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Welcome to the Fall 2016 Newsletter from BANNCA - Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Association! We continue to thrive as the local chapter of the national Navy Nurse Corps Association - NNCA, <http://nnca.org/>, with nearly 100% renewals in the organization for Active, Reserve, Veteran, and Retired Navy Nurses.

WINTER 2016 LUNCHEON: Tuesday December 6, 11am-2:30pm

It's time to make your reservations for our annual **Holiday Luncheon**. We're returning to last year's new location, the **Brass Door in San Ramon**. We'll enjoy the private banquet room, holiday décor, and delicious cuisine. We'll aim to limit business and maximize socializing. Bring along Navy Nurses friends who are new to the group, and their meal will be further subsidized at the 'member' rate while we extend a special welcome to them.



When: Tuesday, December 06, 2016

What: No host Social hour 11:00-12:00; Seated Luncheon Service 12:00; Room to 2:30

California Salad, Accompanying Vegetable and Starch

Entrée Choice of:

- London Broil - thinly sliced sirloin, port wine mushroom sauce
- Chicken Picatta – boneless breast, lemon butter sauce with capers
- Fresh Pacific Salmon – char broiled filet, chef's choice sauce of the day
- Ice Cream Dessert; Coffee, Tea or Sodas

Cost: \$15 members/'new' nurse; \$20 non-members/guests; Reservations to be received by Treasurer Renee Sheehan by Thursday, Dec 1.

Where: The Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon; 925 837-2501; plenty of parking in lot

WINTER 2016 LUNCHEON RESERVATION – Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Detach and mail to Renee Sheehan, 1236 Bay St Alameda 94501-3914, 510.522.0978;

To be received no later than Thursday, Dec 1.

Name: _____

Guests/s: _____

London Broil# _____ Chicken Picatta# _____ Salmon# _____



Payment: Member/New Nurse @\$15 = _____; Non-member/Guests @\$20= _____; Total = \$ _____

Check payable to BANNCA- memo "December 2016 Lunch"

Recent BANNCA Activities 2016:

*Rosie the Riveter National Park & Luncheon:

Our June trip to Richmond exceeded expectations, with educational films, informative and engaging exhibits, and helpful docents at the multi-level Visitor Education Center. Pictured with the Homefront worker statue are (standing from left): Tim Sammons, Guests 1, 2, 3, Annette Switzer, Karen Born, Renee Sheehan, Janice Stinson, Jeanne Richards, Norm Tillman, Mariana Rivera, Peggy Wallace, Joanne Fritch, Bonnie Bouey, Doug Switzer, John Bouey; seated Jan Smith, Lorrie Sammons. Not pictured are



photographer Ralf Stinson and Cindy

Kirtland. A memorable highlight was the hour-long presentation by the renowned Betty Soskin, our nation's oldest NPS Park Ranger (pictured center, with Bonnie, Norm, Lorrie, and Karen). Lunch at the waterfront 'Assemble' restaurant in Craneway Pavilion was excellent. We highly recommend this outing if you haven't visited yet!



*EAST BAY STAND DOWN 2016:



BANNCA is pleased to again sponsor the Women Veterans Tent. Our donation was accepted by EBSD Board Chair MG Ron Lowe, USA(Ret).

During the 4-day encampment offering health, rehabilitative, legal, and social services to 400 needy Veterans, BANNCA members Renee, Jan, Karen, Mariana, Lorrie, Bonnie & Norm (2 not pictured) staffed the Activities Center day and evening. Our Currently Serving Liaison, Cindy, was Assistant OIC of the Navy Reserve Medical contingent providing health care in the Medical Sick Call and Dental tents. Pictured in front of the Vietnam-era Huey helicopter are Navy Nurses wearing "blueberry" digital camouflage, which is being replaced by a green camouflage uniform.



Fall 2016 and Activities for 2017

*OCTOBER 29, 2016: All-Service Women Veterans Lunch, His Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina.

11:30-3:00. Bonnie distributed the 2-page flyer on SEP 22. BANNCA is again sponsoring a resident of the Yountville Retirement Home. Attending BANNCA members traditionally try to sit together, or enjoy exchanges with colleagues from all Branches and eras. Jo Lawrence continues to coordinate this event at 510.568.6076, jall140@aol.com.

***NOVEMBER 11, 2016: Veterans Day:** When planning your observations, consider contacting fellow Navy Nurses when participating in the many parades and events recognizing Veterans in your local area. We are appreciative of the numerous offerings provided to Veterans, as listed online - <http://www.operationwearehere.com/VeteransDayPromotions.html>

***DECEMBER 7, 2016: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner, Pleasant Hill.** Navy League and Pearl Harbor Survivors hold this event, attended by the few Survivors still with us, but honoring all involved in that historic event. Details are not available as we go to press, but organizers say it will *probably* be at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, Pleasant Hill; Social @ 6pm, Dinner @ 7pm; choice of entrees; Cost ~\$45. Check <http://cccnl.org/> For Event details / registration as date approaches. We are pleased to be a sponsor for the dinner this year.

***DECEMBER 10, 2016: Army-Navy Game 12:00, televised.** A great occasion to join with Veteran friends and continue the rivalry – Go Navy! Check with your local Veteran organizations or gather on your own to enjoy a Viewing Party.

***DECEMBER 17, 2016: Wreaths Across America.** Other NNCA Chapters have participated in this event, where wreaths are placed on Veteran gravesites in cemeteries across the country. Individuals can contact a Bay Area cemetery Volunteer coordinator to take part (tentative 2016 locations: San Bruno, San Francisco, Lafayette, Alamo, Dixon, Tracy, Brentwood, Jackson, Yontville, Sonoma) for details - <https://wreaths.fastport.com/>. Let the Board know about your experience, and share a photo.

***ONGOING: Naval Hospital Oakland Exhibit Project, Alameda Naval Air Museum.** Donate your memorabilia to a location where the public can enjoy it. Our goal is to refresh the "Sick Bay" Naval Hospital Oak Knoll exhibition. Bonnie Bouey is our Liaison, working with Larry Pirack, Museum Curator for approval of donations and Charitable Donation Tax forms. <http://www.alamedanavalairmuseum.org/Default.aspx>. Potential donations items (i.e. uniforms, patient supplies, medical equipment, plaques, hospital memorabilia, etc.) must be approved prior to donation by providing Bonnie with a description. Contact Bonnie if you are interested in working on cleaning and fixing up the Medical exhibit.

***ONGOING: Naval Hospital Oakland Memorial Project:** SunCal, developers of the Oak Knoll property, have proposed a 935-unit residential development and a complementary commercial center for the property. It is their intention to include some sort of memorial to the Oak Knoll Naval Medical Center's 50 year history in the Creekside Entry Park as part of the Public Art Project. Two of our members, Bonnie Bouey and Norm Tillman are members of the committee to review artist's submissions.

***MAY 29, 2017: NNCA National General Meeting, San Diego.** This is the 'alternate year' smaller business meeting. Register by March 27 <http://nnca.org/news/meetings-reunions/san-diego-2017/>. The next extended national meeting will be in Seattle May 10-11, followed by the Alaska cruise May 12-19, 2018 <http://nnca.org/news/meetings-reunions/2018-reunion/>.

***JUNE 13, 2017, Tuesday: BANNCA Summer Meeting:** The Future of Veterans Administration Services throughout the Bay Area will be tremendously impacted by the ongoing development of Alameda Point, the former Alameda Naval Air Station. We're delighted that one of the leaders of the 600+ acre VA project, Ronald Chun, MD, Administrator and Provider with VA Northern California Health Care System, will provide us the most current and comprehensive report on the future expanded Outpatient services, the new national cemetery Columbarium (free to all Veterans and spouses), the other facilities, and the evolving timeline. A tentative location identified for our Luncheon meeting is donated use of a conference room at The Lodge on Harbor Bay, 801 Island Drive, Alameda, an assisted living facility with a tradition of supporting Veterans.

Please continue to offer your suggestions for meetings, activities, and locations to Board members, as well as identifying worthy Navy/military medical affiliated non-profits in the local area.

News and Administrative Notes:

***Election: BANNCA Executive Board.** The 2-year terms of all current Officers expire December 2016. All current Officers have agreed to stand for re-election, with staggered terms as indicated.

President, Treasurer, Director Born, Liaison Kirtland – 2 years

Secretary, Director Quinn – 1 year.

Assistant Secretary (new Position) – Mariana Rivera – 2 years

Hospitality Director (welcome new members; assist with General meetings) – vacant

Any member in good standing who wishes to serve is encouraged to contact the current President prior to November 18 to be placed on the Ballot. Voting will take place at the December meeting. Additional Board positions as Members at Large are also available. The Board generally meets twice yearly in conjunction with General meetings, with two additional meetings. Most communication is accomplished electronically.

***Membership Renewals: Membership Renewals:** Renewing locally through our Chapter Treasurer Renee at meetings or by USPS mail helps assure our ongoing communication with members. Membership years for NNCA and BANNCA run May-May. Dues for BANNCA remain just \$5/year; National is \$35 renewal/\$40 new or lapsed. All current members are paid through May 2017 and we will begin distributing pre-filled renewal notices at the December luncheon. All renewals will add to your existing year, extending it through May 2018. New or Lapsed members can chose to apply it to current membership or the 2017-18 year. Those not in attendance will begin receiving renewal notices in late February via E-mail or USPS. Let's continue to reach out to our colleagues and encourage them to join us in friendship, fun, service, and preserving the legacies of Navy Nursing.

***Newest Member:** Welcome to Norm Tillman, with Navy Active and Reserve service 1977-1997. Following 4 years in the Hospital Corps at Oak Knoll and with 1stMarDiv, he has been a military and civilian Nurse throughout the Bay Area in emergency care, supervision, hospice, and administration.

***Congratulations:** We offer a proud 'Bravo Zulu' to our Liaison to currently serving Nurses, Cindy Kirtland, on her selection for promotion to Commander in the Navy Nurse Corps!

***Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of General Membership and Executive Board meetings, which are reviewed and approved by the Executive Board, are available from the Secretary on request.

In Memoriam:

-Julie Clouse: Although not a Navy Nurse, Julie attended many BANNCA activities with Nancy McDowell through the years. She passed on June 21, 2016. Having served on Active duty in the Coast guard and Navy, it was her wish to be buried in her 50-year old uniform. BANNCA's donation to the All Service Women Veteran Lunch this year is being made in Julie's name.