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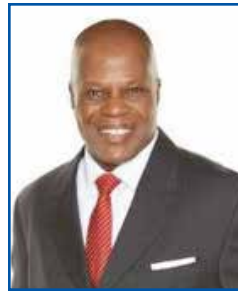
Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 49-11 | November 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello fellow members! November is here, and that means it is time for our annual general election after this month's breakfast. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and vote for the new director's to the board. Please try to make this meeting.

November is also the birthday month of the United States Marine Corps! The official birthday of the United States Marine Corps is on 10 November 1775. That was the day when the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines consisting of two battalions, which included one Colonel, two lieutenant-colonels, two majors and other officers. The council will celebrate their Birthday by holding a Luncheon at Admiral Baker Clubhouse on 13 November Time. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and the event should end around 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by calling Jay at 619 230-0301 or emailing him at [jay@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:jay@navyleague-sd.com).



The council had a very busy schedule the past two months. On 26 September, Ernest Belmares (Sea Services Chair) and I had the honor of attending the 2019 Navy League Spokane Trophy award presentation onboard USS DEWEY (DDG 105). The Spokane Trophy is awarded by Commander United States Pacific Fleet annually to the surface combatant ship considered to be the most proficient in overall combat systems readiness and warfare operations. The award was established in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt to recognize naval warfighting proficiency. The trophy was originally donated by the Spokane, Washington, Navy League and is now kept on display at Naval Surface Forces headquarters in San Diego. The trophy also bears the names of the last 96 ships. We appreciate Mr. Ivan Urnovitz, Spokane Council President and Spokane council member Mr. Bernie Korth, CDR, USN(Ret.) (who is he?) for the invitation and allowing our council to be a part of this noteworthy event.

On 27 September, U.S. THIRD Fleet Commander Vice Admiral John D. Alexander, USN turned the reigns over to Vice Admiral Scott D. Conn, USN onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). Vice Admiral Alexander retired ending a long productive career serving our nation. We want to wish him all the best in all of his future endeavors. Fair winds and following seas shipmate!

Jay Rindler had another successful month of welcoming our Marine Wing Support Squadron Four Seven Three (MWSS-473), Alpha and Bravo Detachments home from deployment. Well done Jay!

We had a remarkable time out at the Miramar Air Show 28 September. With Jon Berg-Johnsen at the helm, and the sponsorship of General Atomics, Lockheed Martin, Parker Aerospace, North Island Credit Union and MCP GOV made a special day for all who attended. I would highly recommend to our community affiliates that this

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## Breakfast Meeting

November 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

MAJOR LAMBERTO E. MATHURIN

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
RECRUITING STATION SAN DIEGO

*“Freedom is not free, but the U.S. Marine Corps will pay most of your share.”*

— Ned Dolan

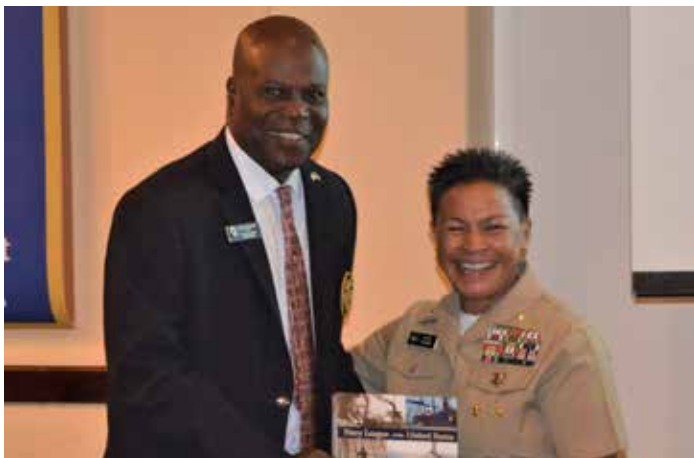
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# RECOGNITIONS



(l-r) RDML Bette Bolivar, Commander, Navy Region Southwest; SSgt Garrett Barrett, MCRD San Diego's Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Sgt Christian Cid, MCRD San Diego's Drill Instructor of the Quarter and Council President, Tony Johnson.



Council President, Tony Johnson presents RDML Bette Bolivar, Commander, Navy Region Southwest with a copy of the Navy League History book as a token of our appreciation for her being our October breakfast speaker.



BGen Ryan Heritage (far left) and Council member, Kevin Rogers stand with the MCRD San Diego Marines and Sailors of the Quarter, after presenting them with their awards for professional excellence at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

The council is grateful to have accepted an invitation from the Spokane Council to attend the presentation of the Spokane Trophy to USS Dewey (DDG 105). The Spokane Trophy is awarded by Commander, United States Pacific Fleet on an annual basis to the surface combatant ship considered to be the most proficient in overall combat systems readiness and warfare operations.

The award was established in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt to recognize naval warfighting proficiency. The trophy was originally donated by the Spokane, Washington, Navy League and is now kept on display at Naval Surface Forces headquarters in San Diego. The trophy depicts areas of Spokane, Washington, and the silver mining community.

The trophy also bears the names of the last 96 ships that have won it, including USS Arizona (BB-39) and USS West Virginia (BB-48). It is normally kept under armed guard and is viewed only once per year for the presentation ceremony.



(l-r) Council President Tony Johnson; Mr. Bernie Korth, CDR U.S. Navy (Ret.), Navy League Spokane, WA council; CDR Jermaine B. Brooms, USN, Executive Officer USS DEWEY DDG 105, CDR Gerald P. Lorio, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer USS DEWEY 105; CMDCM Craig T. Johnson, U.S. Navy, Command Master Chief, USS DEWEY DDG 105; Mr. Randall "Ivan" Urnovitz, Navy League Spokane WA. Council President; and Ernest Belmares, Navy League San Diego Council Sea Service Chairman.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

is an excellent opportunity for awarding super star employees and their families with a full day of fun and excitement.

The Navy Birthday Ball on October 12, was outstanding! Over 750 people attended the event. The atmosphere was amazing, and it was so inspiring to see enlisted Sailors run the ceremony, which that really made it special. I want to thank our sponsors: Lincoln Military Housing, National Defense Industrial Association, USAA, Pacific Choice and one of our own families of our council, the Margolis family! With their support and generous donations, the ball was a huge success!

We are continuing to support our sea services around San Diego with enthusiasm and conviction. We are starting to see more attending our monthly breakfasts, however, we would love to see more of you there and involved in our events. I believe you would really appreciate the interaction with our young warriors who put themselves on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy every day!

Before I close, my wife and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a fantastic month!

Tony Johnson  
President

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- ❖ Provide evidence of acceptance for Fall 2020 by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States

## ON THIS DATE IN...

### NOVEMBER

**Nov 1, 1949** – Authority to reestablish the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserves (SPARS), became effective.

**Nov 3** – Daylight savings time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour.

**Nov 5, 1775** – Commodore Esek Hopkins is appointed to Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.

**Nov 9, 1921** – USS *Olympia* arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Nov 10** – Congress votes to raise two battalions of Continental Marines. **HAPPY 244th BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!!!**

**Nov 11, 1918** – Armistice ends World War I.

**Nov 11, 1954** – November 11th is designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars.

**Nov 12, 1912** – Lt Theodore Ellyson makes the first successful launching of an airplane by catapult at the Washington Navy Yard.

**Nov 13, 1982** – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date in Washington, D.C.

**Nov 16, 1950** – A dedication of the monument erected in Arlington National Cemetery on the gravesite of those who lost their lives on the night of 29 January 1945, when USS *Serpens* was destroyed off Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal. This was the largest single disaster suffered by the Coast Guard in World War II.

**Nov 17, 1924** – USS *Langley*, the first aircraft carrier, reports for duty.

**Nov 19, 1943** – Carrier force attacks bases on Tarawa and Makin Island.

**Nov 20, 1943** – Operation Galvanic, under command of Vice Admiral Raymond Spruance, lands Navy, Marine Corps and Army forces on Tarawa and Makin Island.

**Nov 25, 1961** - The commissioning of USS *Enterprise* (CVN(N)-65), the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, at Newport News, VA.

**Nov 26, 2002** – President George W. Bush signed into law a bill that created the Department of Homeland Security, the largest reorganization of the federal government in fifty years. The Coast Guard was one of a number of agencies that transferred to the new Department.

**Nov 27, 1950** – In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps Attack out of the Chosin Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

**Nov 28** – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

**Nov 29, 1890** – First Army-Navy football game. (Navy won 24-0). Navy 60, Army 49 and 7 ties.



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## SEA CADET CORPS

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This year's air show was more than just an opportunity to do some recruiting for the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. It became the site where a cadet joined the elite in the Sea Cadet Program. Cadet Cody Ward, Challenger Division, was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. It is said that only 1% of cadets attain the rank of Chief in the Sea Cadets. What is even more amazing is that this young man was also a former Ship's Leading Petty Officer. SLPO is the highest attainable rank in the Navy League Cadet Corp, the junior program for the USNSCC. As an aspiring Naval Aviator, Chief Ward's ceremony was held in the Navy Chalet on the flight line. We are very proud of this young man's dedication and hard work he has put into the program for the last 6 years. He will now take on a new role in the unit. Bravo Zulu.



Cadets & Officers from Challenger Division/TS Columbia conquered the UCSD Challenge course on Sunday 13 October 2019. The day began with some team building activities. The cadets had to work as a team, sometimes without speaking, to accomplish the tasks at hand. They then harnessed up, and after a safety briefing, they took to



the heights. Cadets participated in 2 courses- the high course and the low course. Each course had 4 sets of obstacles that the cadets and officers had to complete. These obstacles could not be tackled by any individual person - the cadets and officers had to rely on each other for help. Throughout the day, many participants overcame their personal fear of heights. We all learned about ourselves and our fellow shipmates. The course was extremely challenging, and we all walked away with a sense of pride and accomplishment and a deeper trust of our shipmates. This day would not have happened without the support from the NLUS. So, on behalf of the cadets and officers of Challenger Div/TS Columbia- THANK YOU!!!

LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC | Commanding Officer | Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia



Council President Tony Johnson (far left) stands with our MCAS Miramar Air Show Chalet sponsors. (l-r); Lockheed Martin representatives, Jon Berg-Johnsen and Tim O'Brien; MCP Gov representative Pete Brownell; North Island Credit Union representative Alex Kirrin; Parker Aerospace representative John Miles and Rolf Zeising, General Atomics representative. A special thanks to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief, Force Master Chief James Tocorzic (far right) for assisting with the presentations. (photo provided by GA-EMS)

On November 1st. 1921, John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the Birthday of the Corps. Since the day, Marines have continued to distinguish themselves on many battlefields and foreign shores, in war and peace. On this Birthday of the Corps, therefore, in compliance with the will of the 13th Commandant, Article 38 United States Marine Corps Manual, Edition of 1921, is published as follows:

“On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousands of men have borne that name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the Birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one which bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war and in the long era of tranquility at home generation after generation

of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas so that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the Birth of the Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term “Marine” has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation and has long been the distinguishing mark of Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the me of our nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of

illustrious men who have served as “Soldiers of the Sea” since the founding of the Corps.”

John A. Lejeune  
Commandant



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**Maj. Lamberto E. Mathurin  
Commanding Officer  
Recruiting Station San Diego**

Major Mathurin was born on 21 September 1979 in Panama City, Panama. He graduated from T. R. Robinson High School in Tampa, FL on 8 June 1998. On 29 August 1999, Major Mathurin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and on 20 October 1999 attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC. On 14 January 2000, Major Mathurin graduated from Recruit Training and reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Geiger, NC where he attended Marine Combat Training (MCT). Following graduation from MCT, Major Mathurin reported to Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools aboard Camp Johnson, NC and attended the Personnel Clerk's Course where, upon graduation, he attained the occupational specialty of 0121, Unit Diary Clerk and was assigned to H&S Co, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion (AABN), Tampa, FL. He reported to 4th AABN on 1 April 2000.

From 27 January to 30 September 2003, Major Mathurin was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I. During this time, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal and served as Unit Diary Chief during the deployment. Major Mathurin was accepted into the Active Reserve Program in April 2004 and subsequently received orders to Landing Support Equipment Company, 4th Landing Support Battalion, Vienna, OH and reported for duty on 27 June 2004. While stationed in Vienna, OH, Major Mathurin attended Colorado Technical University Online and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance on 31 March 2007. Upon obtaining his degree, Major Mathurin applied for the Marine Officer Candidate Course (OCC) program and was accepted. Major Mathurin reported to Officer Candidate School (OCS) on 22 September 2007, graduated on 30 November 2007, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. On 3 January 2008, Major Mathurin reported to The Basic School and graduated on 11 July 2008. He was selected for the MOS of 0180 and completed Adjutant's Course aboard Camp Johnson, NC in August 2008.

On 25 September 2008, Major Mathurin reported to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division, aboard Marine

Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay as the Battalion Adjutant. On 26 April 2009, he deployed to Al-Asad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-1, performed the duties of Battalion Adjutant during the deployment, and supported more than 1,300 Marines and Sailors across 12 positions in the Al-Anbar Province.



Immediately following the redeployment to Hawaii in October 2009, Major Mathurin attended the Legal Officer's Course aboard the Naval Justice School in San Diego, CA and graduated in November 2009. On 17 May 2010, Major Mathurin, once again, deployed with 3d Battalion, 3d Marines in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Nawa District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan and supported more than 1,500 Marines and Sailors across 27 positions in the area of operations.

Following redeployment to Hawaii in November 2010, Major Mathurin continued his duties as Battalion Adjutant, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. He subsequently received orders to report to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, California and detached from 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 18 June 2011. While at MCRD, Major Mathurin served as a series commander for Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Battalion Adjutant, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Commanding Officer, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, MCRD San Diego/Western Recruiting Region.

Major Mathurin was selected to attend Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) via the Commandant's Career Level Education Board in 2014 and reported to Quantico, Virginia for instruction as a student at EWS in July 2015. Upon graduation from EWS in May 2016, Major Mathurin reported to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (3d MAW) and served as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 until May 2019.

Major Mathurin is single and lives in San Diego, California.

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!**

**The November 1st breakfast meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the General Membership. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and to vote.**

The Nomination Committee has submitted the below recommendations for appointment to the Board of Director's. Terms will expire on Dec 31 2022. Ernest Belmares | Margo Della | Suzie Johnson | Gene Pierce





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*THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL  
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#### **BREAKFAST DATES 7:00 a.m - 8:30 a.m.**

**November 1, 2019**  
**December 6, 2019**  
**January 10, 2020\***  
**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

Joneque Alexander  
Deya Carrera  
Ebony Chadwick  
Tiffany Connolly  
Kevin Coughlin  
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