



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

CITY TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD PINOLE MUSEUM

By Jeff Rubin
 President
 Pinole Historical Society

Pinole has a very interesting history. Interesting characters have lived here. Interesting things happened here — and continue to happen here.

Nevertheless, there are generations of Pinole residents who know nothing about their city's history, in large part because there's no place for them to go to learn about it.

The Pinole Historical Society has done its best to fill this void by publishing books, conducting walking tours and interviews, and sponsoring events.

We have a website, a Facebook page, and we publish two newsletters — one a quarterly printed newsletter focusing on the city's history and the other a monthly electronic newsletter focusing on history events in the city and area.

Local history isn't part of our schools' curricula, so the PHS tries to introduce our young people (and not-so-young people) to our city's heritage via books, tours, lectures, and community



The Faria House, 2100 San Pablo Avenue. Photo by Larry Neptune.

TV broadcasts.

But, the city lacks a museum people can visit to see our city's history on display.

The society's mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicle the city's heritage for current and future generations. This is what a museum can do.

On March 1, 2016, the Pinole City Council agreed to have the Faria House appraised for possibly buying it and establishing a city museum in the building.

The Faria House was moved to its downtown location at 2100 San Pablo Avenue in 2005 from the site now occupied by the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

At that time, it was a Redevelopment project, and the then-city council planned that it would become a museum to house and display the many artifacts that document our history.

But the state, in dissolving and taking over all Redevelopment assets, now controls it and other

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such properties. If the city, or anyone else, wants to buy it at market value, the state will get most of the proceeds. Thus the appraisal, a necessary first step.

Do we need a community museum?

Did we need a library when we forked up the money to build it?

What about the new Pinole Skate Park for those who enjoy that activity?

Our Community Playhouse is undergoing an interior rebuilding to better serve its audiences.

The Senior Center opened in 1990 to meet senior citizens' activity needs, and is undergoing a quarter-million-dollar re-roofing project.

The money spent on these projects demonstrates how the city addresses the lifestyles and interests of all people who live in Pinole.

The society's goals are shared by many citizens, and the Pinole City Council desires and intends to satisfy another segment of the local population by preserving and protecting the city's heritage.

While it's still early in the process, the council's action is the first step in what the PHS hopes will result in a community museum to house the many artifacts that document our wonderful city's history.

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In memoriam

DEAN ALLISON

October 28, 1956 — March 4, 2016

Dean Allison, former Public Works Director of the City of Pinole and a lifetime member of the Pinole Historical Society, died March 4. He was 59.

Dean was well-liked and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact — elected officials, fellow engineers, and members of the community.

“Dean Allison stood for all that was good,” said Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen. “He was always willing to help everyone in our community.”

“I met Dean nine years ago and instantly bonded with him as a friend.

He felt very good about his new career opportunity in San Rafael. I will miss our Friday evening recaps of the week's activities.”

Dean was Pinole's Public Works Director from October 2005 to September 2015, when he left to take a similar position for the City of San Rafael.

“Dean embodied everything a Public Works Director should be — he was a technical expert with an exceptional ability to collaborate; he could relate to absolutely everyone and each individual would walk away feeling heard and understood and impressed with Dean,” said San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz.

Dean, a native of Dobbs Ferry, NY, graduated from the University of California at Irvine with an MBA. He also held two bachelor's degrees, one from University of Buffalo in civil engineering and the other from the State University of New York at Oneonta in physics. He loved baseball and was a loyal New York Mets fan.

A flyer about an April 17 memorial for Dean is in this newsletter.



Dean Allison

PHS BACK AT FARMERS' MARKET APRIL 2

The Pinole Historical Society will be back at its booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market beginning April 2 and will be there every

other week through December. We thank you for your many years of support, and look forward to seeing you.

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here: <http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



The Pinole Historical Society is now on Facebook! Search for us at <https://www.facebook.com/PinoleHistoricalSociety/>

Like us, Friend us, Follow us, Tell your friends and family about us.

We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.

SUPPORT THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY SHOPPING AT AMAZONSMILE

There's a simple and automatic way for you to support the Pinole Historical Society when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

You'll find the exact same prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PHS.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select Pinole Historical Society before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection. Every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or



mobile device. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. You can use an existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile.

Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to the

Pinole Historical Society, you need to start each shopping session at smile.amazon.com, select Pinole Historical Society as the organization of your choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Please support the PHS every time you shop at AmazonSmile.

PHS RACKS UP 1,375.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

The PHS profoundly relies on its volunteer board and others who donate their time to plan, implement, and promote its programs and activities.

What does it take to preserve and enliven history and make those programs and our communications to you possible?

In calendar year 2015, we tallied 1,375.5 volunteer hours of board meetings, quarterly membership meetings, a presence at the Pinole Farmers' market from spring to fall, newsletter and E-News writing/design and delivery, educational programs, historical research, special events (e.g., book signing events, Veterans Day celebration), library displays, and the marketing activities and behind the scenes work of our president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Let's heighten the tally, shall we? We welcome PHS supporters and prospective new members to join us at our monthly board meetings on the second Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center. Your donation of time is priceless and keeps this organization alive.

Thank you to our volunteers and others who, with ongoing participation, enjoy the result of our efforts at various history-laden programming through the year. Keep reading this newsletter; please remain active and informed!

S.H.A.R.E.S. cards obsolete, no longer support the PHS

Beginning April 1, Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. became Shares powered by eScrip, requiring S.H.A.R.E.S. cardholders to register online their card and/or phone number along with personal contact information.

At its March 9 board meeting, the PHS board voted to not enroll in the new eScrip program.

Doing so would create opportunity for eScrip to deliver product promotions and program information to those who register, something the PHS board does not favor for its member/supporters.

Contra Costa County Historical Society and History Center will present at our May 13 program

The Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) operates a major archival collection documenting the history of the county at its Contra Costa History Center at 724 Escobar Street, in Martinez.

At our May 13 meeting, CCCHS representatives will describe the collection, consisting of letters, diaries, manuscripts of writings, legal records, photographs, maps, newspapers, periodicals, and books.

The History Center is not a museum or a place where yesterday's artifacts sit mute in dusty corners. Rather, it is designed to be primarily a living archive, a treasure trove of the records, the letters, the pictures, maps, and books — the thousand and one records that tell the story of our past.

It is intended as a focus for scholarly activity, offering valuable resources available for serious students and writers of history and a place where teachers can find prime source material on the county's past to share with their students.

The center is the place where all the county's community historical societies can search for additional materials to add to their individual collections. Moreover, it is planned as a workshop where educational programs and interpretive exhibits on various aspects of county history can be put together for loan to schools and businesses. One of the main objectives is to get as many of the society's historical materials out where they can be seen and enjoyed by all of the citizenry.

PHS members and the public are invited to this FREE event in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Refreshments will be served.



Board seats available at May 13 annual meeting

Our May 13 meeting will be the PHS annual meeting, as well. Three seats on our seven-member board of directors will be up for election.

We invite our members to attend and vote. Please contact the society at (510) 724-9507 or info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org if you are interested in serving a two-year term on our board.

We are especially looking for someone with bookkeeping experience to take over as treasurer, but that is not a requirement to serve. We have other options for the treasurer position.

You must be a paid member for 2016 and a member of at least a year to be elected to our board.

JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Support the activities of the PHS by becoming a member in 2016.

Please send your \$30 membership check to

PHS, PO Box 285,
Pinole, CA 94564.

Join (or renew your membership) the Pinole Historical Society and help promote and

preserve the history of our city.

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to

our residents.

Please fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it to us today with your check. Thank you.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2016

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

Please mail the membership application today!

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2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

NAME: (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society

Credit Card: (Visa MasterCard American Express Discover)

Credit Card # _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Upcoming events

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April 1-30: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY EXHIBITS

The Pinole Historical Society has two exhibits at the Pinole Library. "Pinole ... Then and Now" features photos from the society's archives of buildings that existed at the turn of the 20th centu-



ry and recent photos of buildings on those sites today. This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole's history.

For more information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole, visit our website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE HISTORY on its "Videos Online" page.

You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer. Go to the city's website www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded most of these events for the society.

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DEAN ALLISON MEMORIAL

Sunday, April 17, 2016 4 to 7 p.m.

Pinole Senior Center

Join Dean's many friends and co-workers to share memories of this wonderful man who served the City of Pinole for 10 years as Public Works Director/City Engineer/Director of Development Services.

Tickets are \$20. The meal will include appetizers, salad, pasta, and garlic bread. Wine will be provided for each table.

Proceeds after expenses will be donated to Pinole Community TV.

ORDER DEAN ALLISON MEMORIAL TICKETS

Mail coupon and check payable to CITY OF PINOLE to
Bob Kopp, 2320 Doidge Ave., Pinole, CA 94564. Tickets will be held at the door.

For more information, contact Bob Kopp at (510) 772-0016 or koppproductions@comcast.net

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____
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Flag Holidays

Every year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

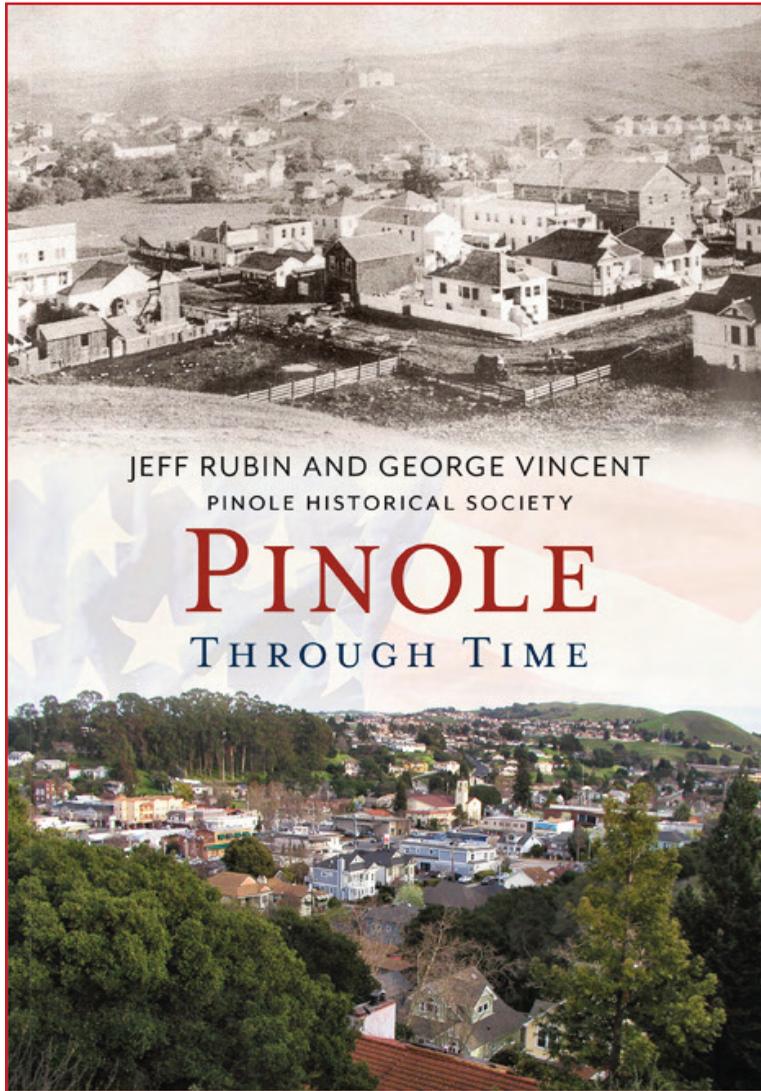
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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PLENTY OF BOOKS IN STOCK
Order your book(s) today!

PINOLE THROUGH TIME

MAIL TO: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564

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Address _____

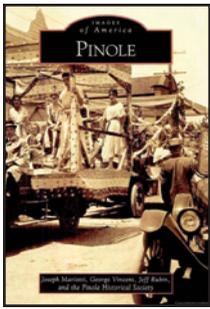
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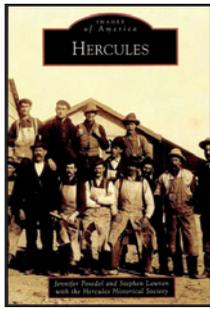
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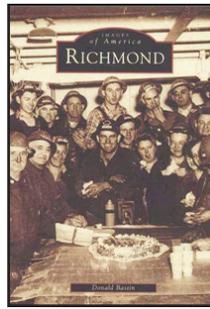
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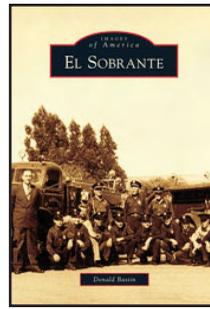
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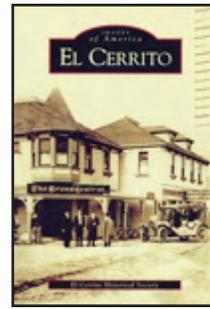
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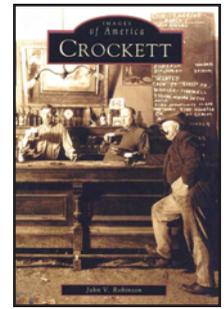
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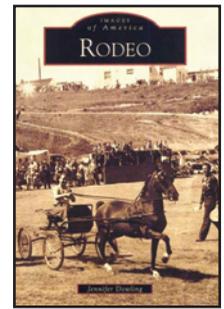
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

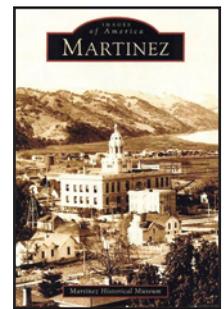
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books are \$24, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including sales tax.

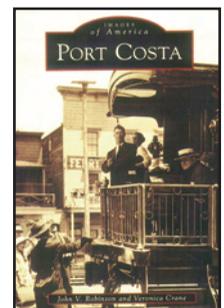
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



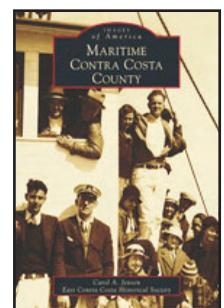
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Martinez



Port Costa



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by the

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**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

PHOTOS: People, family, events, buildings
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

MOVIES: VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades
and events, floods, fires, etc.

ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.

MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS: Documents, programs,
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

Contact the Pinole Historical Society

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info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org

JUNIOR RANGER DAY AT SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK PROMISES NAUTICAL FUN AND SKILL BUILDING ON APRIL 17

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park will host a free Junior Ranger Day event on Sunday, April 17, between 10 AM and 4 PM, geared toward children ages 5-12 and their families. Normal admission fees to board the park's historic ships will be waived on this day for all visitors.

Junior Ranger Day is a nationwide event (held at different parks on different dates) that gives young visitors a chance to explore their national parks, learn skills from staff and park rangers, and earn prizes.

At San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park on April 17, rangers will set up demonstration stations and arts-and-craft tables for "junior rangers" along Hyde Street Pier, in our Maritime Museum, and aboard our historic ships, where kids can learn and practice nautical skills.

Rangers and park volunteers will lead demonstrations and crafts including caulking, knot tying, building toy wooden boats, weaving rope, and making necklaces using the signal flag alphabet.

With the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association's "Age of Sail" staff, young visitors will also learn to work as a team of sailors and lower a boat into the water and then "heave ho!" to bring it back up.

Simultaneously at the Maritime Museum (900 Beach Street), kids can try their hand at scrimshaw and fancywork, follow a scavenger hunt, and draw their own figurehead. Teens from the San Francisco Sea Scout program will also be on hand to teach knot



tying and assist with crafts.

Children who complete all activities will receive a certificate and a prize at the end of the day.

The first 15 kids who arrive at the event will also get a free copy of the sea-faring fantasy adventure novel for young adults, "The

Defiant," by M. Quint, published by McSweeney's Press.

Junior Ranger Day at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park kicks off National Park Week (April 16-24), a week of free admission days in all national

parks across the country. Additional fee-free days for 2016 will be August 25-28 (Centennial of the National Park Service), September 24 (National Public Lands Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day).

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is located at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson.

The park includes a magnificent fleet of historic ships, a Visitor Center, the Maritime Museum (900 Beach Street), Maritime Research Center (open by appointment in Fort Mason Center), and the Aquatic Park Historic District.

For more information, please call 415-447-5000 or visit the park's website <http://www.nps.gov/safr>.

Follow us on *Twitter@SFMaritimeNHP* and Instagram *sfmaritimenps* and join us on Facebook at *SanFranciscoMaritimeNHP*.

Meeting Rooms at The Pinole Senior Center

The Pinole Recreation Department is pleased to offer Meeting Rooms at our Senior Center to local community groups, organizations, and businesses. The full meeting room policy and the application form, along with additional information about booking meeting rooms, can be found at:

<http://www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/recreation/docs/SeniorCenterRoomRentalApp.pdf>

Standard Rental Rates

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| Deposit | \$40 |
| <i>Business Hours (M-F 8:30am-4:30pm)</i> | |
| 2 Hour Minimum Rental | \$50 |
| Each Additional Hour | \$25 per hour |
| <i>Non-Business Hours (M-F 4:30pm-7:30pm)</i> | |
| 2 Hour Minimum Rental | \$75 |
| Each Additional Hour | \$35 per hour |

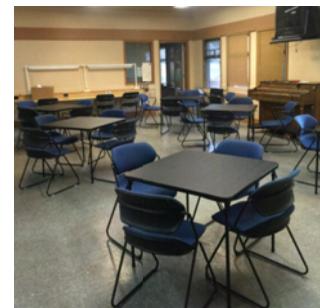
There are three meeting rooms available for rent. The first is the Conference Room (Room 106), which sits approximately 15 people maximum. The second is the Large Activity Room (Room 109), which sits approximately 40 people maximum. Lastly we offer the Small Activity Room (Room 112), which sits approximately 25 people maximum. All rooms have WiFi capabilities. Fax and copy services may be available upon request (additional fees apply).

Application approval is dependent upon availability. Reservations can be made for weekdays, and Saturdays upon special approval. There are no Sunday rentals. Please feel free to contact the Pinole Senior Center Coordinator to see if your desired date and time is available.

Great for business meetings, neutral and convenient meeting space with clients, presentations, small lectures, and more.

Call today for more information!

Rentals are considered private events, and thus any activities occurring during a rental are not promoted or endorsed by the City of Pinole or Pinole Senior Center. Attendees of private rentals must use designated entrances, and any activities must be confined within the designated rental space. Renters may not solicit or promote their events at the Senior Center. Renters are responsible for set up and clean up of their rental space before and after use. Time for set up and clean up must be accounted for in the time frame requested.



Pinole Senior Center

2500 Charles Ave.
Pinole, CA 94564

Phone: 510 724 9802

Fax: 510 724 9803

E-mail: seniors@ci.pinoles.ca.us

National Park Service seeks volunteer docents for Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond seeks dedicated volunteers to join our team in assisting rangers at the Visitor Education Center, orienting visitors to the park, providing informal interpretation of historical resources, and participating in special events.

Prior to starting your volunteer responsibilities, each volunteer must attend two three-hour training sessions on Saturdays April 16 and April 30, from 10 AM – 1 PM. Volunteers at the park must agree to a one year commitment and a minimum of eight hours per month. National Park Volunteer uniform shirts are provided.

To reserve your spot in our training program, please contact Allison Joyce at allison_joyce@partner.nps.gov or (510) 232-5050, x 6632. If you cannot attend the above training but are interested in future training opportunities, please let us know.

The park preserves and interprets the stories and places of the home front during World War II.

The Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, is open seven days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM. Admission to the Visitor Center and all park sites and programs is free. To learn more, visit the park website at www.nps.gov/rori/.

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Seeking Volunteers

VOLUNTEER
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Training Unit #1
Introduction to the National Park Service and our park:
Saturday, April 16th, 2016, 10 AM - 1 PM

Training Unit #2
Visitor Center operations and customer service:
Saturday, April 30th, 2016, 10 AM - 1 PM

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park seeks volunteer docents to assist with operations at our Visitor Education Center in Richmond, CA. We are looking for people 18 years old or older, with a passion for history, education, and public service, who can make an ongoing minimum commitment to volunteer at least 8 hours per month.

Each volunteer will be required to complete two in-person training sessions and attend 3 park programs.

To apply to our training program or for more information, please contact Allison Joyce at allison_joyce@partner.nps.gov or (510) 232-5050 x 6632

ROSIE THE RIVETER
World War II Home Front National Historical Park
Visitor Center



PROGRAMS

Tours
&
Events

APRIL 2016

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

4/3 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

Junior Ranger Fun!

4/10 at 2:00PM (30 minutes)

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look

4/17 – Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions, and introduce the memorial.

Bay Trail Walk

4/24 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Take a one hour leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history with a park ranger.

MONDAYS:

Warbling through the War Years

4/25 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

World War II produced popular music from jitterbug to broken hearts, which we'll see and hear through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

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Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.
(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

Mondays continued...

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

4/25 at 1:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

TUESDAYS:

“Of Lost Conversations” (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Park Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

***Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.**

WEDNESDAYS

Richmond Bus Tour with a Park Ranger (Reservations Required)

4/6 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)

Hop aboard with a Park Ranger for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. A short tour of the Maritime Child Development Center is included. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

THURSDAYS:

“Of Lost Conversations” (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)

Park Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

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Blossoms and Thorns

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

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Fridays continued...

Rationing on the Home Front

4/1, 4/15, 4/29 at 12:30 PM 30 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Listen to stories about the Federal Government's rationing program and how it affected families on the Home Front.

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager

4/29 at 3:00 PM (45 minutes)

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a park ranger for a program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

SATURDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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Echos of World War II - A Bay Area Perspective

4/9 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)

Join us for a documentary film highlighting the stories of the children of the Greatest Generation and their experiences in the San Francisco Bay Area during World War II. After the film, Director Mike Paunovich and Producer Patricia Weaver will lead a discussion with some of the people who were featured in the documentary.

Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.

Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"

4/30 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)

Join author Steve Gilford for a presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.