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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, we welcome you to the activities of 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!

**\*Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park and Lunch, Richmond-TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016:**

-For our major Spring event, we are pleased to visit this highly acclaimed National Park Service site <http://www.nps.gov/rori/index.htm>. Our visit will start at **10:00am** with Docent introduction and viewing informative movies, followed by self-paced touring of the beautifully curated exhibits. The Park Service cannot offer private access, so these are public showings. The two-story building is fully accessible; free admission and parking. We'll enjoy Lunch at the adjacent "assemble" restaurant at **11:30**, with stunning water-front views.  
-Non-member Navy Nurses and Guests are welcome, as this attraction draws rave reviews from all age groups.  
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, with Form on Page 4, received in mail to Renee by TUES JUNE 7.

**\*East Bay Stand Down, Pleasanton-THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SEP 15,16,17:** Our next major event has us returning to the 4-day encampment held biannually at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, serving ~400 needy Veterans, <http://www.eastbaystanddown.org/>, where we again sponsor the Women Veterans Tent. Currently serving Navy Nurses providing credentialed Health Care Services make arrangements through their Chain of Command; further info from LCDR Cindy Kirkland. Other BANNCA members are enthusiastically welcomed back to staff the Activities Center, where therapeutic recreation is much appreciated by participants. Activities sign up is directly to Lorrie, as our shifts are not visible on the website signup. Pair up with fellow Nurses, and provide Name, Emergency phone, Email, and Shift preferences to Lorrie NLT **25Aug**.  
SHIFTS: Thurs Sep15 2p-5p, 5p-8p; Fri Sep16 2p-5p, 5-8; Sat Sep17 2p-5p, 3p-6p, 5p-8p.

**\*Quilts of Valor QOV Rookie Quilt Project - Ongoing third Sundays.** We continue our well-received participation with the local Amador Valley Quilters (AVQ) group, another recipient of our grant support, in producing patriotic themed quilts given to honor wounded / special Northern California Veterans. Quilters of all levels are welcome, with considerate 1-to-1 mentoring for novices. Sessions have been monthly on third Sundays 12-5pm at the Masonic Hall 3370 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton. It is not necessary to join AVQ to participate. To take part: 1) Sign up with QOV to confirm date, and assure space and supplies are available <http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/quilts-of-valor/> (bring your sewing machine if you can, but not necessary); 2) Contact BANNCA's liaison for the project, Mary Ellen Quinn.

**\*Naval Hospital Oakland Exhibit Project, Alameda Naval Air Museum-Ongoing.** We continue enhancing the "Sick Bay" Naval Hospital Oak Knoll exhibit <http://alamedanavalairmuseum.org/about/>. Progress in

creating multi-faceted Veterans Administration facilities and overall development at the prior Air Station will increase visibility. Contact Bonnie Bouey if you have memorabilia you would like to display or if interested in joining a work party to fix up the Medical Spaces. Dates will be arranged.

**\*All-Service Women Veterans Lunch** – November date & location TBD. BANNCA has sponsored the attendance of a resident from Yountville’s Home for aged/disabled Veterans. Contact for further info is Jo Lawrence, [jall140@aol.com](mailto:jall140@aol.com). Jo is not a Navy Nurse, but she appreciates our ideas for speakers or venues.

**\*Annual Holiday Luncheon, Tuesday DEC 6, 2016.** 11am-3pm, The Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon. Reservation and meal selection will follow in Fall Newsletter.

### *Recent Events - Winter 2015 Holiday Luncheon:*

Our new venue at Brass Door in San Ramon provided tasty cuisine, a lovely setting, and opportunity for warm holiday sharing. We took home beautiful handmade ornaments, courtesy of Karen’s artistic talents. Thanks and group photo credits to Ralf Stinson. Our group is enriched by the increasing number of friends and



family – we look forward to you and yours joining us in 2016! Pictured – standing Marilyn Boyle, Peggy Wallace, Jan Riehle, Janice Stinson, Frank Wallace, Renee Sheehan, Cindy Kirtland, Bonnie Bouey, John Bouey, Doug Switzer; Seated – Annette Switzer, Mary Ellen Quinn, Nancy MacDowell, Lorrie Sammons, Julie Clouse, Mariana Rivera, Karen Born, Arleen Sakamoto; Not pictured – Tim Sammons, Ralf Stinson.



### *News and Administrative Notes:*

- The generous Donations to the Chapter in 2015 by Janice Hammond, Mary Baker, and Dianne Capri are graciously acknowledged.
- Thanks to Mariana Rivera and Joanne Fritch who served as Member Auditors in performing the successful biannual Chapter Financial Audit, led by Treasurer Renee Sheehan. Renee also brought completion to obtaining California Tax Exempt Status.
- Janice Stinson spoke on Navy Nursing to the Diablo Valley College pre-Nursing Society in response to a request to BANNCA.
- Local member Debby Nelson was selected for inclusion on the NNCA ballot for Board of Directors.
- Copies of the minutes of all General Membership and Executive Board Meetings, which are reviewed and approved by the Executive Board, are available from the Secretary.
- Executive Board opportunities – all current 2-year terms expire this December. Anyone interested in joining the Board in any capacity is encouraged to contact a current Board member, preferably by June 1.
- Future Meeting Ideas? **Your** ideas / participation in identifying locations, activities, speakers, and worthwhile local Veteran-oriented causes to support are earnestly requested. There will be NO BUSINESS MEETING at the Richmond Lunch/Tour in June, so please call and email Board members now for activity sign ups and future planning, and share ideas in Richmond.
- National: Newly updated national membership directories have been produced and distributed this Spring. The biannual Reunion meeting concluded May 1 in Rhode Island. Revised Guidelines for NNCA’s Oral History and Memorabilia projects are available from Lorrie.

***In Memoriam:***

- Virginia Ruth Harvey Holcombe; Nov 30, 2015. Karen Born attended the Memorial Services representing BANNCA, which the family appreciated very much. Her son Jerry followed with a lovely note back to Karen, recalling the summer parties which BANNCA held at Virginia's home.
- Florence Tyman, LCDR; May 31, 2015 at age 93. Karen also attended her memorial.
- Maria Carroll, CAPT; Jan 9, 2016. Maria was a former Director of Nursing Services at Oak Knoll, and BANNCA member.

**Membership Applications/Renewals - BANNCA Form attached -ONLY FOR THOSE EXPIRING MAY 2016 or NEW members:**

BANNCA and NNCA memberships expire in May. BANNCA dues remain \$5/year; NNCA is \$35 renewing or \$40 new. Locally at the Chapter level, we need to hear from you to know that you want to continue receiving our information, and to capture updates in your contact information. We welcomed many new members over the last 2 years, and we know there are still many more Navy Nurses in the area, so please share the form with colleagues who may like to join us. If you are not sure WHEN your membership expires, Bonnie can help you, and the NNCA website has expiration dates in your "members login" profile.

**SUMMER 2016 Rosie the Riveter Museum Visit and Lunch**

When: Tuesday, June 14, 2016; Film showings start at 10:00am when museum opens.

What: Film showings in downstairs Theater. Self-guiding Tour of Museum 10:45-11:30, followed by Lunch at next door commercial restaurant ‘assemble’, winner of Open Table Diners Choice 2015 award. <http://assemblerestaurant.com/>

Lunch includes choice of Entree and Beverage (coffee, tea, or soda). Tax and gratuity are included. We will be seated at several tables in the general seating area. Cash bar is available, to be billed separately.

- Craneway Club: turkey, bacon, iceberg lettuce, tomato, and garlic mayonnaise served with fries
- “Port”-o-Bello Sandwich: grilled Portobello mushroom, arugula, & red pepper mayonnaise with fries
- Cobb Salad: romaine lettuce, Black Forest ham, grilled chicken breast, bacon, egg, blue cheese, and cherry tomato with red wine vinaigrette

Where: Meet at the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite #3000/Oil House, Richmond CA 94804 <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>.

The Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building, through the Security Gate.

Cost: Members and first guest: \$12; Additional Guests/non-members: \$15. **RSVP Received NLT Tues June 7.**

-Afterwards, we’re welcome to return to the Exhibits until 5pm, with possibility of a one-hour Ranger talk (subject to availability) at 2:00; or visit the “lesser known gem” the nearby Red Oak Victory ship, the last surviving ship built in Kaiser Richmond Shipyards during World War II (\$10 admission, open to 3pm) <http://richmondmuseum.org/ss-red-oak-victory/visit-victory>; or walk/bike(!) the popular Marina Bay Trail bordering the water in front of the Museum.

Emergency Phone contact DATE OF EVENT ONLY: Mary Ellen Quinn (c) 925 202-4164

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Detach and mail to Renee Sheehan 1236 Bay St Alameda 94501-3914 to arrive NLT Tues June 7.

**BANNCA SUMMER LUNCHEON/TOUR REGISTRATION** – Tuesday, June 14, 2016

No refunds after Tuesday June 7, due to Restaurant commitment. PLEASE PRINT.

Member/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
First guest \_\_\_\_\_ #\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ #\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to BANNCA-memo “June 2016 Lunch”. Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Selection/s: Craneway Club #\_\_\_\_\_; “Port”-o-Bello Sandwich #\_\_\_\_\_; Cobb Salad #\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_