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Happy 4th of July! Happy Summer!

Welcome to new members: Tom Petersen, Life member and Martin Sarkisian, Regular member.

Let's continue to be thankful for our Sea Services, government leadership, health care, medical and everyone who provides services that we all depend on. Continue to focus on staying healthy and safe in your home and wherever you go. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Reminder to Navy League Channel Islands Council members and supporters that our luncheons are cancelled until further notice. Awards program continues, read update on page 5. NJROTC Cadet Award was presented to **Marc Olitoquit** at Hueneme High School. Read about this year's Cadet on page 4. Congratulations, Marc for your outstanding leadership!

Tom and I are walking every day and enjoying the sights at Silverstrand Beach and Channel Islands Harbor. I have included several recent photos in this newsletter. Several people are spending their time: gardening, cleaning out closets and cupboards, walking the dog, taking short drives, home maintenance, working from home—online/Zoom, sewing, reading, playing games, texting, etc. We are interested to know what some of you are doing to pass the time.

Denise Solis, Executive Director of Navy Marine Corps Relief Society at NBVC extends her sincere thanks for all the gift cards and baby items that have been donated in the past. NMCRS families appreciate Navy League members. Thank You for your continuing support for fundraisers and special emergency request for NMCB 5 Family Readiness Group! Read article on page 2. Thanks to board members for your generosity and fast response.

Please support our annual "July No-show luncheon". Form enclosed with this newsletter on page 3. Thanks!

Remember to renew and recruit new members. Application form on page 7. Miss all of you. Stay safe and healthy!

Arlene Fraser

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NMCB 5 emergency support.

The Channel Islands Council (CIC) received a very unusual request for assistance from the Family Readiness Group of NMCB 5. The Group was trying to obtain numerous items needed by battalion members to sustain themselves during a fourteen-day isolation at Hueneme upon their return from an extensive deployment to the eastern pacific. This is a new requirement imposed on truly short notice, so no one was prepared for it. The items were needed in about two days from the time we learned of the need.

The CIC board was contacted and agreed that this was not in our budget, but the Seabees needed help and we should do what we could. Our only option was to ask the board members to donate what they could in cash, and we would get that to the FRG the next day to assist them in procuring the needed items.

Twelve of our members were able to donate and we provided a check for \$850.00 to the FRG on the next day.

The CIC is not organized to provide unplanned support, but this is an example of the dedication of our members to supporting our maritime services in unexpected situations whenever we can.

Bob Quinn,

Military & Youth Awards Chairman

Navy Leaguers and Friends,

A heartfelt thank you and much gratitude to all who participated in and donated to the June fundraiser at Yolanda's. I received word from my contact that 25 flyers were turned in. Although I don't yet know how much we received, it makes me glad for the support shown to our Council during this extraordinary time.

Stay safe and healthy,

Annette Block,

3rd VP Ways and Means





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July Annual No-show Luncheon

Take time to enjoy whatever you want that is safe and follow health and government regulations. No luncheon meeting during July. ..until further notice.

Note: 2020 No luncheons from April, May, June and until further notice, “no lunch meetings” due to the Corona virus 19—Stay at Home Order... keep a stay safe distance and wash your hands, wear face mask as needed when in public places. Read a good book, learn a new language or play a musical instrument, do gardening, take a short drive...

We are in this challenging time together...Remember to send in your donation for you and your “mystery” guests at \$15.00 per person. You may sponsor a table of 8 in the amount of \$120.00. You decide on the amount to contribute. All amounts added together will assist in providing support for our sea service programs, NMCRS, and youth programs. Thank you for your continuing support!

Arlene Fraser, President

Please return form and mail with your check



July 2020 No-show Luncheon Donation Thank you very much for your support!

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email (optional) _____

Your message: (optional) _____

Mail to: NL Channel Islands Council P.O. Box 873 Port Hueneme, CA 93044



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Hueneme High School

Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

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Congratulations NJROTC Cadet of the Year

STUDENT'S NAME: **Marc Olitoquit (GPA 4.4)**
COLLEGE: University of California San Diego (UCSD)
MAJOR: Computer Science



It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Marc Olitoquit to you. He is an excellent scholar, citizen and leader at Hueneme High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; we are fortunate to have Marc as a cadet. During his four year tenure, he has distinguished himself as a cadet with great potential and a promising future by virtue of his commitment to learning as well as his involvement in the NJROTC Program. He is also an outstanding citizen and role model for all students on campus to emulate. He has earned my highest confidence.

As Cadet Commanding Officer he has the responsible for the overall guidance and direction of the unit and carry out assigned tasks as provided by the Senior Naval Science Instructor / Naval Science Instructor. Cadet Olitoquit must establish clearly defined "SMART" goals for the unit and work toward achieving these goals. Ensure these goals are clearly expressed to all cadets. Cadet Olitoquit must also maintain the highest standards of unit discipline, appearance, morale, and practice sound leadership techniques /effectiveness of the other unit staff members.

In the classroom Marc Olitoquit challenges himself with a rigorous course of study in preparation for college and his future. Unafraid of difficult classes, Marc Olitoquit is ranked in the top 1% of student on campus (GPA 4.4) He is highly involved in school culture as a member of Athletics Club, Kiwins Club, and the several others. Marc has demonstrated an aptitude for learning. Through his cadet efforts as the Hueneme High school NJROTC Commanding Officer, he has gained valuable leadership experience, discipline and maturity for meeting the demands of post High School life.

Sincerely,
Stephen Hayes, BS, MA
Naval Science Instructor, USN, Ret



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STATUS of Channel Islands Council Military and Youth Awards Program

Despite the Corona virus the Awards program is proceeding normally with the change in the actual presentation ceremony to comply with the rules on assembly and safe distancing.

The individuals selected as the service member of the year as well as the NJROTC cadet of the year and the Sea Cadet of the year and the Navy League Cadet of the year are being recognized with a Channel Islands Council (CIC) certificate plus a CIC coin and a check. They also receive certificates from Congress woman Brownley, Assembly woman Irwin, County Supervisor Long, the Oxnard Harbor District, the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ventura.

Previously a presentation was made at the Bard at a luncheon honoring the individual and the individual's service.

Currently the individual receives the same certificates, but they are presented by a senior member of his/her command for the CIC at an extremely limited ceremony.

It is believed that it was more important to recognize the achievement promptly than to wait for an indefinite time to have a larger ceremony.

Our thanks go to the Sponsors who make the awards program possible and the political organizations that make the award so special.

Bob Quinn,

Military & Youth Awards Chairman



For your information, Judy Quinn sent sympathy cards to Ed Millan, in the loss of his sister, Sister Mary Jacinta and card to

Bud Arosteguy's family. Bud was a Navy League member with the Ventura County Council. Bud's sister is Helen Brant. We extend our sincere sympathy to all families going through loss of a loved one this year.



Beautiful sunny day at Channel Islands Harbor



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Silverstrand Beach



Channel Islands Harbor



Oxnard, California



Photos taken by Arlene Fraser at Silverstrand Beach and Channel Islands Harbor: Top left to right: Seagull and pelican on roof top of lifeguard station, Tom Fraser sitting on bench watching the commercial ship in the distance, fishing boat returns to harbor and dumped leftover bait...birds flying over to get quick lunch. Middle row: local resident on his bicycle with his pet bird named, Lollipop; lovely, blue egret in the harbor; group of Harbor Patrol boats on the way out; Bottom corner: baby sand sharks feeding in the harbor near the rocks along the sandy shore.

Daily photos/videos sent via text to family & friends to enjoy viewing on their iphones at home...Tom and I enjoy our daily walks/exercise...Hope you will take time and enjoy your surroundings too. Stay Safe!



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SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- ☐ \$55 Regular 1-year
- ☐ \$100 Regular 2-year
- ☐ \$130 Regular 3-year
- ☐ \$180 Regular 4-year
- ☐ \$225 Regular 5-year
- ☐ \$1,000 Life Membership (up to age 55)
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*Address Line 1 _____

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*City _____ *State _____

*ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

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*Preferred Council **Navy League Channel Islands Council** **PO Box 873** **Port Hueneme CA. 93044**

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*Total Amount _____

☐ Check enclosed payable to NLUS

Credit Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard
☐ American Express ☐ Discover

*Name on Card _____

*Card Number _____


*CVV _____ *Expiration _____

*Signature _____

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 Questions? Call Cynthia Janacek VP Membership
805-889-3418

 **Mail Application to:**
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By joining the Navy League of the United States you are also selecting membership in a local council or to be a region member at-large. The Navy League will share your contact information with leadership from the council, region and area of which you are a member. **To opt out indicate below.**

☐ Do not share my personally identifiable information with leadership of the local council, region and area of which I am a member.



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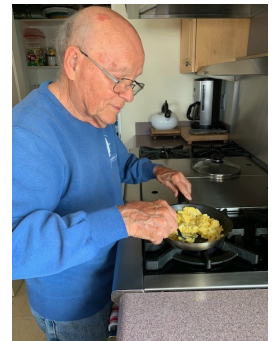
Judy Quinn



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Confinement At Home - Stay Safe and Healthy...



Tom smiling when he finally found toilet paper on the grocery store shelf; colorful face mask, and cooking at home...



Photo on the left, from Bette Alburtis: Her beach project attracted her neighbors attention, "Smiley" got lots of smiles!

Note from Bette: "Don't forget he's a very cold and quiet boyfriend; a little rigid also. Yes, she would call him the strong silent type."

Easter lilies, one of LaVonne Fosse's plants in her flower bed.

Special reminder:
Contact Judy Quinn,



at 805 485-3995 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.

