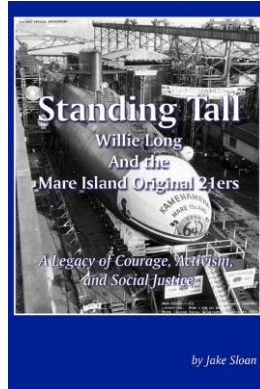


The Richmond Public Library Foundation's
Sandi Genser-Maack Lecture Series
Presents



A Discussion About Jake Sloan's New Book
Standing Tall: Willie Long and the Mare Island Original 21ers

When: October 18, 2018
Where: Richmond Library's Whittlesey Room
325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA
Time: 6:30 p.m.

In a time when history is being changed to suit political persuasion, long-time Richmond resident Jake Sloan has published a compelling account of how he and twenty African American men fought against discrimination while working in the post-war setting of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. This book provides the reader a glimpse of the conditions facing black men who dared to challenge the status quo at a time when social activism could threaten employment. As a result of filing a formal discrimination complaint to the President's Commission on Equal Job Opportunity on November 17, 1961, these men changed the conditions of civil service for years to come.

After dropping out of high school, Mr. Sloan went on to graduate from Contra Costa College, where he was an activist and student body president. He later became a member of the CCC Hall of Fame. He also earned a Masters degree in history from San Francisco State University; and since 1986, he has owned Davillier-Sloan, Inc., one of the leading labor-management consulting firms in California.