

Annual Benefit Dinner



Stories to Inspire!

Saturday, April 6 2019

Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito

5:30 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction

7:00 pm Dinner

Join us in an entertaining evening with special guest Jonathan Jarvis. Enjoy gorgeous views of San Francisco Bay, 1940's ambience, cocktails and more, to honor the courage of WWII Rosies and raise funds to inspire new generations with the *We Can Do It!* spirit.

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Challenge grant update

We did it! Once again. Thank you to our generous 2018 Challenge Grant donors for your wonderful support. We surpassed our goal of \$20,000 in matching funds to secure a generous donor's gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the opportunity to learn about WWII history, social innovations, the value of work, and more. Many thanks! Together we can and DID do it!

In their honor

Agnes Moore: In honor of *Priscilla Elder*
 Alice Agogino: In honor of *Dr. Mercedes Agogino*
 Alice Philipson and Petra Liljestrand: In memory of *Amy Philipson*
 Barbara Misthos: In honor of *Joseph York*
 Ben and Joy Black: In memory of *Era Black*
 Brian Smalley: In memory of *Raphael Allen*
 Bridget Scadeng: In honor of *Chris*
 Carl Black: In memory of *Era Black*
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 Carolyn Gip Gagnon: In honor of *Yvonne W. Rose*
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 John Edge: In memory of *Era Black*
 Joshua and Elaina Genser: In honor of *Sandi Genser-Maack*
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 Timothy Luca: In honor of *Angelina Luca*
 Valerie Whitwell: In memory of *Era Christene Black*
 Virginia Wolfe: In memory of *Gertrude M. Wolfe*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The New Year has brought excitement and challenges.

In January, the Water Transit Authority launched the new Richmond Ferry Service with a packed crowd attending ceremonies at the Craneway, adjacent to our national park. Our Rosies were the first to board demonstration cruises along the shoreline, which showed off beautiful commuter boats that eventually will bring thousands of visitors across the bay to our unique site on the San Francisco Bay waterfront.

But along with the promise of the ferry launch, in December, came the government shutdown presenting hurdles of all kinds which challenged us in new ways. Although it's not apparent that a

Friends Group like Rosie the Riveter Trust experiences harm from government shutdowns, the fact is we do – and not in small ways. There are vital programs for youth and others the Trust helps coordinate with the park and for which it raises funds. With the Visitor Center's doors closed, we missed out on the substantial support from you as our visitors, donors, and customers because our store was shuttered.

Luckily, we reopened our park just in time for our first *Every Kid in a Park* program. But we will need you, our donors, more than ever this year to ensure that our public education programs, exhibits, and youth programs continue to carry the legacy of Rosie the Riveter to all generations.

—Marsha Mather-Thrift

Lost and Found

Photos Tell Stories of World War II

Original photos of hundreds of U.S. navy ships in San Francisco Bay; a candid shot of Henry J. Kaiser, laughing while listening to a female accordionist; and a color transparency of an unidentified "Rosie" with a cutting torch in front of the Haiti Victory ship before launching in July 20, 1944. These are only some of the images from a treasure trove of World War II photographs, many depicting scenes from the Kaiser Richmond shipyards, discovered in 2017 by Fresno photographer Dan Nadaner. Many had not been seen since the mid-1940s. Dan was donating pictures to the curators from the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Park in Richmond, California, located on the former site of the Kaiser Richmond shipyards. He discovered extra cartons of photographs while clearing out a storage locker, many worthy of display at the park's visitor center, with one currently on exhibit directly across from the front desk.

The photos were taken by Dan's father, Hugo Nadaner (1915–2009), a real estate developer, contractor, private airplane pilot, and Hollywood photographer. During World War II, he turned his lens to marine vessels, working with the U.S. Navy to document construction, launch and shakedown cruises.

Hugo Nadaner's trove of 4x5-inch negatives and photos include images of hundreds of U.S. navy ships. Many are copy shots of other photos, while others are originals from San Francisco Bay. A cluster of photos reveal how neighboring factories and yards prefabricated ship components for final assembly in the Kaiser yards. Among the Oakland subcontractors documented between June 24 and 26, 1943, were the Graham Ship Repair Company (foot of Washington St.), the Herrick Iron Works, and the Independent Iron Works. Other nearby factories included Berkeley's Trailer Company of America and the Steel Tank & Pipe Company, as well as

the California Steel Products Corporation in Richmond and the Pacific Coast Engineering Company in Alameda. One contractor documented was the Clyde W. Wood Company in Stockton, over 50 miles from the Richmond shipyards. Many photos are of the Kaiser Richmond shipyards. One set shows the launching of the patrol frigate USS Tacoma from shipyard No. 4; a happy sponsor, Mrs. A.R. Bergerson, and two young women, ready with a champagne bottle; another photo catches three white-bloused singers; while a third photo is of Henry J. Kaiser at a dinner table—and is he really singing along to an accordion?

Kaiser shipyard workers are frozen in time. One unidentified Journeyman Maintenance Worker is pumping liquid into a battered bucket; a black welder and a black supervisor share a joke while inspecting an arc welding stinger; the tool control crew from Yard 3 shows home-front women in the trades.

Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources is helping the National Park Service to process this collection. Thank you, Dan and Hugo Nadaner, for your contribution to documenting the World War II home front.

—Lincoln Cushing, *Heritage Resources Archivist, Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources*



(top) Unidentified "Rosie" at site of Haiti Victory. Courtesy of NPS, Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front NHP, RORI 5049_Box 1-32-1. (above) Hugo Nadaner, right, at Richmond shipyards, 1940's. Courtesy of Dan Nadaner.

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Events and dates are subject to change. Visit the RORI homepage at nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/calendar.htm for up-to-date event and tour schedules. Call the Visitor Education Center to confirm for special programs at 510-232-5050 x0.

*Reservations for seats—including the wait list—must be made in advance by phone. Please call 510-232-5050 x0. For groups larger than 24, special arrangements are required.

SUNDAYS

Rosie the Riveter Memorial: A Closer Look
3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2 Drop-in @ 11:30 am (1 hour; Rain cancels)
Visit Marina Bay Park (Melville Square), site of 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 for one hour to answer questions and introduce the memorial.

Bay Trail Walk
3/10, 4/14, 5/19, 6/9 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour; Rain cancels)
Take a leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history.

A Second Gold Rush: Migration to California, 1940-45
3/17, 4/28, 5/12, 6/23 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Join UC Berkeley Professor of History Emeritus Thomas Metcalf for a presentation about how the unprecedented migration during WWII created the California we know today.

MONDAYS

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath
3/25, 4/8, 5/20, 6/17 @ 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?

TUESDAYS

“Of Lost Conversations”*
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Park Ranger Betty Soskin shares her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

WEDNESDAYS

Warbling through the War Years
3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Dancing the jitterbug, laughing to silly tunes—and mending broken hearts: music during World War II helped us get through fearful times. We'll see and hear how we listened through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

What We Wore During the War
3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
The war changed everything, including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

THURSDAYS

“Of Lost Conversations”*
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 @ 11:00 am (1 hour)
See Tuesdays for description.

Blossoms and Thorns
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 @ 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 incarceration camp.

2019 Winter Home Front Film Festival
Films shown aboard the historic SS Red Oak Victory. Boarding begins at 6:30 pm. For info and directions, call 510-237-2933. Free admission, but a \$10 donation is suggested to help preserve and maintain the ship.

So Proudly We Hail (1943)

3/21, 4/18, 5/16 @ 7 pm
In celebration of Women's History Month, join us for a story about the heroic Army nurses who served during the siege and fall of the Philippines during the early days of WWII. Starring Claudette Colbert and Veronika Lake.

FRIDAYS

Rosie Meet and Greet
3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 6/21 @ 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:15 pm (45 minutes)
Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories at the Visitor Center. Ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards. Please watch the orientation film, *Home Front Heroes*, at 10:00 am, 11:00 am or 1:00 pm before seeing the Rosies!

SATURDAYS

“Of Lost Conversations”*
3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
See Tuesdays for description.

Don't Tell Her She Can't Play*

3/9 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Join Park Ranger and Recreation Professor Craig Riordan for a program about how the Sports Door opened for women during WWII.

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

3/23, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22 @ 3:30 pm (1 hour)
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.

Join the Union and Keep Working: Labor-sponsored Films on the Home Front*

5/18 at 11:00 am (1.5 hours)
Watch two WWII films made by unions that were used to persuade workers to join: Chuck Jones' *Hell-Bent for Election*, made for the Roosevelt reelection effort in 1944 by the United Auto Workers; and *How You Are Served*, by Shipyard Laborers Local 882, introducing the union to new members.

Correction

The Riveter 2018 Winter issue contained an error in the *Thank you, donors! \$1,000 – \$2,499* section. We would like to acknowledge Oliver & Company for their generous gift and support.

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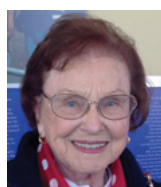
Honoring Women's History Month and National Rosie the Riveter Day

In celebration of Women's History Month and National Rosie the Riveter Day, we honor the women of the World War II Home Front. Various forms of propaganda motivated women across the nation to join the labor force. Hundreds of thousands answered back by leaving their homes, with few skills, to enter a male-dominated work place. Facing opposition by various groups, they managed the duties of motherhood AND brought home the bacon. These trailblazers unknowingly sparked a female movement for generations succeeding WWII and ultimately helped changed the trajectory of lives for American women. Their stories, much like the iconic *We Can Do It!* image of past, call

out to today's generation, empowering and reminding them that they can do anything they put their minds to. Here, we share only a few of these energizing stories.



Agnes Moore
Journeyman Welder, 1942–1945
Determined to contribute to the war effort and support her child, Agnes became a certified welder at Kaiser Shipyard #3.



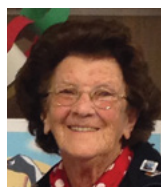
Phyllis Gould
Journeyman Welder, 1942–1945
After being rejected by the union for being a woman, Phyllis persisted and eventually became one of the first women hired at Kaiser's Richmond shipyards.



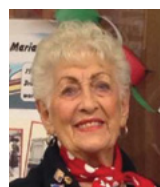
Margaret Archie
Overhead Welder, 1944–1945
Determined to find a good job in the shipyard, Margaret built her skills by attending welding school and worked on the assembly line welding sheets of steel.



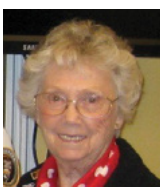
Marian Wynn
Pipe Welder, 1944–1945
After graduating from high school in Minnesota, Marian came to California to join her father at the Kaiser Shipyards. Marian was hired as a pipe welder in Shipyard #3.



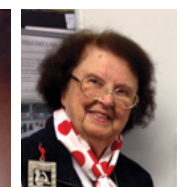
Kay Morrison
Journeyman Welder, 1943–1945
Kay and her husband left Chico, California to join the wartime effort in the Bay Area. Kay worked the graveyard shift with her husband at Richmond's Kaiser Shipyard #2.



Marian Sousa
Draftsman, 1943–1944
After coming to California to help care for her nephew, Marian graduated from high school, took a college engineering drawing class, and was hired at Kaiser Shipyard #3.



Mary Torres
Journeyman Welder, 1942–1945
Mary saved money, packed a bag, left a note for family, and bought a one-way bus ticket from Pennsylvania to become a journeyman welder at Oakland's Moore's Shipyard.



The long awaited "We Did It!" coffee mug is finally here! Pick up this spirited mug for only \$14.99. Sold only at the Visitor Center.