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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

April is designated the Month of the Military Child. This is a time to recognize and appreciate the military children for their service and sacrifice. Many of you have either lived the life as a military child, have one or more of your own, and no doubt know service members with children. Please take time to acknowledge the sacrifices of the children and their service member parents.



Our Breakfast on April 7th and we are fortunate to have CAPT Mulvehill, Commanding Officer of Naval Base Coronado. Most people think of Naval Air Station North Island when they think about the Navy in Coronado, but there are multiple bases there. You will learn a lot from CAPT Mulvehill about his Command and I am sure you will hear about the 100th anniversary of the Naval Air Station. As a reminder our Breakfast fee will be \$25.00 for Council Members and \$30.00 for non-members. If you are a Member please bring a guest and they will pay the same \$25.00 fee. It costs as little as \$25.00 for a full year of an online Navy League Membership and to be part of our San Diego Council.

With March now nearly behind us, I wanted to quickly thank Tony Johnson for Chairing the Committee that put on the Enlisted Women of the Year Luncheon on 23 March. To no one's surprise, Tony did a phenomenal job and provided a spectacular event at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. This has been a very popular event that is held in conjunction with Military Women History Month. Over 75 Women were nominated from across all Military Installations in the San Diego County. Congratulations to SSgt Nicole F. Flores for being selected as the 2017 Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year and LS2(SW) Cicely Willette Carr for being selected as the 2017 Junior Woman of the Year.

As this year moves forward, I am very excited to have some new members step up to volunteer to assist in supporting our Council. These are energetic and inspired people that want to make a difference by being part of our Council. I also want to recognize our 30 plus Corporate Members and Community Affiliates, who have come forth to support our many programs and events. Without their generous contribution's, we cannot do our mission.

There are a few other items to remind you that your Council is actively supporting events in our Community. On 27 April – 5 May our council is supporting the International Frigate Working Group. Since 2009, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) has organized annual meetings of the International Frigate Working Group, comprised of U.S. and allied navies operating Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates. The International Frigate Working Group presents a unique opportunity to foster communication and identify maintenance, obsolescence and logistics issues impacting the class, and also present alternatives for sustainment and modernization programs. Our own Dave

Breakfast Meeting April 7, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Mulvehill
Commanding Officer
Naval Base Coronado

“No event in American history is more misunderstood than the Vietnam War. It was misreported then, and it is misremembered now.”

— President Richard M. Nixon
New York Times, Mar 28, 1985

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ON THIS DATE IN...

APRIL

Apr 1, 1893 – Navy General 409 establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer.

Apr 1, 1945 – The invasion of Okinawa commenced, one of the bloodiest invasions ever undertaken by the U.S. using over 1200 Navy, Army and Coast Guard vessels.

Apr 1, 1967 – The Coast Guard ended its 177-year association in the Treasury Department to enter the newly-created Department of Transportation.

Apr 2, 1827 – Construction of the first Naval hospital begins at Portsmouth, VA.

Apr 2, 1951 – The first Navy use of a jet aircraft as a bomber is launched from a carrier, *USS Princeton*.

Apr 4, 1977 – The Coast Guard designated its first female aviator.

Apr 6, 1917 – U.S. declares war on Germany.

Apr 7, 1979 – The launching of the first Trident submarine, *USS Ohio* (SSBN-726) at Groton, CT.

Apr 8, 1925 – The first planned night landings on a carrier, *USS Langley*, by VF-1.

Apr 11, 1900 – The Navy accepts its first submarine, *USS Holland*.

Apr 12, 1843 – Captain Alexander V. Fraser, effectively becomes the first Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Apr 12, 1911 – Lt. Theodore Ellyson qualifies as the first Naval aviator.

Apr 13, 1979 – LTJG Beverly Kelley assumed command of the CGC *Cape Newagen*, becoming the first woman to command a U.S. warship.

Apr 15, 1918 – The first Marine Aviation Force is formed at Marine Flying Field, Miami, FL.

Apr 15, 1962 – *USS Princeton* brought the first Marine helicopters to Vietnam. This was the first Marine advisory unit to arrive in South Vietnam.

Apr 18, 1942 – *USS Hornet* launches Doolittle's Army bombers for the first attack on Japan.

Apr 18, 1983 – One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

Apr 21, 1951 – Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Pilots from VMF-312 flying from the *USS Bataan*, shot down the first two YAK fighters.

Apr 27, 1805 – First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, and seven other Marines raised the U.S. flag for the first time over a stronghold in Derne, Tripoli.

Apr 29, 1975 – Operation Frequent Wind, the evacuation from Vietnam begins.

Apr 30, 1798 – Congress establishes the Department of the Navy.

Apr 31, 1975 – Saigon falls to North Vietnamese forces.

Grundies, two-time past President, has stepped up and working this since last October by coordinating the with NAVSEA and Industry partners to host this multi-National Navy and Business event.

Your Council is also a key partner in supporting the Commissioning of the future *USS Rafael Peralta* (DDG-115). The Commissioning will take place on 29 July 2017 at Naval Air Station North Island. Please go to our website, www.navyleague-sd.com or www.peraltacommissioning.org, if you want information about how you can help or donate to support the Commissioning events.

Much later this year the Council will also be supporting the Commissioning of the future *USS Omaha* (LCS-12). We will provide more information about that in subsequent Newsletters.

For those active volunteers who keep this Council moving forward and accomplishing the mission, THANK YOU! There still is much work to do and we need you to pitch in. Get involved and you can make a difference!

Thank you—*Jon Berg-Johnsen*

SDMAC Members and Supporters

Please join us for a reception in honor of the
Commissioning of the

USS RAFAEL PERALTA (DDG-115)



Mingle with members of the Peralta family, leaders from the Wounded Warrior Battalion - West (WWBn-W), and other noteworthy community leaders. Members of the volunteer commissioning committee will also be in attendance to answer questions regarding sponsorship and commissioning events. Learn how you can help provide the ship and her crew with a prestigious and warm welcome to America's Finest City.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens
Liberty Station

2816 Historic Decatur Rd. | San Diego, CA | 92106

Registration <https://sdmac.org/EventDetails.htm?eventId=229>
(includes one drink and an assortment of appetizers)

- SDMAC Members: \$30.00
- Non Members: \$40.00
- Active Duty Military in Uniform: \$25.00
- Pay the registration fee of a Marine from the Wounded Warrior Battalion - West (WWBn-W): \$25

Captain Mulvehill, a native of Shelby Township, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University. He attended Aviation Officer Candidate School and served as a student pilot in VT-6, VT-19 and VT-7, earning his Naval Aviator designation in March 1995.

Captain Mulvehill reported to VFA-106 at NAS Cecil Field for training in the F/A-18C. He joined the VFA-15 Valions and deployed onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67).

In October 1998, Captain Mulvehill attended the TOPGUN Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor course and then reported to Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic (SFWSL).

He once again joined VFA-15 in May 2001 as the Training Officer during JTG 2-01 onboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65). The Valions and the CVW-8 team were called upon to execute the first combat missions into Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. After this deployment, he was presented with the Association of Naval Aviation Junior Officer Leadership Award.

After an abbreviated workup cycle, CVW-8 and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) were surged to execute the opening strikes during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).

Following his tour with VFA-15, Captain Mulvehill attended the Aviation Safety Officer Course in Monterey, CA. He reported to the VFA-105 Gunslingers in August 2003 and deployed onboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in support of OIF in September 2004.

In January 2006, Captain Mulvehill reported to the VFA-122 Flying Eagles as the Training Officer. He also served as the Operations Officer and as the Executive Officer.

He reported to the Argonauts of VFA-147 in August 2008 and assumed command in 2009. He completed WESTPAC 2009 with VFA-147 and CVW-9 onboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). VFA-147 was awarded the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy Award for the greatest improvement in Battle Efficiency.

CAPT Mulvehill attended the United States Navy War College in Newport, RI. He recently returned from Belgium where he served as a Speechwriter and Special Assistant to the Commander, US European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

CAPT Mulvehill has 3,500 flight hours and over 800 carrier landings. He has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Medal (with Combat V), Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat V) and other personal and unit awards.



Welcome Home

**VMM-165. Detachment A | MALS-16 Detachment 1
LAAD-3 | USS Pasadena (SSN-752)**



RECOGNITIONS



On the left is Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Nicole Flores the 2017 Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year and on the right is Logistics Specialist (LS2) Cicely Willette Carr the 2017 Junior Enlisted Woman of the Year.



(l-r) Recruiting Station San Diego's SgtMaj, SgtMaj Carlos Murcia; Recruiter of the Quarter, SSgt Martin Lopez; Support Billet of the Quarter, Celestrea Morrison and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



(l-r) Naval Medical Center San Diego's Senior Sailor of the Year, HM1 Charles M. Brinegar; Junior Sailor of the Year, HM2(FMF) Matthew J. Keydeniers; Bluejacket of the Year, HN Kaitlyn A. Smith and VP Sea Services, Bob Berman.

International Frigate Working Group (IFWG)

**April 27-28, 2017 | May 1-5, 2017
Admiral Kidd Club**

**POC Capt. Dave Grundies, USN (Ret.)
858.999.1898**



a group photo of the 2017 Enlisted Women of the Year nominees that attended the 23 Mar lunch held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NAVY'S FISCAL YEAR 2017 SHIPBUILDING PLAN

As required by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released the Navy Fleet Architecture Assessment for 2017, which assesses the projected outcomes based on the Navy's 2017 shipbuilding plan. The Department of Defense (DoD) submitted the Navy's 2017 shipbuilding plan to Congress in July 2016, which covers fiscal years 2017 to 2046. The estimated average annual cost of carrying out that plan over the next 30 years is about \$21 billion in 2016 dollars. This estimated amount is about one-third more than the average amount of funding that the Navy has received for shipbuilding in recent decades. The Navy's 2017 shipbuilding plan is similar to its 2016 plan with respect to the goal for the total inventory of battle force ships, the number and types of ships that the Navy would purchase, and the funding proposed to implement its plans. In mid-December 2016, the Navy released a new force structure assessment, which called for building a fleet of 355 ships. The CBO report assesses the projected outcomes under the 2017 plan against the 308-ship goal set, rather than against the larger December number.

The 2017 shipbuilding plan falls short of the previous (2014) force structure assessment's specific goals for some types of ships in some years. With the exception of small surface combatants, the shortfalls are slightly smaller than those in the plans for the previous two years, which also incorporated a goal of 308 ships. But when compared with the 355-ship target called for by the new 2016 force structure assessment, the current plan falls short of the specific goals for most types of ships by larger amounts. In accordance with CBO's mandate to provide objective, impartial analysis, the report makes no recommendations. However, the Navy League supports raising the defense budget caps by repealing the Budget Control Act, a fleet of 355 ships - as directed by the 2016 Force Structure Assessment, and stable budgets each year, including a new appropriation bill for the remainder of FY2017. Please see the information and link in the "Don't let budgets set our national security strategy" write up to do your part!

DON'T LET BUDGETS SET OUR NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

A friendly reminder to get involved in the on-going fight against sequestration as the new administration works on budget plans. The Bipartisan Budget Act, which raised the spending caps imposed by the Budget Control Act or sequestration, expires in fiscal year 2018. With Republican majorities in both chambers, there is reason to be cautiously optimistic about raising the caps or even a repeal. However, if the caps stay in place, the Fiscal Year 2018 defense budget will be \$549 billion, 19% less than what was projected before sequestration. Under sequestration, deployment lengths increased, training was reduced, and repair work was delayed. This combination of threats and limited resources could result in the sea services taking on additional and dangerous risk in order to execute the National Security Strategy. Let your Congressman and Senators know that you oppose sequestration. The Navy League has relaunched the campaign, and by visiting the website you can message your members of Congress here: <http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=81845>.

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Membership

Mark Your Calendar...

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

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

April 7, 2017

May 5, 2017

June 2, 2017

July 7, 2017

August 4, 2017

September 8, 2017 Second Friday

October 6, 2017

November 3, 2017

December 1, 2017

**No lunch meetings until further
notice.**

NEW MEMBERS

Victor Bacon	Gary Kilbride
Corwin Bell	Vickie Moore
Brianne Bennett	Alisha Riddick
Sheena Crawford	Alexis Roberson
Stephen Davis	Nicole Simpson
Jerrilyn Evans	Angelena Smith
Crystal Forbes	Leah Stein
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Mariea Haynesworth	Amber Willi
Jennifer Jones	
Dana Josey	

* Life Members
@ New Community Affiliate

Husband & Wife Members
^ Student
+ Active Duty Spouse

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*We thank the following Corporate Members
& Community Affiliates for their continued
support:*

**Pacific Ship Repair &
Fabrication, Inc** **20 year**

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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WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

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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