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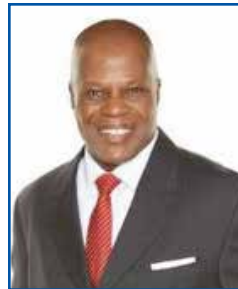
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

2019 is quickly moving along and as we enter the fourth month of the year.....

I offer a few examples of significant United States Sea Service achievements that have occurred throughout our history in the month in April. In 1776, the American Navy frigate Columbus made the capture of a British armed vessel. In 1805, Lt O'Bannon with the U.S Marines in the Battle of Derne victory inspires the words "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marines Hymn. April 1, 1893, the U.S. Navy using Navy General Order 409, establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer. April 8, 1925, the first planned night landings were made from the carrier USS Langley. In 1945, the invasion of Okinawa began with U.S. Coast Guard-manned craft supporting the invasion of the Ryukyu Islands. The Merchant Marines made significant contributions throughout WWII and had more per capita losses than any service.



March started off with a fantastic breakfast meeting. Captain Shannon J. Johnson, Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego gave a fantastic briefing on what is new within Naval medicine as well as kicked off "Women Appreciation Month" with a fitting history lesson on the contributions and accomplishments of women in the military. Please sign up to attend our Monthly Breakfast Meeting on 5 April. Our guest speaker will be Rear Admiral Cedric Pringle, Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3. Also, in March, we will have completed our recognition of the Women in the Sea services with our 58th Enlisted Women of the Year Luncheon. I will profile the winners in my May article.

Please help us to get the word out about the Alexander Kreiglowa Navy & Marine Corps Dependents Education Foundation Scholarship, which the council administers. Each successful applicant could receive a total of up to \$60,000 over 4 years. Through the extreme generosity of retired Chief Petty Officer Alexander Kreiglowa, the council is able to select multiple recipients for the scholarship in his name. Up to \$15,000 is awarded each year to graduating high school students with a grade point average of 3.6 and above or in the top 10% (unweighted) in their class and are dependents of Navy or Marine Corps active duty, retired or deceased service members (while on active duty) and a resident of California. This Scholarship is good for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 years.

Unfortunately, Alex passed away last year at 100 years of age, but his foundation legacy lives on. The deadline for submitting applications is 12 April 2019. For more information, and how to apply, visit our website homepage at www.navyleague-sd.com and you will find a link to the scholarship.

Check our website more updates and enjoy the rest of the great articles and information in this Newsletter! Thank you for your support.

Tony Johnson
President

Breakfast Meeting

April 5, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

RDML CEDRIC PRINGLE
Commander, Expeditionary
Strike Group 3

*“May the sun
in his course visit
no land more
free, more happy,
more lovely, than
this our own
country!”*
— Senator Daniel Webster

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RECOGNITIONS



Captain Shannon Johnson, Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego, briefs members on the hospitals operations.



SSgt Daniel Mestre, Recruiting Station San Diego's Recruiter of the Quarter, is flanked by Council President Tony Johnson on his right and USAA, awards representative David Dearie.



SSgt Yesenia RuizDianas, Recruiting Station San Diego's Support Billet of the Quarter, is flanked by Council President Tony Johnson on her right and USAA, awards representative David Dearie.

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Educate national leaders and
the nation.

Support the men and
women of the sea services.

Provide assistance to sea
service families.

Support youth programs.

SAVE THE DATE

September 18, 2019

Armed Services Family Readiness
Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego

September 28, 2019

Chalet MCAS Miramar

October 12, 2019

244th Navy Birthday Ball

Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego

November 2019

244th Marine Birthday Luncheon

Place TBD

RDML Cedric Pringle
Commander, Expeditionary Strike
Group 3

Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle graduated from the University of South Carolina in December 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and received his commission through Naval ROTC. He also earned a Master of Science in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1998 and a Master of Arts in National Security Strategy from the Naval War College in 2003.



At sea, he served in engineering department on USS Ranger (CV 61) and USS Portland (LSD 37), and as executive officer on USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43). In July 2004, he assumed command of USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41). During his tour, he participated in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in response to Hurricane Katrina in September 2005. In February 2012, he took command of the Navy's first hybrid propulsion drive ship, USS Makin Island (LHD 8). During his tenure, Makin Island completed its maiden deployment and achieved numerous successes, including earning the Battle "E" Award, the Retention Excellence Award, Afloat and Aviation Operational Safety Awards and the President's Volunteer Service Award for community outreach.

Ashore, he served on the staffs of Navy Recruiting Area 3, Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 4 as chief staff officer, Amphibious Force U.S. 7th Fleet as deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans (N3/N5), on the Joint Staff as the deputy chief of Forces Division in the Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate (J8), and as director, Navy Senate Liaison for the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. From September 2015 to November 2017 he served as Deputy Director of Joint Interagency Task Force South. During this tour, he also served as Commander, Joint Task Force Matthew, leading relief and recovery efforts in Haiti following Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

In December 2017, he assumed duties as Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards. Rear Adm. Pringle is also the recipient of the 2015 Navy's Stars and Stripes Award.

ON THIS DATE IN...

APRIL

Apr 1, 1893 – Navy General Order 409 of 25 Feb 1893 establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer.

Apr 1, 1945 – Over 1200 Navy and Coast naval vessels participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

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 – The first Naval Hospital construction began at Portsmouth, VA.

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

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

Apr 7, 1945 – The first two Navy flight nurses land on an active battlefield, Iwo Jima.

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

Apr 8, 1925 – The first planned night landings on a carrier, USS *Langley* are conducted.

Apr 12, 1843 – Captain Alexander V. Fraser, is appointed as the Coast Guard's first Commandant.

Apr 12, 1975 – The evacuation of Cambodia, Operation Eagle Pull begins.

Apr 12, 1979 – LTJG Beverly Kelley assumed command of the CGC *Newagen*, becoming the first woman to command a US warship.

Apr 14 – PALM SUNDAY!!!

Apr 14, 1898 – USS *Solace*, the first Post-Civil War hospital ship is commissioned.

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.

Apr 16, 1947 – An act of Congress gives Navy Nurse Corps members a commissioned rank.

Apr 18, 1942 – USS *Hornet* launches Doolittle's Army bombers for the first attach 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. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans.

Apr 19 – GOOD FRIDAY!!!

Apr 19 – PASSOVER begins at sunset!!!

Apr 20, 1914 – In the first call to action of naval aviators, a detachment on USS *Birmingham* sailed to Tampico, Mexico.

Apr 21 – EASTER!!!

Apr 21, 1951 – Marines from the USS *Bataan* made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines.

Apr 27, 1805 – Lt. Presley O'Bannon raised the American flag over Derna, Tripoli.

Apr 28, 1993 – SECDEF memo orders Armed Forces to train and assign women on combat aircraft and most combat ships, but not to ground combat positions.

Apr 29, 1975 – Marine choppers evacuated 6,968 people from Vietnam during Operation Frequent Wind.

Apr 30, 1975 – Saigon falls to North Vietnamese forces.

The Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019 was introduced this year to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II. An estimated number of less than 2,000 U.S. WWII Merchant Marine Veterans are still with us today and deserve recognition. The dedication and service by this often-forgotten group of service member is summarized by the Navy League as follows:

Our armed forces relied on the Merchant Marine to ferry supplies, cargo and personnel into both theaters of operation during World War II, and they paid a heavy price in service to their country. Hundreds of American merchant vessels were lost and damaged to enemy action. Thousands of U.S. seaman perished, and thousands more returned home wounded. Dozens were captured and tortured as POWs. In fact, our Merchant Marine suffered the highest per capita casualty rate in the U.S. armed forces during World War II; one out of every twenty-six casualties. An estimated 8,300 mariners lost their lives, and another 12,000 were wounded, to make sure our servicemembers



could keep fighting. Yet, this group of heroes were not granted veteran status until 1988. At this point they were at or near retirement age, and too old to capitalize on any GI bill benefits.

Show your gratitude and honor the sacrifice made by the Merchant Marine of WWII veterans by asking your Member of Congress and Senators to cosponsor H.R. 550 and S. 133. Go to the Navy League's Voice to Congress page to write to your representatives with a simple, editable form

letter by visiting <https://www.voterveice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59995/Respond>

To view the content and follow the progress of the legislation, visit <https://www.congress.gov/> and type in "hr550" and/or "s133" in the search window at the top. In fact, you can review and track any legislation by using this simple search engine, which allows for searches by key words as well.

Thank you for staying engaged with our legislative process, and for supporting the Navy League's mission!



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CONGRATULATIONS NOMINEES FOR SENIOR & JUNIOR ENLISTED WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Defenders of Freedom listed below were nominated by their commands

SENIORS

GySgt Angie R. Acosta
AO1(AW/SW) Sandra K. Baldwin
AM1(AW) Kelsey A. Bartone
LSCS(SW/AW) Kimberley S. Blain-Sweet
LN1(AW/IW) Sueann E. Braun
LN1(SW/AW) Martha S. Busuego
GySgt Cynthia A. Collier
AO1(AW/SW) Shanika N. Cord Wilson
AC1(AW) Shakila Q. Duff
SSgt Catherine G. Fleming
YNC(SW/AW) Rachel L. Irwin
HMC(SW) Katherine K. Kahele
1stSgt Sara N. Lopez
HMCS(SW/AW/FMF/IW) Mary Matthews
HM1(FMF/SW) Nnika K. Montgomery
ATC(AW) Amy L. Nichols
SSgt Victoria R. Poland
NC1(SW/AW) Shakea L. Ricks
HM1(SW/AW/IW) Shyler E. Salovin-Khazem
EN1(SW) Roberta Ann N. Sherman
LS1(AW/SW/IW) Nichole D. Usitan

GySgt Leahdianne A. Andino
HMC(FMF/SW/AW) Mindy K. Ballman
HM1(FMF/AW/IW) Janice L. Beard
DC1(SW/AW) Ashlee N. Blakely
HM2(FMF/SW) Annette L. Bridges
HM1(FMF) Lady Candice R. Canales
LN1(AW/SW) Kezziar K. Colvin
IS1(IW/SW/EXW) Shannon L. Diaz
LSC Frances Estrada
SSgt Samantha A. Gibson
AZC(AW/SW) Erica M. Jiles
GySgt Veronica Laurel
ABH1(AW/SW) Oberto L. Maibys
YNC(SCW/EXW/SW) Jamie C. McIlvane
MSgt Luz C. Morales
GySgt Tiffany Z. Nielsen-Nowakowski
ATCS(AW/SW) Jennifer N. Rawson
SgtMaj Elena M. Rodriguez
GySgt Linda A. Scott
SSgt Sheri L. Stinson
CTN1(IW) Autumn L. Yarbrough

JUNIORS

MA2(AW/SW) Margarita M. Altamirano
Sgt Vanessa N. Birkinbine
AC2(AW/IW) Rochelle A. Brown
MC2 Natalie M. Byers
Sgt Michelle C. Campfield
LS3(AW) Karyna Cosio
AM2(AW) Leshea L. Daniels
AE2(AW/SW) Marianna K. De Silva
Sgt Patricia S. Edou
Sgt Alyssa J. Falge
LCpl Savannah L. Green
Cpl Terrianna M. Hardy
Cpl Catherine M. Hidbrader
Cpl Katie D. Lane
AE2(AW) Breana A. Mangold
BM2(SW/AW) Ariella E. Mitroff
Sgt Da H. Park
HM3(SW) Rosalie M. Ricco
HM2 Tykeshia A. Roberts
Sgt Danielle M. Schendel
Sgt Cherryann G. Skerry
Cpl Cheyenne S. Threath
Sgt Andrea Villagomez
Cpl Rachel M. Whittemore

Cpl Candance M. Andrus
AO2(AW/SW/IW) Alexcia P. Brown
HM2(FMF) Savannah L. Buza
ABF2(AW/SW) Cherrypie B. Cabigting
AO2(AW/SW) Crystal A. Chavez
STG2(SW/IW) Allison B. Coughlin
FN Ellen A. Davis
Sgt Rachel J. Dew
Sgt Selena N. Espinoza
Sgt Kacey M. Fearheller
Cpl Mia D. Gurule
HM2(SW/AW) Angela F. Harris
Cpl Kudy L. Jim
AZ2(AW) Linday E. Mendoza
HM3(FMF/SW) Katelyn R. Medick
Sgt Torri C. Mullins
Cpl Morgan L. Piatt
YN2(SW) Yvonne Renteria
HM2(FMF) Joanna L. Rolle
IT2(SW) Cecilia D. Segovia
Cpl Nelfi Tineo Ferreiras
AZ2(AW) Karina I. Threlkeld
LN2 Denisha F. Walker
LCpl Julieanna M. Yakovac

Welcome Home

COASTAL RIVERINE SQUADRON 3 Detachment A | Assault Craft Unit 5 Det. A
VMM rein 166 "SeaElk" | HMH-361 "Flying Tigers" | MALS-16 "Forerunner s" Det A |
USS ANCHORAGE (LPD-23) | USS MT RUSHMORE (LSD-47)
attached units 1st Battalion 4th Marines | 13th Combat Logistics Battalion | TACRON 11
Assault Craft Unit One | Beachmaster Unit One | HSC-21 Blackjacks Det. A
VMFA (AW) 225. Det. A | VMGR-352 Det. A | MAG-11 Det. 1



SEA CADET CORPS

I'm 13-Years-Old. Should I Join The NLCC Or The NSCC?

While NLCC cadets can go into the NSCC when they turn 13, they may also elect to remain in the NLCC until age 14, when they must either transfer into the NSCC, or leave the program. If you are 13, and going to turn 14 within the calendar year, it is recommended that you start in NSCC.

I'm 17-Years-Old. Can I Join NSCC?

You can join the NSCC as long as you have not yet reached your 18th birthday. If motivated enrolled cadets turn 18 before graduating from high school, a waiver can be requested for continued enrollment until the completion of high school and summer training of their graduation year as long as they are a member in good standing.



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

What Types Of Training Can I Participate In As A Sea Cadet?

After enrolling in the program, all Sea Cadets must attend a mandatory two-week recruit training session. These training sessions are taught all-around the country. The curriculum of this training is approved by the U.S. Navy and standardized at all training sites. Cadets receive 106 hours of instruction with a focus on the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

After successful graduation from recruit training, Sea Cadets may choose from a wide variety of advanced training opportunities.

Are Sea Cadets Permitted To Go To Sea?

Absolutely! After completing recruit training and other required courses of instruction, Sea Cadets can participate in two-week advanced training abroad Navy and Coast Guard vessels ranging from small patrol craft to large nuclear powered aircraft carriers. The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet even has three of its own training ships: The Pride of Michigan, USNSCCS Grayfox and USNSCCS Manatra.

Do I Need To Buy My Own Uniform?

Surplus U.S. Navy uniforms are made available to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. These uniforms, in turn, are made available to cadets at a minimal cost for handling and shipping. Uniform needs that cannot be met through this source may be purchased at Navy Exchange Uniform Shops.

What Are The Main Differences In Training Between The Nlcc And The NSCC?

The training program designed for League Cadets is age appropriate and less rigorous than that of the NSCC. When joining the NSCC, cadets are required to have attended a two-week away-from-home recruit training in order to rise in rank and participate in advanced training sessions. Navy League Cadets have the option to attend a one-week, away from-home orientation, but it is not a requirement for rank advancement or advanced training opportunities. NLCC training events are shorter in length than NSCC training events. NLCC events typically run for seven to nine day periods, unlike NSCC training rotations which can last for two weeks or longer.

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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.

April 5, 2019

May 3, 2019

June 7, 2019

July 12, 2019**

August 2, 2019

September 13, 2019**

October 4, 2019

November 1, 2019

December 6, 2019

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

NEW MEMBERS

Garri Atabekyan	Michael Means
Staci Bright	Rita Mitchell
Regina Christian	Stephanie Payan
Wayne Cochran	Ashok Reddy
Christopher Gavin	Tony Reynolds
Rosa Givhens	James Richardson
Allen Givhens	Kenneth Richmond
Brittany Hill	Adrien Rose
Diombra Hill	Jesus Santander
Angela Humphrey	Emma Sargsyan
Kenneth Jones	Jose Villalobos
Denise Kidd	Beth Weber
Natalie Kosechata	Tonya Williams
George Lipford	Jill Williams
Marc Livingston	

* Life Members | @ New Community Affiliate

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*We thank the following Corporate Members &
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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?

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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