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Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 50-01 | January 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello Members! I hope your holiday season was filled with joy and happiness as 2019 came to an end. January is a busy time for the council and Board of Directors. We have to select our new council officers, which involve the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of Programs and certain program chairpersons.

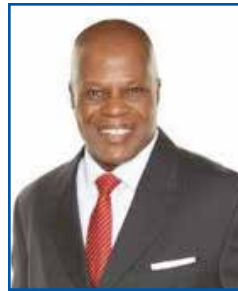
I want to congratulate the RCP Block & Brick Company for being selected as our Community Affiliate of the Year. This company has been a Community Affiliate since May 2003.

They are a family owned business that was started in 1947 with four employees. Today they enjoy six locations with over 250 employees, many of whom have been there for 20 years or more. RCP Block & Brick, in the past, has received awards that include "San Diego County Small Business of the Year" from the State Senate and "Large Family Owned Business of the Year". They and their employees work to benefit the community through sponsorship of many local organizations like ours. They are a truly giving company and the Council was honored to have selected them as our 2019 Community Affiliate of the Year.

Congratulations also to Sheldon Margolis who was selected as our Navy Leaguer of the Year for 2019. Since joining the council as our Treasurer and a Director, his services and eagerness to sponsor many of our events has been second to none. He is a quiet, unassuming leader that cares about the welfare of the council first and foremost and does so without any fanfare or accolades. For these reasons, he was the perfect choice to receive this award. Well done!

At the end of November, we welcomed home USS BOXER (LHD-4), USS JOHN P. MURTHA (LPD-26), and USS HARPERS FERRY (LSD-49), TACICAL AIR SQUADRON-11, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-11 and 3rd BATTALION/5th MARINES. Thanks to Jay Rindler and the homecoming team members who supported the Marines, Sailors and their families. The council would love to see more members get involved with our homecoming team. For more information please contact Jay Rindler at Karlort@aol.com

The council is excited about our goals for 2020. We have already seen an increase in membership, especially from active duty spouses. We will continue to pursue more participation from those spouses who are supporting their particular service members as they perform their duty in uniform. Our engagement in events such as unit homecomings, Enlisted Women of the Year, Spouse of the Year, Navy Birthday ball, Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon, International Frigate Working Group conference, Sailor, Marine, Coast Guardsman of the Year and Quarters programs will continue to be a vital function of our council. I encourage more members to enjoy more of the council's success by volunteering to be a committee member as well as contribute monetarily.



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Breakfast Meeting

January 10, 2020

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

REAR ADMIRAL T. WEBER
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST
DIRECTOR, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

“The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!”

— MGen. Frank E. Lowe,
USA; Korea, 26 January 1952

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RECOGNITIONS



Council President Tony Johnson presents Kathy Olson of RCP Block & Brick their award for being the Council's Community Affiliate of the Year, and Lemon Grove Mayor, Racquel Vasquez presented RCP Block & Brick a Proclamation proclaiming December 6, 2019 RCP Block & Brick Day for being selected as the Council's Community Affiliate of the Year.



Council President Tony Johnson presents Sheldon Margolis his award for being selected as the Council's Navy Leaguer of the Year. Sheldon took over the reins at our treasurer in February 2019 and has done an outstanding job of cleaning up and stream lining our accounting process. We are very proud to have him in our ranks.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I look forward to the new year and am excited about our potential to be more visible to the public, and the service members and their families. We have a goal to increase our visibility by implementing a more robust website page and social media strategy along with building new relationships with other organizations whom we can align with to support of maritime forces in the future!

LET'S KEEP THE DRIVE ALIVE IN 2020!

Tony Johnson
President

ON THIS DATE IN...

JANUARY

Jan 1, 1946 – The U. S. Coast Guard, which had operated as a service under the U. S. Navy since 1 November 1941, was returned to the control of the U. S. Treasury Department.

Jan 1, 1950 – Mary T. Sproul is commissioned as the first female doctor in the U. S. Navy.

Jan 1, 1962 – Navy SEAL teams are established.

Jan 3, 1944 – CDR Frank Erickson USCG, flew plasma in a Coast Guard helicopter from Brooklyn to a hospital in Sandy Hook, NJ in the first recorded lifesaving flight conducted by a rotary-winged aircraft.

Jan 5, 1965 – George M. Silver became the first man to be commissioned in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Jan 6, 1916 – The first enlisted flight training class commences at Pensacola, FL.

Jan 10, 1956 – Establishment of the first Navy nuclear power school at Submarine base, New London, CT.

Jan 10, 1995 – The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U. S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops.

Jan 12, 1923 – Title "Commandant" was authorized for the service head of the Coast Guard.

Jan 15, 1974 – The first group of women ever enlisted as "regulars" in the U. S. Coast Guard began their 10-weeks of basic training at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

Jan 16, 1944 – Lt. Stewart Graham became the first person to make a helicopter take-off and landing aboard a ship (SS *Daghestan*) underway.

Jan 16, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm, the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq, begins.

Jan 18, 1911 – The first aircraft landing on board a ship, USS *Pennsylvania* by Eugene Ely.

Jan 20, 1914 – School for naval air training opens in Pensacola, FL.

Jan 21, 1918 – The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty, becoming the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

Jan 21, 1954 – The launching of the first nuclear submarine, USS *Nautilus*, at Groton, CT.

Jan 22, 1969 – Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War commences.

Jan 25, 1856 – Marines and seaman for the U. S. sloop *Decatur* went ashore at Seattle, WA to protect settlers from Indian raids.

Jan 27, 1945 – Commissioning of USS *Higbee* (DD-806), the first U. S. Navy Ship named after a woman member of the U. S. Navy (Chief Nurse Lenah S. Higbee).

Jan 27, 1973 – Paris Peace Accords signed, ending U. S. participation in the Vietnam War.

Jan 31, 1961 – LCDR Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr. becomes the first African-American to command a combat ship, USS *Falgout*.

Jan 31, 1981 – The era of Enlisted Naval Aviators ends when the last pilot, ACCM Robert K. "NAP" Jones, retired.



GOALS OF THE San Diego Council, Navy League Of The United States



- Educate national leaders and the nation.
- Support the men and women of the sea services.
- Provide assistance to sea service families.
- Support youth programs.

Alexander Kreiglowa Navy & Marine Corps Dependents Education Foundation Scholarships



Administered by the San Diego Council, United States Navy League

Information coming to the website on the Alexander Kreiglowa Navy & Marine Corps Dependents Education Foundation Scholarship Application for 2020.

To be eligible for the scholarship you must be:

- ❖ Dependent child of an active duty, retired, or deceased Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident in the state of California,
- ❖ Graduating High School Senior in the top 10% of class, if school ranks, or have a 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher (unweighted grades),
- ❖ Provide evidence of acceptance for Fall 2020 by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States

Every December, cadets and officers from Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia participate in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program. The WAA program seeks to honor those who sacrificed all by having wreaths placed on their graves. We embrace the WAA's motto to: Remember, Honor, Teach.

REMEMBER - our fallen U.S. veterans
HONOR - those who serve
TEACH - your children the value of freedom

Two cadets, PO3 Liam Young & SA Christine Pankow, were invited to place the ceremonial Merchant Marine Wreath during the ceremony. After the ceremony, cadets helped distribute wreaths and then laid wreaths on the gravesites with respect - rendering a salute with each wreath placed.

Sunday's drill involved preparation for Winter Trainings. Cadets will be participating in FAA Ground School & Recruit Training while officers will be assisting with FAA Ground School and leading Exploration-STEM.

All of us at Challenger Division/TS Columbia would like to wish all a prosperous 2020.

(Photos by INST Tina Young, NSCC)



SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 9-16, 2020

International Frigate Working Group Meeting

POC Dave Grundies dgrundies@dueregard.com | Admiral Kidd Catering



San Diego Council



2020 Enlisted Women of the Year March 31, 2020

Admiral Baker Clubhouse 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Company (for table sponsorship) _____

Address: _____

I would like to be a sponsor. (Please check appropriate sponsorship)

____ Table Sponsor: \$500 (Four seats for my use)

____ Individual tickets: \$50

____ I'd like to sponsor a service member at \$40 each

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**REAR ADMIRAL T. WEBER
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST
DIRECTOR, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS**

Rear Admiral Timothy Weber is a native of Holland, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor of Business degree from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, and a Master of Science degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. He received his commission as an ensign in 1989.

Operationally, Weber completed a one-year assignment in 2010 to the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command as Chief, Afghan National Police (ANP) Medical Advising Team/Advisor to the ANP Surgeon General. He has also served in senior staff positions as director of manpower resources, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy (OPNAV N931); legislative liaison, Secretary of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs; various healthcare resourcing roles at the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; and chief of staff, TRICARE Management Activity, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

Additionally, he has served as the director for administration, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and as

executive officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan. In 2015, Weber assumed command of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan. Weber's most recent assignment was at Navy Medicine West where he reported as chief of staff in 2017. He currently is the 19th Director of the Medical Service Corps.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards). He also has been awarded the Japanese Defense Cooperation Award (Second Class) from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER**FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

**CAPTAIN TIMOTHY J. SLENTZ UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER NAVAL BASE CORONADO**

Captain Tim Slentz is a native of Dayton, Ohio, the birthplace of aviation, and is a 1993 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1996.

His seagoing assignments include service in Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 124, VAW-125, VAW-121, and Carrier Strike Group FOUR.

While serving as the Commanding Officer of VAW-121, the Bluetails earned both the Battle "E" and the RADM Fred Akers Award in recognition for being the premier VAW squadron in the Navy.

Captain Slentz's shore assignments have been at VAW-120; the United States Naval War College; Headquarters, United States Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany; Navy Installations Command, as the Executive Assistant to the Commander; and Executive Officer of Naval Base Coronado.

He earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, as well as a Master of Science in Management from Troy University. He also completed an Executive Certification in Business Administration from the Mendoza College of Business.

Captain Slentz was named the E-2C Hawkeye Pilot of the Year in both 2000 and 2003 and was honored with the



Naval Air Forces NAVY AND MARINE ASSOCIATION Leadership Award in 2005 and 2011. He is a graduate of the Executive Energy Leadership Institute program at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, CO. In April, 2018, he completed the San Diego civic leadership program INFLUENCE.

Captain Slentz has accumulated over 4,300 flight hours and 440 carrier-arrested landings. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and numerous unit commendations and awards.

Welcome Home

Amphibious Squadron Five

Eleventh Marine Expeditionary Unit | USS Boxer (LHD-4)
USS John P. Murtha (LPD-26) | USS Harper's Ferry (LSD-49)
TACRON-11 | Combat Logistics Battalion 11
3rd Battalion/5th Marines



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Membership

Mark Your Calendar...

*THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL
BAKER CLUBHOUSE ARE LISTED BELOW:*

BREAKFAST DATES 7:00 a.m - 8:30 a.m.

February 7, 2020

March 6, 2020

April 3, 2020

May 1, 2020

June 5, 2020

July 10, 2020*

August 7, 2020

September 11, 2020*

October 2, 2020

November 6, 2020

December 4, 2020

**** Denotes 2nd Friday of the month**

NEW MEMBERS

Erika Bradley
Colleen Casares
Seneca Clarke
Amy Gutierrez
Charles Holmes
Mary McMullen
Tamekia Pratt
Kendon Sickler
Dave Vegas

* Life Members | @ New Community Affiliate

WELCOME ABOARD

*We thank the following Small Business Corporate
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continued support:*

Be a Navy League Volunteer

Volunteers are needed on committees all year long. If you would like to volunteer to help make an event successful, contact Jay Lott at 619-230-0301

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Have you moved? Changed your phone number, or Email Address?

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The San Diego Navy League takes pride in its publications and seeks to continually improve upon them. We welcome your comments.

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