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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to begin my message with a “Fair Winds and Following Seas” to **Barbara Anderson**, a Navy Nurse Corps Officer who became a Medical Corps Officer and Dermatologist but never left behind her Navy Nurse Corps beginnings. She has been a long-standing member of our Chapter and volunteered as our Chapter photographer. Barbara is moving this month to Austin, Texas to be closer to family. She will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her only the best as she makes this challenging decision while knowing it is the right one.

Four of us attended the 12th Annual Miramar



National Cemetery Memorial Day Event on 28 May 2023. The solemnity of the day was enhanced by the totally gray clouds. The program focused on the 50 years of Women in Military aviation. The

guest speaker was Captain Tamara Graham, USN, who is a helicopter pilot and has many flight hours including combat as well as commanding officer billets. She is retiring at the end of May 2023 after 30 years. She provided a statistic that one-half of one percent of the US population serve in the military, down from one percent! (No wonder none of the services are meeting their recruitment goals). Joshua Prado, San Diego County Veteran of the Year, spoke about the increasing and continued number of

suicides among our veterans and active duty. He has a campaign for Action Now regarding this issue. There was much praise for Kathy Bruyere for all she accomplished in changing the role of women on ships and combat.

At our recent Board meeting held on 09 May 2023, the Board voted to increase our annual dues to \$20.00 beginning in 2024. As we all experience every day in the grocery store, the gas station, and restaurants, everything has become more expensive. We have experienced this with cost of insurance, general meeting luncheons, storage locker increases for our memorabilia, and so on. We had hoped to not make this decision but realized that our collected dues and donations alone do not equate to our expenditures. We carefully evaluate our expenditures and seek to find ways to minimize where we can. An example is to donate our 33 WWII paintings so we can decrease from two storage units to one. Please allow me to remind everyone what we do offer as a Chapter to our members: robust scholarship program; preservation of our legacy with collection of oral histories and memorabilia; quarterly general meetings/luncheons; Veterans Community Outreach; a quarterly newsletter, website, and Face Book page; Directors and Officers Liability and General Liability Insurance; and established Position Descriptions and Policies that include anti-discrimination and anti-harassment, conflict of interest, whistleblower, and retention of records to ensure your Board functions as a defined and legal operation adhering to Federal, State and NNCA guidelines. I sincerely hope that the fact that we believe we needed to make this decision to increase the dues will not discourage people from joining and/or renewing their memberships. If this is a hardship, we have programs to assist so let us know if you need that assistance. AND, a plug for our Chapter, we have been able to offer so much more and to be more active in the community as compared to many of the NNCA Chapters. That has been due to the support and generosity of you. We cannot do it without you. As discussed at the NNCA

Annual Meetings held 28-29 April and 01 May 2023, membership is down significantly for all Chapters and especially with Bay Area closing entirely at the end of 2023. As I have shared before, I believe at least two more are facing that same decision to close sooner than later.

Watch for the NNCA July Newsletter as it will have information from the Annual Meetings including new officers, changes for their Website and Newsletter, and whether there will be a 2024 Reunion or not, for example.

As we enter summer, it is hard to believe that with 61 degrees and May Gray and June Gloom. If you are traveling, have a safe and happy journey. I still have my list of “get rid of” to be working on. Hope to see many of you at the 12 July General Meeting/Luncheon. If you have friends in the Bay Area, reach out to them and encourage them to join with us. The Board is evaluating having an additional General Meeting on Zoom for those who live outside our immediate area to make our Chapter more available to those members and to make them feel valued and included. If you have ideas to share, please do as we are looking for ways to improve and move our Chapter forward in meeting your expectations. Thanks to everyone!

Becky Nulty

**2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR/SAVE THE
DATES**

July 4	Independence Day
Wednesday July 12	NNCASC Luncheon Buca di Beppo Carlsbad,CA
August 8	NNCASC Board Meeting
October 21	Military Women’s Luncheon-Veterans Assoc. of North County (VANC) Oceanside

TREASURER'S REPORT

First Quarter 2023

Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU)

Balance as of March 31, 2023



NFCU Checking	\$ 3377.03
Share Savings	\$ 87.71
NFCU Savings-Scholarship	\$ 8,297.28
General/Memorial Fund	\$ 19,731.55
<u>Morgan Stanley</u>	<u>\$194,434.64</u>
TOTAL ON HAND	\$225,928.21

The NNCASC Board voted to increase the annual membership renewal dues to \$20, effective in 2024. The chapter dues have remained the same (\$10) for many years. NNCA renewal dues remain the same (\$35). This decision was based on the following:

1. **Annual expenses** were \$3374 in 2022. Our primary income source was membership dues which brought in \$1509 in 2022. About 50% of our expenses are related to liability insurance (\$821/annually which was added last year) and the storage locker for history and memorabilia (\$865 annually).

2. **Inflation has increased since we were formed.** \$1 in 1990 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$2.32 today, which means that \$1 today only buys 43.103% of what it could buy back then. To extrapolate: \$10 in 1990 would require \$23.20 today.

3. **Donations** have been generous, but the majority are targeted for scholarships.

Thank you for your understanding.

Cindy Perry, Treasurer

CARING & SHARING



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Rose Castellanos, Linda Drabek, Debbie Guthridge-Lind, Mary Lou Lutz, Fran Noble, and Madelyn Reitz.

“Happy Heart Day” to **Ellen Citrano** who celebrated her two year anniversary on May 1, 2023 as a recipient of a new heart.

Please notify President Becky Nulty as soon as anyone hears or learns of the passing of a NNCASC member, local Navy Nurse Corps Officer, or one of their immediate family members. Notify Casey Meehan at 858-450-7141 or e-mail her at maryk38@gmail.com if you know of local Navy Nurses who are ill or hospitalized.

Fair Winds & Following Seas

The Navy Nurses of North County bid farewell to **Barbara Anderson**, long time NNCASC member, at a potluck luncheon hosted at the home of Sue Rist on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Barbara has also been our photographer for the newsletter and has provided several luncheon photos over the years. Thank you, Barbara, for your dedication and service to our chapter.



(l-r) Becky Nulty & Debbie Ulaszek in background, Jane Eberlein, Pam Gray, Barbara Anderson

IN MEMORY

We recently learned of the death of NNCA member, friend and colleague of several of our



NNCASC members, **Patricia Mary Mailander** on April 25, 2023 in Atlantic, Iowa. She was 77 years old. Pat began her military career while in the BSN Program at Creighton University in the Navy Nurse Corps Candidate

Program. After Officer Indoctrination School, she had a three year tour at Camp Pendleton then Oakland, CA. At NRMC Oakland she was a Nursing Instructor for the Neuropsychiatric Technician "C" School. In early 1975 she went overseas for a 15 month tour at Naval Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan.

A follow on tour back to the states at Naval Hospital San Diego and in 1979, back to Naval Hospital, Oakland then overseas again to Iwakuni, Japan and back to Naval Hospital San Diego for her final tour of duty. Her complete obituary can be viewed at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/atlanticnewstelegraph/name/pat-mailander-obituary?id=51726284>

MEMORIAL DAY 2023 OBSERVANCES

Memorial Day Services were held at Miramar National Cemetery, Fort Rosecrans, Mt. Soledad and across the county. **Miramar National Cemetery** held services on Sunday, May 28th at 1300. The service also commemorated the 50th anniversary of Women in Naval Aviation. Keynote speaker was Captain Tamara Graham, a U.S. Navy combat helicopter pilot. More information can be found at: www.miramarcemetery.org

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Support Foundation offered their "123rd Memorial Service and Day of Remembrance" service on

Monday, May 29th, at 1000. Guest speaker was Captain James W. Spidler, Senior Coast Guard Officer in the Southwest Region. More info on the program can be found on their website at: www.fortrosecransmemorialday.com

Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial had both a live and virtual Memorial Day tribute event honoring U.S. Navy Aviation Radioman Walter "Bert" Mintus and our nation's heroes on May 29, 2023 which can be viewed on their website www.soledadmemorial.org

Navy Nurses we know of, who are buried at Miramar include: Mary Lou Adler, Diane Agrell, Theresa "Terri" Banach, Carol Bernier, Mary Frances Blankemeier, Irene Broker, Helen Brooks, Rosemary Cosgrove, Mary Jane Crothers, Mary Alice Doyle, Anna "Pete" Hart, Terry Kelly, Sally Kiely, Angie Liakos, Rose Marie Lochte, Mary Jane Maloney, Helen Maznio, Eleanor Masters, Georgia McKearly, Betty Nimits, Joanne Sauer, Kristin Schliff, Monica Simler and Dottie Yelle.

Navy Nurses, we know of, who are buried at Fort Rosecrans include: Helena Brugman, Amy Fishel, Vicki Goff and Lois Kessler and Mary Arlene Shughrue.

You can find a veteran's gravesite at Miramar or Fort Rosecrans at the kiosks near the Administration buildings or you can search "on-line" for veterans buried at any of the national cemeteries at:

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ngl/index.jsp>



MARKETING, RECRUITMENT, SUSTAINMENT REPORT

Greetings Everyone,

Our membership activity report has continued to change since April! That's because so many of you responded promptly earlier in the year, which is very much appreciated! The total number of members for our chapter to date is **154**. NNCASC continues to be the Chapter with the largest number of members ☺.

We would like to extend a special welcome an additional 5 new members since our March 2023 report:

Sally Comer (Prior NNCA, New NNCASC)

Christine (Geisler) Harris (New NNCA, New NNCASC)

Kathryn Hrezo, AD, LT (New NNCA, New NNCASC)

Diane Kuhnly (Prior NNCA, New NNCASC)

Karen McKinsey (New NNCA, New NNCASC)

That brings our total new membership to NNCASC this year so far to **6!** We have reached out to many more. We are hoping our numbers continue to increase. Sustaining our membership numbers is a vital and ongoing effort, so we hope everyone continues to encourage more new memberships in the future. We are happy to get a membership form and introduction letter to anyone by mail or electronically.

We are always in need of volunteers to serve on any of our Committees and on the Board of Directors. Let us know if you are interested in learning more about what this would entail; being involved really helps with improving the services that we provide and the focus of our chapter.

As other Board members have already mentioned, it is with great consideration and thought that NNCASC has made the decision to increase our annual dues in 2024. This decision

is not taken lightly, so if anyone feels like the increase to \$20/year for NNCASC dues would cause a financial concern, please let us know. We will do whatever we can to assist. I went back to some earlier, original membership forms (1980's) and the dues were \$10 then, which reflects **no** change in 40+ years ☺.

NNCASC license plate holders, "Veteran - Navy Nurse Corps", continue to be available for sale. Please contact Nancy Johnson if you are interested in purchasing any. They cost \$10/holder plus any mailing cost that is needed.



Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay healthy!! Wishing everyone a wonderful summer ☺

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ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

contributed by Candace Curlee

As most of you know, I am the new chair for the Oral History Committee. The task of learning all the particulars of our contacts and processes is quite daunting. DJ Lavoie knows it all and, as her student, I am learning and will try my best to live up to her standards. Thank you, DJ, for establishing an exemplary Oral History Program! We are so glad she will continue to be on our committee.

Our committee has been busy since the last newsletter conducting in person and Zoom interviews. We continue to search for those willing to share a look into their Navy experience. Some of the latest interviews we did and contacts we made, were with people who served both active and reserve duty.



A SaddleBrooke Ranch neighborhood veteran news article by Jan Christensen on November 1, 2021, featured **Martha Ryan Suarez** and her Navy Nurse Corps career:

<https://saddlebrookeranchroundup.com/thank-you-to-our-saddlebrooke-ranch-veterans-2/>

Martha also shared these thoughts with us:

“When I was first approached about sharing my Navy Nurse Corps career with the committee, I was reluctant to tell my story, despite the several extraordinary and life changing experiences I had encountered in both my active duty and reserve nursing careers. Upon reflection of my active duty and reservist career, I realize that I

made positive contributions to military medicine and the Navy Nurse Corps. In my civilian nursing career, I was hired by private businesses, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, as well as adjunct Professor and clinical preceptor for more than one University. My naval career was instrumental in securing those opportunities. As a retiree, I volunteer with HELPS, a voluntary medical support non-profit which brings medical care to the indigenous population of Guatemala, and actually discovered I was working with a Navy Nurse Corps reservist that I had deployed with on the USNS Mercy when I was recalled. My desire is that Navy Nurse Reservists share their military and civilian nursing career for the Oral History Project as they, too, have made significant contributions to the mission of military medicine and the Navy Nurse Corps.”

Judy Harris, member of the Oral History Committee and retired reservist, adds that “the few interviews the committee members have participated in these past months have demonstrated many varieties of nursing experiences (recalled to active duty, Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW), etc. that are unique to the Navy Nurse Corps Reservist and differs from opportunities while in full time active-duty status. I encourage my fellow retired reservists to contact the Oral History Committee and share your story. Reservist career stories are very unique and need to be memorialized in the Library of Congress.”

Whether you served in the Navy Nurse Corps on active duty or reserve duty for a short time or a full career, we want your story to complete the Navy Nurse Corps history. Your experience is unique to you and that is part of the Navy Nurse story. Please contact Candace Curlee ccurlee@sbcglobal.net , DJ Lavoie bobndjl@hotmail.com , Judy Harris jlharris@earthlink.net for information to do your interview. View a compilation interview on our website <https://nncasc.org/> .



QUILTS OF VALOR



NNCASC chapter members were invited to attend the 2nd Annual Women’s History Brunch held at the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial on Thursday, March 23, 2023 celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve. Nearly 200 military women and guests from all branches of services braved the rainy, wintry weather to attend. Featured speakers included Sergeant Major Rosalia Scifo, Sergeant Major of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Jodie Grenier, Marine Corps Veteran and CEO of the Foundation for Women Warriors. The Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial honors veterans both living and deceased. There are currently over 5000 granite plaques honoring Presidents, Medal of Honor recipients, and veterans who proudly served our nation.

On March 29th, 1973 the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last POWs held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. This March 29, 2023, Vietnam Veterans Day, NNCASC member and Vietnam Veteran, Casey Meehan, was awarded a personal “Quilt of Valor” by members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. She had been nominated for the honor by Navy Nurse and friend, Mary Lou Adler who passed away February 9, 2023.



(l-r) Nancy Owen, Cindy Perry, Becky Nulty, Georgene Waecker, Barb Beeby, Nancy Johnson.



The citation, given to Casey with the quilt, read, in part:

Several Navy Nurses have plaques at the Memorial, some members of our chapter. In November 2021, NNCASC members attended a dedication of a special plaque honoring the Nurse Corps of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force.

“Today our honored veteran is Mary Katherine Meehan, better known as Casey. Casey served in the United States Navy Nurse Corps from 1958-1979. She saw assignments in Oakland, San Diego, Great Lakes, Long Beach, the Philippines, and Japan. She also had one year in Da Nang, Vietnam, August 1968-August 1969... We are truly honored to award Veterans who have been “Touched by War”. We come representing 10,000 quilters across the United States of America who lovingly sew for Quilts of Valor Foundation...”



HAPPY 115TH BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY NURSE CORPS

NNCASC celebrated the 115th Birthday of the Navy Nurse Corps at their quarterly luncheon at Cocina del Charro in Escondido, CA on April 15, 2023. Cutting the birthday cake were NNCASC member, **Ann Carroll** and active duty Navy Nurse, **LT Sydney Jordan**.



LT Sydney Jordan & Ann Carroll

We also welcomed **CAPT Mark Thomas**, Director for Nursing Services at NMCS (Balboa) and three active duty nurses pictured below.



(l-r) LT Sydney Jordan, LT Richelle Alagaban, LCDR Brandi Gibson, CAPT Mark Thomas

NURSES WEEK CEREMONY

NNCASC members participated in Naval Medical Center San Diego's Nurses Week Ceremony celebrating The Daisy Award and Navy Nurse Corps 115th Birthday on Friday, May 12, 2023. NNCASC supported the event with a display of Navy Nurse memorabilia and uniforms and monetary support for the birthday cake and Cinnabon rolls for the Daisy Award.



(l-r) Jane Hourigan, Nancy Owen, Becky Nulty, Cindy Perry, Nancy Johnson



NNCASC Memorabilia

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

contributed by Pat Bull

The Scholarship Committee: **Pat Bull (Chairperson), Ellen Citrano, Nancy Johnson, Tom Nunns, and Judy Pattinson** met at Ellen's "clubhouse" on Monday, June 5, 2023.

In mid-February, scholarship application information was sent to 30 nursing schools in Southern California that offer BSN programs. Applications were to be post-marked by April 7th. Thirteen applications were received from 7 different schools. Two applicants are graduating in August 2023 and one, we found actually graduated in May, so they were deemed ineligible to receive the scholarships that are designated for the 2023-2024 academic year. Each of the selectees was awarded \$2000 thanks to the generous bequeath to our Scholarship Fund by the estate of Carolyn Scherer, Mary Lou Adler and annual donations from many of our NNCASC members.

Ndifreke "Blessing" Edem will graduate in June 2025 from Stanbridge University. She is a single mother of 3 children, working part-time as an LVN and going to school full time. She has maintained a 3.9 GPA and her career goal is to become a mental health/psychiatric nurse and work with children and teens - a population that has reported an increase in poor mental health since the pandemic.

Liam Kelly anticipates graduating from Biola University in Dec 2024. He has wanted to be a nurse since a child despite being told over and over that "you can't be a nurse; that's a woman's career." He loves Pediatrics and hopes to work in a PICU or Peds ER and ultimately go on to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Marissa Meas will graduate from Stanbridge University in November 2024. Marissa says she's a "full-time mom" to 3 kids and she also works part-time as a CNA. She hopes this scholarship will allow her to spend more time with her kids and less hours at work. After

graduation, she would like to work in an ER to gain experience and then long term, she would like to become either a nurse practitioner or a nurse anesthetist.

Monica Ornelas also attends Stanbridge University and she will graduate in November 2024 as well. She is a single mother and has been working as an LVN in a high school that focuses on teens with special education needs. Her son graduated in December from a community college and will hold off on continuing his education so his mother can complete her degree. She also volunteers at her university and also in the ER at the Kaiser hospital in her community.

Julia Ruccione attends Azusa Pacific University and will graduate in December 2024. She has been working steadily since age 13 to be able to support herself through college. She works part time in the restaurant industry and has had a research proposal accepted that will look at how nurses can minimize contributions to climate change.

NNCASC BOARD NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Nominations are now being accepted for two Chapter Board members for our elections at the October meeting. Becky Nulty, as current President, and the secretary's position, which is currently vacant, are due to roll off. Jane Hourigan, current Vice President, will be fleeting up to President. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors for NNCASC as a member or "member-at-large", please contact Becky Nulty. Being a "member-at-large" is a good way to get your "feet" wet and learn more about the workings of the Board. There are also other volunteer opportunities on committees, like the Scholarship committee, and as the NNCASC photographer.

VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH
contributed by Ellen Citrano

Our Veterans Community Outreach at the July 12th Luncheon will feature **Honor Flight San Diego**. Our guest speaker will be **Lisa Gary**. She will be accompanied by NNCASC member, **Marian “Myrt” Wells** who was one of two female veterans who traveled on an Honor Flight in late April 2023 from San Diego to visit Washington, D.C. Her daughter, CAPT (ret) Patti Ireland, a retired physical therapist accompanied her on the flight.



“Myrt” Wells, Patti Ireland, Nancy Owen

Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) hosts a 3-day encampment each summer designed to guide homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness, to services that rapidly remove barriers caused by medical, legal, mental health, and substance abuse concerns. This year’s Stand Down is July 20-22 and is being held at Pechanga Arena (San Diego Sports Arena) on Midway Drive. VVSD held a “drive-by” clothing drive on June 2, 2023 but we will still be collecting new underwear (sizes L, XL, XXL and socks (size large) for men and women (sizes



6-10 for socks & M, L, XL underwear) at our July 12th luncheon. Ellen will be delivering the items collected directly to VVSD. Additional information on items most needed, the event, opportunity to donate or volunteer is available at: www.vvsd.net/standdown

Thank you to our NNCASC members who have already donated to this worthy cause.



The nonprofit organization, Honor Flight San Diego, is now accepting applications from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam era veterans to go on their Honor Flight. The three-day trip to Washington, D.C. is to visit the memorials built for the veteran’s sacrifice, and to truly honor them for their service. The veteran travels at no cost to them.

The organization has taken over 1,700 veterans on the flight since 2010. San Diego County has well over 100,000 military veterans; so, for 12 years the organization has flown WWII, Korea, Vietnam veterans and veterans from any era with terminal illnesses.

Honor Flight typically takes two trips per year, in the spring and fall. On the trip, veterans visit the WWII, Lincoln, Korea, Vietnam, Air Force, and Marine Corps Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard Ceremony, tour the National Museum of the U.S. Navy, and women veterans visit the Military Women’s Memorial.

To go on a trip, please submit an application at: www.honorflightsandiego.org and for any questions, please email info@honorflightsandiego.org or call (800) 655-6997.

OPERATION DRESS CODE



Operation Dress Code (ODC) San Diego will be back for its 8th year in the fall. The “Pop-Up Boutique Day” will be November 4, 2023. “Boutique Day” is where active duty women and veterans “shop” for clothing, accessories, shoes, purses, etc. and get make-overs, headshots for LinkedIn profile pictures, resume writing etc. to help them transition to civilian careers.

This year's donation drive will take place in September/October and donation sites will be located around San Diego County. Start going through your closets and set aside items that may assist women veterans in transition. NNCASC will have more information in the September newsletter on the location of donation sites.

For more information, go to:

<https://operationdresscode.org/>

SAVE THE DATE

Military Women’s Luncheon



All Branches, All Eras, All Invited

The annual Military Women’s Luncheon will be held Saturday, **October 21, 2023** at **the Veterans Association of North County (VANC) in Oceanside**. Additional information will be available in the September newsletter.

NNCASC WEBSITE CELEBRATES TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Thanks to the expert assistance of Don Phillips, NNCASC member and webmaster, NNCASC launched its first website on June 3, 2021 and has been up and running for two years. The website can be accessed at: www.nncasc.org

Our website also has links to NNCA’s website. Please visit from time to time and let us know what you think. If you are a Facebook user, follow us at “Navy Nurse Corps Association Southern CA.”

NNCASC LUNCHEON



We look forward to our next luncheon **Wednesday, July 12, 2023** at a favorite venue: **Buca di Beppo at 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, CA 92009**. A family style Italian meal will be served. There is a reservation form, with additional information, in this newsletter. Please **RSVP by Saturday, July 8, 2023** with a check for \$30 per person to avoid congestion at check-in. Luncheon will be on the second floor. There is an elevator.

We will have, as our guests, Honor Flight speaker **Lisa Gary**, accompanied by NNCASC member, **Myrt Wells**. Also remember to bring items for VVSD Stand Down (see Veterans Community Outreach article for details)

Directions:

Take 5 North or South to Exit 43 Leucadia Blvd (toward the mountains)

Go for 1.5 miles & turn left on Garden View Rd which becomes Calle Barcelona.

Take a second right into the Forum of Carlsbad. Take first left, past Casa di Bandini parking on either side of Buca di Beppo

Disabled Parking is in the lot past Buca di Beppo and is closest parking to the door.

MEET NNCASC MEMBER



Marian "Myrt" Wells
LT, NC, USN

Served March 1951 – December 1956

Marian "Myrt" Wells was born in 1928 in a small town near Lancaster, PA. In September 1946 she entered nursing school via the Cadet Nurse Corps program which provided funding for training and opportunity to serve her country. Her nursing school classmates gave her the nickname "Myrt" and recognized her as bright, fun-loving and mischievous. Upon completion of her training, she worked at the Bronx VA in New York, Hershey, PA the Chicago VA, and Sommers Point, New Jersey hospitals.

Commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps in Philadelphia in November 1950, she went to Newport, Rhode Island for indoctrination and her first permanent assignment was National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda where she worked in a variety of settings and played on the command softball team. In September 1953 she transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, and after a two year tour returned to the states to Naval Hospital, San Diego where she met and married another young Naval Officer, Frank Wells who was one of her patients. Once she became pregnant, she had to leave the Navy. There was no opportunity for her or other women to continue to serve and raise a family at that time. Myrt is grateful for the opportunities the Navy provided and is proud to have served as a Navy Nurse.



NNMC Bethesda Softball Team 1952
(Myrt Ulrich Wells-fourth from the right in
back row)



46th Anniversary Navy Nurse Corps
"O" Club Yokosuka Japan
12 May 1954
(Myrt Ulrich Wells-third from right)

***IN MEMORIUM
MAY 2022-MAY 2023***

NNCASC MEMBERS

Mary Arlene Shughrue (May 15, 2022)

Jean Louise Miller (July 7, 2022)

Angeline "Angie" Liakos (October 8, 2022)

Monica Simler (November 25, 2022)

Suzy Hyatt (December 27, 2022)

Mary Lou Adler (February 9, 2023)

FORMER/NON-MEMBERS

Barbara Driscoll (February 17, 2022)

Joanne Sue Clark (November 7, 2022)

Nancy Lansdowne (November 10, 2022)

Mary Alice Doyle (October 25, 2017)

Patricia "Pat" Mailander (April 25, 2023)

IN SPECIAL MEMORY

RADM (ret) Mary Hall (July 21, 2022)

All those who died from the COVID-19 Pandemic

***U.S. NAVY
EST. 1908***

Navy Nurse Corps Memorial Miramar National Cemetery



NNCASC LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023
 LOCATION: **BUCA DI BEPPO**
 1921 CALLE BARCELONA
 CARLSBAD, CA 92009
 TIME: SOCIAL HOUR: 1100
 LUNCH: 1200

(Menu: Family Style Italian Meal)

Make reservations by Saturday, July 8, 2023

Call Tina Hooker at 858-571-2874 or e-mail at: tinahook@att.net
for any questions or if you need to cancel

Make checks payable to NNCASC

Send reservations & checks to:

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RESERVATION LUNCHEON MEETING

Please make reservations for _____ persons.
Check enclosed for \$_____ at **\$30.00** per person.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING

CIRCLE STATUS

AD RET FORMER

AD RET FORMER

AD RET FORMER

GUEST

BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER & THEIR LUNCH IS FREE (first time only)



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In Memory of Our Fallen Comrades