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Best wishes to all of our Navy Nurse colleagues! As currently serving or former Active or Reserve Nurses in the area, you are entitled to membership in BANNCA - Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Association, the local chapter of the national non-profit Navy Nurse Corps Association – NNCA, <http://nnca.org/>.

Upcoming Events & Activities: – save the dates, and send in your reservations!

* **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015: Guided Tour of Mare Island/Lunch.** This is our feature event for the Summer. Gather your Nurse Corps friends and guests, and join in for an escorted tour of the gorgeous St Peters Chapel replete with the “astonishing collection of 25 Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass windows”, Officers Row Mansions, the historic Waterfront, and Mare Island’s Museum. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, with form below RECEIVED in mail to Renee by THURSDAY MAY 28.

***ONGOING: Quilts of Valor.** The local Amador Valley Quilters (AVQ) group teaches novices, with resulting patriotic themed quilts given to honor wounded / special Northern California Veterans. We’ve seen 3 presentations at the November ASWV Lunch. The “QOV Rookie Quilt Project”, teaches the art of quilting at free half-day lessons. Each “rookie” has a “coach” for 1-to-1 instruction, and **COMPLETES** a project. Sessions are monthly on third Sundays 12-5pm at the Masonic Hall 3370 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton. Experienced quilters are also welcome. There is no cost to BANNCA members: it is not necessary to join AVQ to participate, and BANNCA will make a donation to cover the cost of member’s supplies. 1) Pick date/s you’d like to go, singly or with others: Sundays 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15. 2) Sign up with AVQ is required: <http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/quilts-of-valor/> so that space and supplies are available. 3) Contact BANNCA’s liaison for the project, MaryEllen Quinn, so we cover your costs.

***ONGOING: Naval Hospital Oakland Exhibit Project, Alameda Naval Air Museum.** Donate your memorabilia to a location where the public can enjoy it! Use your artistic talents and/or organizing skills to enhance the displays. Following our June 2014 visit, the idea to refresh the “Sick Bay” Naval Hospital Oak Knoll exhibition <http://www.alamedanavalairmuseum.org/Default.aspx> was discussed. Bonnie Bouey is our Liaison, and all donations and work parties shall be coordinated through her. Potential donation items (e.g. uniforms, patient supplies, medical equipment, plaques, hospital logos, event commemorations, etc.) must be approved prior to donation by providing Bonnie with a description/photo. A couple of work party days will be scheduled, probably when the Museum is open on a Saturday or Sunday 10am-4pm. Contact Bonnie now if you’d like to participate in fixing up those Medical Spaces, and dates will be arranged.

***NOVEMBER 7, 2015: All-Service Women Veterans Lunch** – location TBD. Contact for further info is Jo Lawrence, jall40@aol.com. Jo is not a Navy Nurse, but she appreciates our ideas for speakers or venues.

***NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 11, 2015: Veteran's Day Women in Military Exhibit Danville:** The San Ramon Valley Community will be featuring "Women in the Military" for this year's annual celebration and the extended exhibits at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. If you have interesting items for display, or would like to assist telling the story of women in the Services, contact Tim Sammons, Curator@vmsrv.org.

***TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2015: Annual Holiday Luncheon** 11am-3pm, The Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon. We'll enjoy our private room in a new location, which will allow us to maintain our costs while offering fine selections. Save the date, and watch for reservation forms in late Fall.

***APRIL 27-30, 2016:** NNCA Reunion Meeting, Newport RI – the next big NNCA Reunion.

News -Updates and Opportunities:

***Opportunities for BANNCA Involvement** – is one of these a good fit for your talents? Chat with any Board member to join in on local activities. Contact Lorrie if you'd like to be involved on a National Committee.

-Service Project Coordinator – for a Project of your interest, relevant to Military / Veterans. Any time frame.

-Tour / Activity / Speaker Coordinator for one event – do you have an idea for something or someone that we can enjoy together as a group?

-Hospitality/Food/Catering Coordinator for one meeting – have a favorite deli? Ideas to increase our fun factor?

-NNCA Committees – Opportunities to contribute to national projects, mostly accomplished online or teleconference. See NNCA website for further information.

Memorabilia and Oral History Collection Chapter Liaison: Assist local members who want to donate artifacts to NNCA's collection, or who desire to conduct / submit Oral Histories. Participate with NNCA team guiding preservation of Navy NC legacy, and overseeing the Virtual Museum now accessible online via the NNCA Members portal.

-NNCA Membership Committee Member or NNCA Nominating Committee Member or NNCA Merchandise Committee. National positions.

-Affiliate Veteran/Military Group Liaisons to our Chapter – providing ongoing input to BANNCA ExecBd and Members, Liaisons act as resources on local activities of interest, including MOAA, ROA, DVA Services, AUSN, Oak Knoll Reunion group, Naval War College, Navy League, Vietnam Veterans Diablo Valley, All Service Women Veterans Group, American Legion. We welcome your sharing of useful information from local affiliates, with your understanding that we do limit mail / messages to membership.



Winter 2014 Holiday Luncheon:

For this year's annual December meeting, members gathered at Francesco's Oakland Restaurant, enjoying good food, handmade decorations, and raffle surprises. Karen Born was honored for her many years of leadership in support of BANNCA. Standing: Alex Luckhardt, Cindy Kirtland, Peggy Wallace, Jean Ann Seago, Janice Stinson, Renee Sheehan, Bonnie Bouey, Beth Helmer, Jeanne Richards, Joanne Fritch, Mariana Rivera, Janet Riehle, and Debby Nelson. Seated: Lorrie Sammons, Mary Ellen Quinn, Nancy MacDowell, Karen Born.

In Memoriam:

Local: Alice G. Strecker, Jan 19, 2014; Walnut Creek. Joined Navy Nurse Corps in 1945. Source=CCCTimes 01FEB2015.

National: Julia Pickering, March 8, 2015; Seattle WA. Very active in NNCA. Source=NNCA email.

Membership Applications/Renewals - BANNCA Form attached:

The BANNCA specific Application/Renewal form is attached. Please share it with any Navy Nurse colleagues who would like to join us – we welcome all the NEW members who have joined BANNCA this year! NNCA Bylaws require Chapter members to belong to National, where the membership year runs May to May. There are no ‘pro-rated’ memberships, so joining now yields full access until expirations 01MAY2016. Multiple year dues payments can be handled, if you clearly mark your Application. Bonnie and Renee monitor the NNCA database to assure that our members are credited correctly. The printed National Directory is due for update, and will be distributed to current NNCA members. Additionally, members can always access the ‘Members Only’ side of the NNCA website to obtain the most recent contact info on all members nationwide.

Chapter By-Laws Update:

Updated By-Laws, which amend the original 25-year old Bylaws to conform to current practice, are being distributed in advance of the June Luncheon meeting, at which time they will be voted upon by members in attendance. Please address any issues to Lorrie PRIOR to the meeting so that we may process input efficiently.

SUMMER 2015 LUNCHEON and ESCORTED MARE ISLAND TOUR

When: Tuesday, June 9, 2015; Tour starts at Museum entrance at 1000am, please arrive by 9:50am; Tour 10 – 12:30/1:00, followed by catered Lunch; Explore Museum following Lunch.

What: Tour (2 ½ - 3 hours) using our private cars between stops, Catered Lunch served in the Museum, and Museum Entrance fee included. Lunch includes Build-your-own Cobb Salad Bar, Minestrone soup, rolls, coffee/cold beverage, and dessert. <http://www.mareislandhpf.org/tours.html>.

Cost: Members: \$15; Guests/non-members: \$20. **RSVP Received NLT 28 MAY.**

Where: Historic Park: Museum Bldg 46, 1100 Railroad Avenue at 8th St, Vallejo.

Directions: <http://www.mareislandhpf.org/directions.html> . Mobility issues: There are steps to mansion access, but ramp will be placed for Chapel, and the Museum is one story.

Emergency Phone contact DATE OF EVENT ONLY: Renee Sheehan (c) 925-202-4146.

The tour includes Officer’s Row Mansions, Chapel with Tiffany windows, historic Waterfront and Museum. We are escorted from site to site in our cars within the Historic Park, checking in at the Museum prior to 1000 for our 2 ½ - 3 hour tour, and ending back at the Museum where we will enjoy a catered lunch served in the main Hall. This is our main Summer event, with highlights including the largest collection of Tiffany art under one roof west of the Mississippi, and recent donations of member Beverly Hoellworth’s uniforms displayed in the Museum. A wealth of information about the Museum is available free online in “Farragut’s Press”, 17 issues to the recent March 2015 issue <http://issuu.com/mareislandnavalshipyard>.

Detach and mail to Renee Sheehan 1236 Bay St Alameda 94501-3914 to arrive NLT Thurs 28 May.

BANNCA SUMMER LUNCHEON/TOUR REGISTRATION – Tuesday, June 9, 2015

No refunds after Thursday May 28, due to Caterer commitment. PLEASE PRINT.

Member/s: _____ #__ @ \$15 = \$ _____
Guest/s: _____ #__ @ \$20 = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Check payable to BANNCA-memo “June 2015 Lunch”. Check # _____

Please include any change/update in your contact info, ESPECIALLY EMAIL ADDRESS, since your last BANNCA renewal, or if different than what appears in NNCA ‘Members Only’ database:

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ No Change: _____