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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

As we draw a close to 2018, I want to offer my sincere thanks to all that provided support for the special events, quarterly recognitions, welcome home celebrations, scholarship awards, and monthly breakfasts to make it another successful year. Some of the Council highlights for 2018 include support for the Commissioning of USS OMAHA (LCS-12), hosting our 57th Enlisted Women of the Year Recognition event, hearing from a wide variety of outstanding Breakfast speakers including RDML Byrne (CCSG-15), CDR Cathey, (CO, LCS-2), RDML Pearigen (Navy Medicine WEST/Medical Corps), VADM Miller (CNAF), CAPT Kennedy (CHSCWP), VADM Brown (CNSF), CAPT Buzzella (CDR USCG Sec SD), LTJG Shannon Ward (CO Sea Cadet Corps Challenger Division), VADM Alexander (C3F), Col Dockery (MCAS Miramar), hosting over 150 people in the Council Chalet at Miramar Air Show, Co-Hosting over 800 people at the 243rd Navy Ball, and hosting the 243rd Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon. On top of that we recognized numerous Marines, Sailors and Coast Guard personnel, as well as supporting multiple deploying Sea Service member send offs and Welcome Home celebrations throughout the year. All-in-all an incredible series of events that could not have been done without the efforts of the Volunteers, Board Members, and of course, the generous Sponsors, which helped us meet all commitments and the carry out the mission of the Navy League and our Council.



There is one other unsung hero I want to also specifically acknowledge, and that is our Executive Director, Jay Lott, Sgt Maj, USMC (Ret). His efforts are absolutely critical in every aspect of successfully accomplishing our Council's mission and objectives.

If you were not able to attend our November 2nd Breakfast, you missed a fantastic talk by Colonel Dockery, Commanding Officer MCAS Miramar. He presented a superb run-down of his responsibilities, the high tempo pace the base runs at to support the THIRD Marine Aircraft Wing (3rd MAW), and the importance of Community support and engagement to sustain mission capability. Speaking of 3rd MAW, hopefully you made it to the Council's USMC Birthday Luncheon on 14 November to hear Assistant Wing Commander BGen Borgschulte give an inspiring speech on maintaining the Marines readiness as the force that is "first to fight!"

Our 7 December Breakfast will give us the chance to recognize our Navy Leaguer of the Year and Corporate Affiliate of the Year. Please make a special effort to attend and help us celebrate the hard work and generosity of time and financial support by our Board Members, Volunteers, and Sponsors.

As a quick preview for our January meeting, our Board of Directors will be voting on our 2019 Council Officers and Committee Chairs. It will be held on 11 January 2019.

I wish you all the best through the remaining days of this year, and a safe and joyful Holiday Season.

- Jon Berg-Johnsen

Breakfast Meeting

December 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

“There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”

— Gen. James H. Doolittle

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RECOGNITIONS



Naval Medical Center San Diego's FMF Corpsman of the Year, HM1(FMF) Raymond T. Pomida, is congratulated on his accomplishment by BGen Michael J. Borgschulte, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Wing Commander (left) and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



Col Charles B. Dockery Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar is welcomed aboard as our November guest speaker, by our Welcome Home Chair Jay Rindler, left and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



(l-r) Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; Sgt Michael R. Masoner, Recruiting Station San Diego Recruiter of the Quarter; Sgt Kevin Monterrubio, Recruiting Station San Diego Support Billet of the Quarter and Col Charles B. Dockery Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar.



BGen Michael J. Borgschulte, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Wing Commander, offers a toast to the Marine Corps after speaking at our Marine Birthday Luncheon on 14 November, which was held at the Town & Country Hotel.



Recruiting Station San Diego's Recruiter of the Year, GySgt Abraham Lopez is congratulated on his accomplishment by BGen Michael J. Borgschulte, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Wing Commander (left) and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



MCRD San Diego's Drill Instructor of the Year, GySgt Derek C. Patrick is congratulated on his accomplishment by BGen Michael J. Borgschulte, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Assistant Wing Commander (left) and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



National President Alan Kaplan presents National Corporate Secretary and San Diego Council member, Pamela Ammerman, an award for her exemplary contributions to the Navy League for the more than 34 years. Mrs. Ammerman received the award at a Recognition Luncheon at the Fall Navy League Meeting held in Alexandria, VA, November 3, 2018. Mrs. Ammerman has been active on the Council, Region and National levels of the Navy League.



Council Executive Director, Jay Lott wishes Ronald Green, the SgtMaj of the Marine Corps a happy birthday at the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Birthday Ball on 2 November which was held at the San Diego Marriott Marquis.

ON THIS DATE IN...

DECEMBER

Dec 1, 1947 – The Marine Corps' first helicopter squadron HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico, VA.

Dec 2 – Hanukkah begins at sunset.

Dec 2, 1965 – USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) and USS *Bainbridge* (DLGN-25) become first nuclear-powered task unit used in combat operations with launch of air strikes near Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

Dec 7, 1941 – The Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise aerial attack on Pearl Harbor and surrounding Army Air Force airfields in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Flag your flags at half-staff until sunset.

Dec 8, 1933 – Secretary of the Navy establishes Fleet Marine Force, integrating a ready-to-deploy Marine force with its own aircraft into Fleet organization.

Dec 8, 1983 – Four cutters arrived off of the island of Grenada to replace U.S. Navy surface forces conducting surveillance operations after the U.S. invaded the island earlier that year.

Dec 10, 1941 – PBY piloted by Lt Utter of VP-101 shoots down Japanese ZERO in first Navy air-to-air kill during World War II.

Dec 11, 1954 – First supercarrier of 59,630 tons, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59), launched at Newport News, VA.

Dec 12, 1951 – First flight of helicopter with gas-turbine engine at Windsor Locks, CT.

Dec 15, 1948 – The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

Dec 16, 1907 – The Great White Fleet departs Hampton Roads, VA to circumnavigate the world.

Dec 16, 1942 – Pharmacist's Mate First Class Harry B. Roby, USNR, performs an appendectomy on Torpedoman First Class W. R. Jones on board USS *Grayback* (SS-208). It is the second appendectomy performed on board a submarine.

Dec 17, 1942 – The Navy credited the CGC *Ingham* with attacking and sinking the submerged U-boat, U-626, south of Greenland.

Dec 18, 1965 – River Patrol Force is established in Vietnam.

Dec 20, 1989 – Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Dec 21, 1861 – Congress authorizes the Medal of Honor for Naval personnel.

Dec 23, 1910 – Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson Becomes first naval officer sent to flight training.

Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



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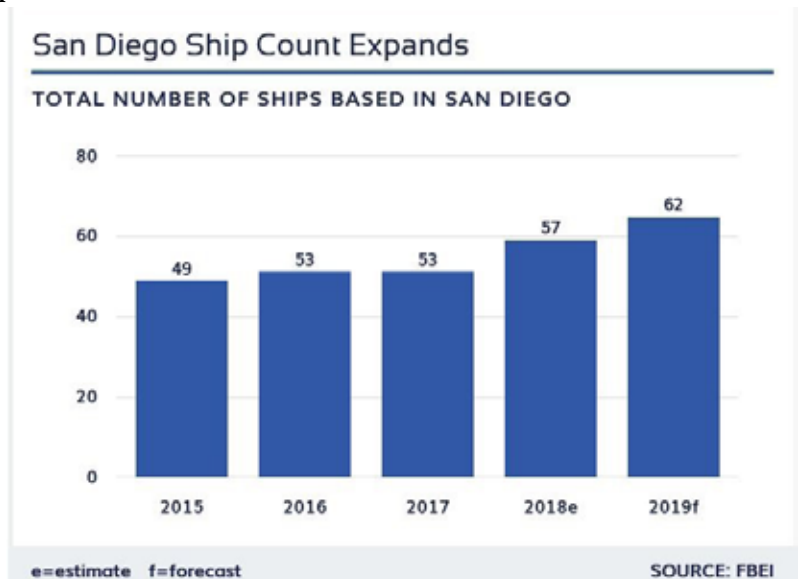


2018 SAN DIEGO MILITARY ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY RELEASED

San Diego is critical to national security with the largest concentration of military in the world, and the positive economic impacts the military has on San Diego county are remarkable. Annually, the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) commissions an economic impact study analyzing the economic benefits from the presence of the military in San Diego. According to the 2018 report, released on November 8, San Diego is expected to benefit from more than \$26B in direct defense spending which equates to \$51B in Gross Regional Product (GRP) and 344,000 jobs. The report was indicative of increased federal spending on military and veterans in San Diego, with an estimated 4% percent increase in defense spending here during the next fiscal year. As the largest military concentration anywhere in the world, the San Diego Area is home to approximately one out of every six sailors and one out of every four Marines, with the numbers expected to increase by about 15,000 over the next several years.

SMDAC was founded in 2004 with the mission to facilitate and advance the partnership between the military, elected officials, civic leaders, and the business community in order to enhance the understanding of the military’s many contributions to the San Diego region. SDMAC is not just for people in the military and defense industries—anyone who lives or works in San Diego is a stakeholder, and can become a member. Benefits of membership include exclusive networking opportunities and events, as well as staying ahead of the latest military and defense issues impacting our region. For interest in SDMAC membership, visit: www.sdmac.org.

Information about the 2018 study can be viewed and downloaded here: <https://www.sdmac.org/impact-study/2018-military-economic-impact-study/>



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Welcome Home

USS TULSA (LCS-16) | HMH-361 "Flying Tigers"
MALS-16 Detachment D



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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wednesday March 27, 2019

**Enlisted Women of the Year
Luncheon**

More information to follow in January

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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.

January 11, 2019**

February 1, 2019

March 1, 2019

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

William Anderson	Edythe Peifer
Ronald Branch	Shanty Ramnarine
Tavares Davis	Louis Rupp
Khalilah Douglas	Anna Toigb
Scott Fabre	Shannon Ward
Anthony Gardner	Crystal Watson
Brunia Lapeine	
Lawrence Loughnane	
Hong Luong	
Flack Maguire	
Nkechi Orizu	

* Life Members | @ New Community Affiliate

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE

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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