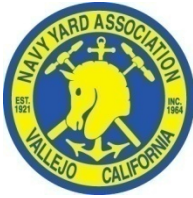


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NYA Bulletin Board

If you wish to reach more than 500 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, 1701 E. Monte Vista Ave., Vacaville
Second Monday of each month
POC: Bill Cruz, (916) 716-4661

Vallejo Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador St., Vallejo
Second Tuesday of each month at 1:15pm
POC: Robin Leong; robin_leong@netzero.net

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

Delta Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Denny's at Hwy 4/Somerville, Antioch
First Monday of each month at 12pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Sep)
POC: Bob Martin, (925) 458-1260

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation

Mare Island Museum Whitthorne Room
Last Monday of each month at 10:00am
POC: Mark Hutchings, (925) 609-9188

Nuclear Inspectors' Luncheon

The Sardine Can, Vallejo
First Tuesday of each month at 11:30am
POC: Lea Zajac; ldzajac@aol.com

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

Dear fellow NYA members, I welcome to our end of summer newsletter. I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe from the many devastating fires raging throughout the state this summer. Truly, it makes me wonder how long this can continue and still have untouched land remaining in this beautiful state. My heartfelt prayers go out to everyone affected; my sincere thanks to the brave men and women fighting these fires.

As for the NYA, we have started planning our 100th birthday celebration for the year 2021; and we decided we really need *your* help. Send us your ideas for what the 100th could be; and we will consider all ideas. In lieu of an all hands meeting in October, please take some time and tell us what you think would make a memorable 100th birthday celebration. Please call Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287 or send e-mail to robin_leong@netzero.net and share your ideas. We will publish the ideas we are getting in the March 2019 issue of the newsletter, and ideas will be evaluated for cost and feasibility. We will not discard any idea without discussion, so let us know what you think.

Now for some both happy and sad news—our very own Sonya Domingo and her husband, Keith, are leaving the state of California at the end of September and moving to the east coast for Sonya's career as a patent paralegal. For more than 17 years, Sonya has given her heart, soul, and her considerable talent to the NYA—as Officer, Director, NAONE Trustee, Recording Secretary, Notary Public, party planner, caterer, and so much more. We already miss her more than words can

convey. Good luck and best wishes to you Keith and Sonya!

Around Mare Island...

Bruce Christensen

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

Vallejo City Council Approves Agreement with Nimitz Group; North End of Mare Island

In May 2018, the Vallejo City Council approved the Nimitz Group's Plan to transform the 157 acres at the north end of Mare Island into a multiuse facility. In July, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported that the Council formally approved the exclusive rights agreement (ERA) between the City and the Nimitz Group. Terms of the one-year ERA, with two 60-day extensions, make the property available exclusively to the Nimitz Group. Conditions of the agreement include a \$150,000 non-refundable negotiation fee and a \$60,000 security deposit.

The Nimitz Group, led by Dave Phinney (Savage & Cooke) and Gaylon Lawrence, Jr. (banker and owner of over 200,000 acres of farm land), expects that this multiuse facility will ultimately bring about 1,500 jobs to the North Mare Island area. According to the Times-Herald, there are already prospective tenants lined up for future development at the North Mare Island area.

Representative Thompson Announces Progress for Mare Island Cemetery Repairs

On August 18, 2018, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported that the Department of Defense (DOD) had approved an application by the City of Vallejo to perform initial repairs at the Mare Island Cemetery. The needed repairs will be accomplished through the DOD's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program using reserve military forces. Congressman Thompson added that this is "... an important step toward giving our fallen heroes the final resting place they deserve." Actual work at the cemetery by the IRT likely will not start until

sometime in 2019, subject to availability of the IRT Unit. The City of Vallejo may be able to start preparations for the work to commence, including any environmental reviews, prior to the IRT Unit availability.

Military Barracks at North End of Mare Island are Now Gone

The Navy enlisted barracks—built shortly before the Shipyard closed—are now nothing but piles of rubble. In August 2018, the once modern barracks, located at the corner of "G" (Causeway) Street and Cedar (now-Azuar) Avenue were demolished. Prior to demolition, the vacated barrack structures had become a refuge for transients and had fallen into significant disrepair. Removal of yet another Shipyard eyesore will assist the progress of the Nimitz Group in the development of the North end of the Island.



Early Stages of Barrack Demolition



Multiple Barrack Debris Piles

Submarine Tender USS EMORY S. LAND Crew Helps Mare Island Museum

The Navy's Submarine Tender, USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39), along with the ship's complement of 250 Navy personnel and 150 Military Sealift Command personnel, arrived at Mare Island from its homeport in Guam in late May for a 100-day repair availability conducted by Mare Island Dry Dock. A warm welcoming celebration was held at the Mare Island Museum—attended by several hundred members of the public—for the LAND crew on May 31, 2018.



USS EMORY S. LAND at Mare Island - Berths 11 and 12



USS EMORY S. LAND Crew Members at the Mare Island Museum Reception

In August 2018, many crewmembers from the LAND joined with the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation volunteers and a team of volunteers from *Rebuilding Together Solano County* to perform much needed maintenance at the Mare Island Museum and the Quarters A mansion.



Volunteers from USS LAND and *Rebuilding Together Solano County* Lunch Break on Grounds of Quarters A

New Pipelines to be Run Beneath Mare Island Strait

On August 16, 2018, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported that new water and sewer piping serving Mare Island would be installed 75 feet underneath the Mare Island Strait. This \$16 million project includes borings for two pipelines about 95 feet north of the Mare Island causeway bridge. In addition to replacing existing aging pipelines, this project will increase the capacity of water flow to the Island, setting Mare Island up for improved infrastructure needed to support new businesses and residents on the Island. The existing 18-inch sewer main is more than 40 years old, and the 20-inch water main is nearing the end of its life. The environmental reviews are complete, and any impacts on traffic will be ongoing from September 2018 through February 2019. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is partially funding this program.

Mighty Midget in Mare Island Dry Dock 2 for Hull Repairs

The World War II Gun Boat, LCS-102, also known as the “Mighty Midget,” was moved from its waterborne mooring near the Causeway into Dry Dock 2 along with two other vessels (a barge and a floating crane). Mare Island Dry Dock (MIDD) Company accomplished this triple-ship docking in August 2018, and subsequent inspections of the hull have revealed that there are several areas that are, in the words of the inspector, “paper thin.” LCS-102

volunteers are accomplishing hull repairs with some quality control assistance from MIDD. Kudos to MIDD for providing a 'helping hand!'



Mighty Midget (LCS-102) and Two Other Vessels in Dry Dock #2

Membership update

James Porter

Current membership stands at 532, of which 185 are dental plan members. Thanks for renewing your membership!

We offer our sincere condolences to family and friends on the loss of Jim White.

Benefit Officer's Column

Robin Leong

Here are a few words from your Benefits Officer.

I use my retired DOD identification card to golf at Oahu's military golf courses; and I just checked my card and realized it is about to expire. For those of us in the Bay Area, Travis Air Force Base is the closest location for renewing the card. At Travis, you must first make an appointment online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=503&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>. They are open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:00pm. Customer Central is now located at 540 Airlift Dr., Building 381, Wing D-100, Travis AFB, CA 94535. However, if the US Coast Guard Station in Alameda works for you,

here is their website: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=616>. Their hours are a little different: Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 8:40am; Thursday from 7:00am to 9:40am. Appointment times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 11:20am and from 12:40pm to 2:00pm. All appointments welcome on the third Saturday each month by appointment only from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

I just renewed my retired DOD identification card using the instructions above for Travis AFB. My card is now good for eight years! If I don't lose it or get it stolen, it might be my last one.

By the way, if you want to see the volcano erupting on Hawaii's Big Island, a great place to stay is at the Kilauea Military Camp. Kauai has some wonderful cabins at Barking Sands; and in Honolulu, you might be lucky to get one of the cabins at Bellow's Air Force Station in Waimānalo. I've used my card to golf at Cypress Lakes Golf Course at Travis and used the RV park in the US Army's Ft Huachuca in Arizona. Your retired DOD identification card offers some real benefits.

Shop 31 Reunion

September 29, 2018

Mare Island Museum, Bldg 46, 8th and Railroad Ave
11:00am to 3:00pm - (Lunch Starts at 12:00pm)

Cost: \$19.00

Includes, Tri-Tip, Pulled Pork, and Boneless, Skinless Chicken Thighs, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Chili Beans, Rolls, and Dessert

Water, Soda and Coffee

Awards Raffle and Museum Donation Included in Price
Payment must be received no later than September 22, 2018

Make checks payable to: "Shop 31 Reunion Committee"

Mail to: Shop 31 Reunion Committee
1407 Thomas Dr., Napa, CA 94558

With your check, please indicate name(s); address; phone/e-mail
plus

Number Attending @ \$19.00 each = Total \$_____

Limited number of tickets at the door for \$20.00