



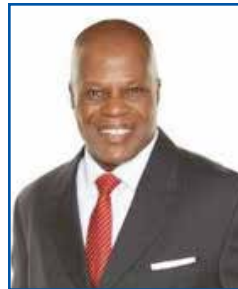
# BLUE & GOLD

Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 49-10 | October 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello members! Well, summer is officially over which brings cooler weather and the transition to fall holiday events. Speaking of events, on October 13, 1775, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress voted to outfit two sailing vessels, armed with ten carriage guns, as well as swivel guns, and manned by crews of eighty, and to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. This was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew and as such constitutes the birth of the Navy. The ratification of the Constitution in 1789 empowered the Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy." Congress first acted on that power in 1794 by procuring and manning six frigates. In April 1798, Congress established the Department of the Navy. Happy 244th Birthday United States Navy!



I hope you all enjoyed the September's breakfast with Captain Dickson, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Point Loma. The other great events in September were the Armed Services Family Readiness Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on 18 September. Many thanks to our own Phyllis Barber for helping to coordinate that event with the Armed Service YMCA, San Diego USO and Region Southwest Fleet and Family Services. Also, we had our Miramar Air Show Chalet is on 28 September! It was another huge success again this year. I would like to send out a huge thank you to General Atomics, our event sponsor, and to our other sponsors, Lockheed Martin, North Island Credit Union, Parker Aerospace, MCP Gov. We had over 200 people attend.

Also, in September, Jay Rindler again provided homecoming support to a few units returning home from deployment. The USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN-760), Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) Two Three Two and Marine Aviation Logistics Support Squadron (MALS) Eleven- Detachment "Charlie, all returning home to their families and friends.

Our next Breakfast Meeting is 4 October, a week before the Navy Ball! We are so grateful for RADM Bolivar Commander, Region Southwest to be our Guest Speaker! This will be a great event. She will be speaking about her mission, and vision in providing resources to the Pacific fleet here in San Diego.

To close, it is that time of year for electing our new Board of Directors for 2020. We have some amazing people willing to step up and give more of their time to support the council. They are listed in this month's newsletter with a short biography. Nominations will be at our Annual Meeting on 1 November 2019 at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse starting at 8:30 a.m. Hope to see you at the 4 October breakfast!

Tony Johnson  
President

## Breakfast Meeting

October 4, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

REAR ADMIRAL "BETTE" BOLIVAR  
COMMANDER, NAVY REGION  
SOUTHWEST

“There are no words to properly express our outrage and I think the outrage of all Americans at the despicable act.”

— President Ronald Reagan  
on the Beirut bombing

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# RECOGNITIONS



(l-r) Council President Tony Johnson; Recruiting Station San Diego Rookie Recruiter of the Quarter, Sgt Tyler Schott; Recruiting Station San Diego Recruiter of the Quarter, SSgt Kasey C. Harrison; Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, awards representative, Rebecca Bailey and Captain Brien Dickson, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Point Loma.



Captain Brien W. Dickson, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Pt. Loma accepts a Council ballcap from President Tony Johnson for being our September guest speaker.

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## SEA CADET CORPS

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Cadets from Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia learned about Fire Fighting this past drill weekend. Cadets donned protective gear and learned proper procedures for operating fire extinguishers. The cadets utilized the PASS acronym when using the fire extinguishers: Pull (the pin), Aim, Squeeze and Sweep. Every cadet successfully operated the extinguisher. After lunch, the classroom was turned into a simulated disaster scene, as might be encountered after an earthquake or other natural disaster. Cadets were instructed in appropriate search and rescue techniques. They were then paired up and given a time limit to find and complete the rescue. The cadets donned a nomex hood,



backwards, to simulate zero visibility conditions. Cadets low crawled into the area which had been converted into a mock disaster zone with furniture that was strewn about as they might encounter in a real-world environment. The cadets learned the importance of never getting separated from your partner. This was a very challenging training scenario and cadets experienced varying degrees of success. All cadets learned a great deal from this experience and had a good time.

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

## ON THIS DATE IN...

OCTOBER

**Oct 1, 1880** – John Phillip Sousa become the leader of the Marine Corps Band.

**Oct 2 – Happy Birthday Tony!!!**

**Oct 2, 1799** – Establishment of the Washington Navy Yard.

**Oct 4 – Happy Birthday Phyllis!!!**

**Oct 5, 1775** – Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, the 2d Continental Congress used the “Marines” on one of the earliest known occasions.

**Oct 5, 1938** – The first members were enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve.

**Oct 6, 1884** – Department of the Navy establishes the Naval War College at Newport, RI.

**Oct 7, 1975** – President Gerald Ford Signs law allowing admission of women into service academies.

**Oct 10, 1845** – Naval School, later the Naval Academy, opens in Annapolis MD with 50 midshipmen and seven faculty.

**Oct 12, 2000** – Terrorists in a boat make a suicide attack on USS *Cole* (DDG-67) while the ship refuels in the port of Aden, Yemen. Seventeen Sailors were killed, including one from San Diego.

**Oct 13 – HAPPY 244th BIRTHDAY**

**UNITED STATES NAVY!!!**

**Oct 16, 1943** – The Navy accepts its first helicopter at Bridgeport, CT.

**Oct 19, 1915** – Establishment of Submarine Base at New London, CT.

**Oct 22, 1962** – President John F. Kennedy ordered a surface blockade of Cuba to prevent soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba.

**Oct 23, 1983** – At 0622 an explosive-laden struck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted and killing 241 American lives -including 220 Marines.

**Oct 25, 1983** – U. S. Marines and U.S. Army troops land on Grenada to evacuate U.S. citizens threatened by the island’s unstable political situation.

**Oct 27, 1922** – Navy League of the U.S. sponsors the first annual celebration of Navy Day to focus public attention on the importance of the U.S. Navy.

**Oct 27, 1943** – The first women Marines report for duty at Camp Pendleton.

**Oct 30, 1799** – William Balch becomes the Navy’s for commissioned Chaplain.

The 244th Navy Birthday Ball  
Saturday, October 12, 2019

CELEBRATING A VOYAGE THROUGH HISTORY

Location	Time
MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT HOTEL 1 MARKET PLACE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	5:30 PM - COCKTAILS 6:30 PM - DINNER & CEREMONY COMMENCES 9:30 PM - DANCING

Ticket Prices	Attire
E4 & BELOW - \$35 E5-E6 - \$50 O1-O2 & E7-E9 - \$75 O3-O4 & CWO - \$85 O5-O6 - \$95 CIVILIAN & FLAG OFFICERS - \$100	E1-O3 - DRESS BLUE WITH MINI MEDALS (DINNER DRESS JACKET OPTIONAL) O4 & ABOVE - DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET CIVILIAN - BLACK TIE

\*\*ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY WILL BE IN UNIFORM FOR THE DURATION OF THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY\*\*



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

# 13 NOVEMBER 2019



## MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW





# MEMBERS

Navy League Of The United States | San Diego Council

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## ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

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**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** - February 2017, I retired from the U.S. Navy as Command Master Chief of Naval Base San Diego. Since my retirement I have volunteered as a Board Member with Support The Enlisted Project, a non-profit organization that is dedicated in assisting junior enlisted service members and veterans from a financial crisis to financial stability and is a Veteran's Advocate, assisting Veterans with follow on employment in the San Diego Metro Area. I enjoy serving those that serve, especially the junior enlisted. If elected, I look forward to working with the other directors to make the council stronger.

**Suzie Johnson** - I'm a former Navy wife and parent of two grown daughters. I have worked in the legal field for over 20 years. I presently work for the government agency that owns and operates San Diego International Airport. I enjoy volunteering wherever I can, from helping people complete legal forms, installing commercial kitchens in elementary schools, to building a community center in the town of Vicente Guerrero where we to offer shelter and counseling to women who have left the family home due to domestic violence. We also hold an annual Christmas party that serves 1,000 meals. We have also completed the building of a medical clinic in the same compound to serve the community free of charge. I was drawn to serve with the Navy League to support the sailors and Marines and their families who serve us every day. I want to help in any way that I can.

**Margo Della** – I have been associated with the hospitality industry for over 35 years and began my career with Marriott in June, 1995. I joined the SDCNL in 2006, and served on the Board of Directors 3 years, until January, 2013 when my husband, received orders to Yokosuka, Japan. While overseas, I took a job as a kindergarten teacher at Hayami International School and served as an Ombudsman for aircraft carriers from 2014-2016. Additionally, I served as a board member on

the Yokosuka Chief Spouse Association, Yokosuka Enhanced Spouse Sponsorship and a member of Compass. Upon moving back to California, I took up the mantle as an Ombudsman for from 2016 – 2018. During this time, I accepted a position with the Anaheim Marriott and am currently serving as the Director of Catering, Sales. I enjoy serving those that serve, especially helping the junior enlisted in the early stages of their military career and look forward to helping where needed.

**Gene Pierce** – I served in the US Army during Vietnam. I opted to separate and attend college where I earned a degree in Phycology. Upon graduation I accepted a career in marketing and sales servicing the Steel Industry. After working in sales, I decided with help to purchase a business of my own and operated it for 27 years. During that time I earned my Master's in Business. As a business owner, I learned that people are important no matter what they are doing or where they come from. The experience I gained is directly transferrable to helping military personnel with their needs and visions. I currently work for an organization which holds as its top priority the welfare of military personnel. I was a Davenport, Iowa Rotarian for a number of years. I also participated in the Ohio Jaycee's and was a member of an organization called the Wisconsin Minority Supplier Development Council for over 20 years. I am honored to be considered for this very important responsibility and if elected will work diligently to uphold the ethos of the council.

**Rear Admiral “Bette” Bolivar  
Commander, Navy Region Southwest**

Rear Admiral Bolivar is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. She holds a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University.

At sea, Bolivar served in various leadership positions aboard USS Reclaimer (ARS 42), USS Grasp (ARS 51), USS Grapple (ARS 53) and USS Recovery (ARS 43). She served as commanding officer of USS Salvor (ARS 52). Bolivar’s other operational assignments include commanding officer of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1, and officer in charge of the Counter Radio-Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Electronic Warfare program while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom’s counter IED task force, Task Force Paladin.

Her shore tours include fleet and message center officer/CMS custodian at the U.S. Naval Communications Station, San Miguel, Philippines; researcher/writer on the Secretary of the Navy’s White House Liaison staff; and as ordnance officer at Naval Station Norfolk and Atlantic Ordnance Command Yorktown. Bolivar also served on the staffs of Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic and Explosive Ordnance Group 2. Bolivar served in various leadership assignments as executive officer of Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, operations officer and military professor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, and as the commanding officer of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Navy Munitions Command CONUS East Division. Bolivar served as the chief of staff for

Commander Navy Installations Command.

Bolivar’s Flag Officer assignments include Commander, Navy Region Northwest and Commander Joint Region Marianas, where she also served as the U.S. Pacific Command/Defense Representative Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands-Federated States of Micronesia-Republic of Palau; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; and Commander, Task Force West. Bolivar’s previous tour was as Commander, Navy Region Southeast. Bolivar assumed command as Commander, Navy Region Southwest in March 2019.



Bolivar is designated as a special operations officer (Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Diving and Salvage community). Bolivar’s personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards) Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various campaign, unit and service awards, including recognition as the Chief of Naval Operations’ Pacific Fleet finalist for the Vice Adm. James Stockdale Leadership Award and a 2005 inductee into the Women Divers Hall of Fame.



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# New Maritime Policy Statement Now Available

We are excited to announce the release of the 2019-2020 edition of the Navy League’s biennial Maritime Policy statement, produced by the organization’s Maritime Policy Committee. The following graphics provide an at-a-glance view by Service. Please see the link to the full report below.

<p><b>U.S. Navy</b></p> <p>\$26.6B/year <b>355</b> Ships before 2050</p> <p>National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund</p> <p>Columbia-Class - America's No. 1 security priority</p> <p>FUTURE TECH: Funding to develop SSLs, EMRG, HVP</p>	<p><b>TOP 3 USN PRIORITIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>355 ships</li> <li>Columbia-class</li> <li>Maintain tech advantage and fund training and maintenance for increased readiness</li> </ol>	<p><b>U.S. Marine Corps</b></p> <p><b>38</b> Amphibious ships before 2033</p> <p>FUND TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE for increased readiness</p> <p>1:2 Deploy-to-dwell ratio</p>	<p><b>TOP 3 USMC PRIORITIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38 amphibious ships</li> <li>1:2 deploy-to-dwell</li> <li>Aviation readiness</li> </ol>
<p><b>U.S. Coast Guard</b></p> <p><b>\$2B</b> Procurement, Construction, and Improvement (PCI) per year to reduce \$1.6B shore infrastructure backlog and modernize fleet</p> <p><b>5%</b> annual growth in Operations and Support</p> <p>INVEST IN READINESS</p> <p>NEED: \$750M STARTING IN FY2019   3 heavy, 3 medium</p>	<p><b>TOP 3 USCG PRIORITIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2B/year PCI</li> <li>Polar Security Cutter</li> <li>5% annual growth in O&amp;S</li> </ol>	<p><b>U.S. Merchant Marine</b></p> <p><b>The Jones Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100B in total economic output</li> <li>\$10B in tax revenue</li> <li>\$29B in annual wages</li> <li>\$46B added to the value of economic output</li> </ul> <p><b>Creates 500,000 jobs:</b> 1 shipyard job creates 4 jobs elsewhere in the economy</p> <p><b>CARGO PREFERENCE</b> Maintains Merchant Mariner jobs through: ○ Government cargo on U.S.-flag ships ○ Energizing American Shipbuilding Act: + Cargo preference for all shipments</p> <p><b>MSP</b> \$300M annual funding \$5M per ship Replicating would cost \$13B</p> <p><b>NATIONAL SECURITY MULTI-MISSION VESSEL</b> Crucial vessels for Maritime Academy Training and national emergencies</p>	<p><b>TOP 3 USMM PRIORITIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jones Act</li> <li>Cargo Preference</li> <li>Maritime Security Program</li> </ol>

Thanks again for your continued support, and please find the full report here:

<https://www.navyleague.org/file/programs/legislative-affairs/Maritime-Policy-2019-2020.pdf>

## Messages to Congress

Read the Maritime Policy Statement and follow up with a visit to [Navy League's Voice to Congress Action Center](https://www.voterveice.net/NavyLeague/Home) at <https://www.voterveice.net/NavyLeague/Home> and message your Representatives about the top priorities for the Sea Services today!



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USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN-760) | VMFA-232 "Red Devil's"  
MALS-11 Detachment C



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

**October 4, 2019**

**November 1, 2019**

**December 6, 2019**

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

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