delayed the September 3, 2013, opening of the span. In August, however, the Federal Highway Administration stepped in and stated that there was no reason to delay the opening of the bridge until the repairs to the span were completed. Based on that ruling, the new span was given the "green" light to proceed and was ceremoniously opened to traffic late on Labor Day, September 2.

WE NEED YOU!!

In order to raffle off fabulous prizes at this year's reunion, we need your donations (bottles of wine, event tickets, handicrafts, t-shirts—you name it, we can use it!).

If you would like to donate an item for our raffle, please contact NYA President Ralph McComb at (707) 987-3850 or via e-mail to rmccomb@aol.com.

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation

Bruce Christensen
Dennis Kelly

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 your 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.

Membership update

James Porter

NYA Membership stands at 552 members (don't forget to send in your 2013 membership dues!). Currently, our dental plan membership stands at 249 members. We look forward to bringing some new NYA members onboard at next month's reunion!

Welcome new members Thomas L. Connaughton (recruited by Tom Cosso, Jr.); Beverly M. Davis and Miriam C. Kershner (recruited by Gordon Triemert); Marc Dimalanta (recruited by Mick Martin); and June Hindman and Laurie L. Lucas (recruited by Vince Aquino).

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Samuel Irving and Gale Bernardy for their loss.

Benefit Officer's Column

Robin Leong

While there hasn't been much change in our member benefits, I'd like to remind you of what we do offer our members:

1. Competitively priced dental plans (pre-paid plan and Blue Shield). Not only are the rates competitive, but we work hard to keep these plans affordable.
2. A 10 percent discount off smog certification at Bruce Balbin's Smog Shop in Vallejo. Not only do you get a great deal, but Bruce's shop works with you to give you the best chance of passing the smog test on the first try.
3. A 10 percent discount on creating a living trust with Attorney Jean Gifford. This is one our best benefits because protecting your assets for future generations is so important.
4. Free Notary Public service! You simply can't beat it. NYA Member Sonya Domingo is a licensed Notary Public and has notarized hundreds of documents over the years for our members.
5. Check out the December 2009 edition of the NYA Newsletter (online at www.mareislandnya.com) for details on how to obtain your retired DOD ID card (if you retired from Mare Island or another DOD facility).

NOTE: If you'd like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, just send me an e-mail (robin_leong@netzero.net) with "I want my NYA Newsletter via e-mail" in the subject line, and add your name in the body of the e-mail (not all e-mail addresses give the full name of the sender, so I need to know who you are as well as your e-mail address). Why not go green? Not only are you reducing our carbon footprint, but your NYA newsletter is easily kept electronically (no junk!).

Benefits

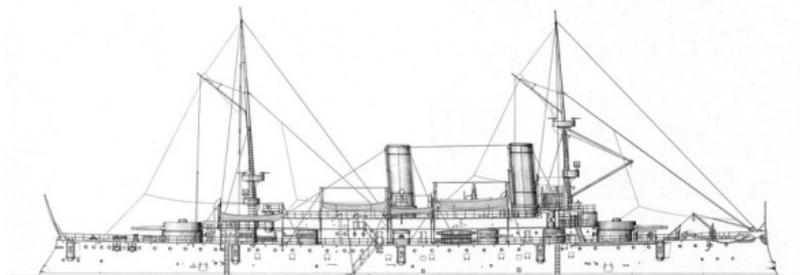
A recent change to our Pre-Paid Dental Plan is the loss of Napa Dental as a provider. We worked with them for a long time, but they simply decided that it was not in their best interests to continue with the NYA pre-paid dental plan. Thanks very much to those members who moved to other nearby offices. Also, thanks very much

to those who quit the dental plan but remained as NYA members!

The NYA dental plans are administered by Integrity Administrators, Inc., in Sacramento, CA. Integrity Administrators has a solid reputation of excellent administration, and we are proud to partner with them.

Forms and administrator contact information can be found on our website. In the meantime, here is the contact information for Integrity Administrators, Inc.:

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 1787 Tribute Road, Suite E
 P.O. Box 13128
 Sacramento CA 95813-3128
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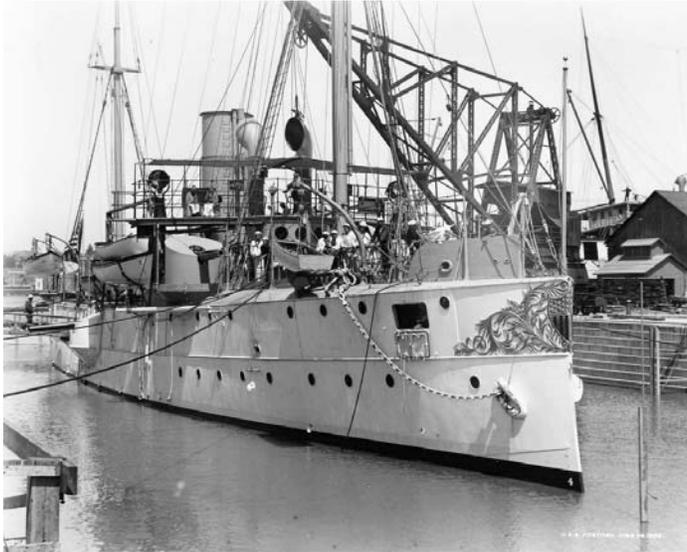


Bringing Home the USS OLYMPIA (C-6)

Dennis Kelly, OLYMPIA Project Manager

The OLYMPIA project committee continues our work to acquire this great ship.

The Gunboat CONCORD



USS CONCORD in Mare Island Dry Dock 1 - 1901

Following Admiral Dewey's selection to lead the Asiatic Squadron and while still in Washington DC, he studied the records and found that the fleet he was about to lead was deficient in ammunition. Knowing that war with Spain was a definite possibility, he made it a point to stop at Mare Island on his way to assume command of the fleet. Ammunition shipments were held up by a bureaucratic log jam as, at the time, commercial carriers were prohibited from shipping ammunition and naval transportation was unavailable. So, the Admiral stopped at Mare Island and stirred things up.

When she left Mare Island, the gunboat CONCORD—which was to be part of the fleet at the battle of Manila Bay—was loaded with ammunition. After Admiral Dewey's prodding, in fact, she was loaded with so much ammunition that she didn't have room for enough coal or other stores to reach her station with Asiatic Squadron, and CONCORD was forced to stop in Hawaii to resupply while en route. Even with this infusion of ammo, the availability of sufficient ammunition remained a concern during the battle of Manila Bay.

OLYMPIA Acquisition Status: To date, we have demonstrated that the display of the OLYMPIA at Mare Island is; **financially viable** with respect annual operating costs and revenues (we have two economic feasibility studies supporting this conclusion); the **facilities are available** (we have secured a letter of intent to lease Dry Dock 1 which will allow us to display the ship safely out of water); and, we have established a **significant historical connection** between the USS OLYMPIA, the Asiatic Squadron (of which she was part), the Bay Area, and Mare Island; therefore, the addition of the ship to the **Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's ongoing operations** is not only viable, but proper.

The challenge remains to raise the required \$20M to acquire the OLYMPIA, and we are pursuing a number of avenues towards that end.

Interested? If you are interested in assisting with the important task of saving and bringing the OLYMPIA back to Mare Island, please consider helping us man our booth at events, assisting us with grant applications or donating to the MIHPF at <http://www.mareislandmuseum.org/> and click on "ships," "OLYMPIA," or contact Dennis Kelly directly at drkelly107@gmail.com. Write to: 107 Lassen Pl, Petaluma, CA 94954 or call 707-778-0915.

Learn more about our effort at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93M_8YE1RTO

**NAVY YARD ASSOCIATION OF MARE ISLAND
2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Do your part to support the Association that was “Created for Those Who Served and Continued by Those Who Care.” The NYA keeps you informed about the progress in the reuse of Mare Island and provides information regarding former employees of the Mare Island Complex. Join the NYA for the unbelievably low annual dues of \$15.00 and receive a quarterly newsletter providing updates about Mare Island, as well as listings of the many money-saving benefits that are available to NYA members. Help us to preserve the legacy of this great military base and the history that surrounds it, while bringing a new era to Mare Island with the promise of successful businesses, education, recreation and jobs for those living in the surrounding areas. Join with the hundreds of Mare Island supporters who are already members and send your membership application and dues to us TODAY!

NOTE: If you, as a member of the NYA, recommend another individual, who joins the NYA, you will receive a gift for your efforts. Multiple gifts are available for multiple members. Simply fill in your name on the "Recommended by" blank of the membership application below, prior to returning it to the NYA.

NYA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2013

Name

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Recommended by: _____

Affiliation with Mare Island:

_____ Currently Employed at Mare Island: Government _____ Private _____

_____ Retired from Mare Island: Government _____ Private _____

_____ Actively involved with efforts concerning Mare Island, such as:

- _____ Mare Island Historic Park Foundation
- _____ US Navy or other Military (specify: _____)
- _____ Navy League
- _____ National Association of Retired Federal Employees
- _____ Restoration Advisory Board
- _____ Student attending College at Mare Island

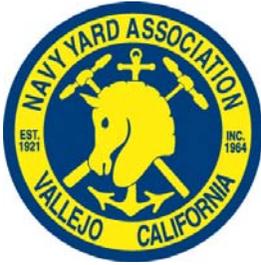
_____ Not directly involved with Mare Island, but interested in the future of the Base

Please complete the above form and send it with a check or money order for \$15.00 made payable to “NYA” to: **NYA, P.O. Box 849, Vallejo, CA 94590-0084**

NYA BENEFITS

BENEFITS	COST	WHAT TO DO	COMMENTS
LEGAL SERVICES			
 Notary Public	Free	To make an appointment, contact Sonya Domingo at (707) 326-5275 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			
Jellystone Park at Cobb Mountain (North Coast/Lake County)	15% Discount on camping rates	Show your NYA membership Card	www.jellystonecobbmtn.com NOTE: As of June 2013, we are checking to make sure this discount is still available.
 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.



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- Don't miss the 2013 NYA Reunion on Saturday, October 5!
Reserve your tickets today!