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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

This year has started like 2016 ended, and there is no one more surprised than me that I am still President! Some may recall the Council held its own investigation of the November 4 election due to issues with the Bylaws and some ineligible candidates for Directors. The Bylaws issues were discussed and the election results, with the exception of one ineligible candidate for Director, were legitimate. On 29 December, Navy League National announced they were setting aside the November 4, 2016 election results for our Council and will be conducting an investigation because "...the election held by the San Diego Council (SDC) in November 2016 may well have been conducted in a manner not in keeping with the Bylaws of the SDC and/or the NLUS." This resulted in all Directors and Officers in place prior to November 4, 2016 to remain in place until notified by National Navy League after completion of their investigation. Because there were some questions within the membership of our Council, National came out with this additional information:



The National President requests that all Officers, Directors and Members of the San Diego Council (SDC) be advised of the following:

- * All SDC Members must abide by the National Steering Committee's action setting aside the November 2016 election of SDC Officers & Directors.
- * SDC Officers and Directors in place prior to said November 2016 election shall continue in office until further notice from the National President.
- * No SDC Members may claim to have been elected to any office at said November 2016 meeting. Any such false claim shall be reported to me.
- * SDC Officers and Directors are expected to cooperate with the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Steering Committee to investigate this matter.
- * Until completion of said Ad Hoc Committee's investigation, the recognized and effective SDC Bylaws shall be those Bylaws adopted in 1995.
- * Any SDC member who refuses to comply with these National President mandates shall be subject to provisions of Sec. 6.1.3 of NLUS Bylaws.

On top of that, our Executive Director had submitted his resignation effective 31 Dec 2016. With no one stepping up to volunteer and needing to continue to the running our Council, Jay Lott requested to become the Executive Director again, and in accordance with our Bylaws I offered his name for consideration and a vote by the Executive Committee. It was a unanimous decision to hire Jay as our Executive Director.

Breakfast Meeting February 3, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Col Christian Ellinger,
Director, Operations & Training,
Expeditionary Warfare Training
Group, Pacific

“The raising
of that flag on
Suribachi means
a Marine Corps
for the next 500
years.”

— James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy
23 February 1945

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ON THIS DATE IN...

FEBRUARY

Feb 4, 1959 – Keel laying of USS *Enterprise*, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier in Newport News, VA.

Feb 5, 1854 – Dedication of the first chapel built on Navy property at Annapolis, MD.

Feb 10, 1960 – USS *Sargo* (SSN-583) surfaces at North Pole.

Feb 14, VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Feb 15, 1898 – 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship *Maine* was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

Feb 16, 1926 – Congress authorized the Secretary of Treasury to acquire a site at New London, CT, without cost to the United States, and construct thereon buildings for the United States Coast Guard Academy at a total cost not exceed \$1,750,000.

Feb 16, 1944 – Justo Gonzalez became the first Hispanic-American to make the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard.

Feb 19, 1945 – Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima.

Feb 20, 1962 – LtCol John Glenn, USMC becomes the first American to orbit the Earth.

Feb 22, 1974 – LTJG Barbara Ann Allen becomes the first female Naval Aviator.

Feb 23, 1945 – Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

Feb 24, 1987 – Coast Guard attorney LCDR Robert W. Bruce, Jr. became the first member of the armed force to argue a case before the Supreme Court in uniform when he represented the Coast Guard in *Solorio vs. United States*.

Feb 25, 1933 – The first true aircraft carrier, USS *Ranger* is commissioned.

Feb 26, 1811 – Congress authorizes the first naval hospital.

Feb 26, 1944 Sue Sophia Dauser, Superintendent of the Navy's Nurse Corps is the first woman in the Navy to receive the rank of Captain.

Feb 28, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect.

There are a few other items to bring you up to date on. We hired a CPA in November 2016 to look at our financial records because there had been many years of data and accounts that needed to be reviewed. Our CPA completed her review and reconciled and consolidated multiple accounts and has reviewed several transactions with restricted funds and the result of the review of those transactions is still being finalized. A full report of the CPA's actions will be sent to our Council Board of Directors and will be reviewed at our next BOD meeting on 3 February. We are also forming our Bylaws Review Committee to ensure we have our Bylaws reviewed.

I had a great opportunity to participate in the local Sailor of the Year Announcement events. Congratulations to all of the final nominees and selectees!

We will work through our current challenges and thanks to those stepping up to help we will continue the great work this Council does throughout the year.

—Jon Berg-Johnsen

FEBRUARY 19, 1945: MARINES INVADE IWO JIMA

On this day, Operation Detachment, the U.S. Marines' invasion of Iwo Jima, is launched. Iwo Jima was a barren Pacific island guarded by Japanese artillery, but to American military minds, it was prime real estate on which to build airfields to launch bombing raids against Japan, only 660 miles away.

The Americans began applying pressure to the Japanese defense of the island in February 1944, when B-24 and B-25 bombers raided the island for 74 days. It was the longest pre-invasion bombardment of the war, necessary because of the extent to which the Japanese—21,000 strong—fortified the island, above and below ground, including a network of caves. Underwater demolition teams ("frogmen") were dispatched by the Americans just before the actual invasion. When the Japanese fired on the frogmen, they gave away many of their "secret" gun positions.

The amphibious landings of Marines began the morning of February 19 as the secretary of the navy, James Forrestal, accompanied by journalists, surveyed the scene from a command ship offshore. As the Marines made their way onto the island, seven Japanese battalions opened fire on them. By evening, more than 550 Marines were dead and more than 1,800 were wounded. The capture of Mount Suribachi, the highest point of the island and bastion of the Japanese defense, took four more days and many more casualties. When the American flag was finally raised on Iwo Jima, the memorable image was captured in a famous photograph that later won the Pulitzer Prize.

Author: History.com Staff URL:<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/marines-invade-iwo-jima>

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

NEW MARITIME POLICY STATEMENT

“Ensuring Strong Sea Services for a Maritime Nation”, the Navy League’s 2017-2018 Maritime Policy Statement has been released. The biennial document is produced by the Navy League’s Maritime Policy and Resolutions Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The report covers the importance of strong sea services and strategies and the Navy League’s perspectives on each of the services. At a summary level, the report documents why and how The Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine must:

- Maintain the world’s finest maritime force.
- Execute needed recapitalization programs without placing more operating, maintenance and training constraints on current forces.
- Make tough budget decisions.
- Preserve the quality of the all-volunteer force and take care of our Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard men and women, and civilian mariners.
- Be forward deployed as America’s first response to crises around the world.

The analyses and recommendations in the statement are from the Navy League’s perspective, and are derived from the expertise and decades of experience of our members, open source materials, and public information. As part of our commitment to the Navy League as members, please take the action to review this piece and help spread the word to our Government and the American people about the critical importance the sea services provide both at home and abroad. The statement is available for download at: <http://navyleague.org/files/legislativeaffairs/maritime-policy-statement.pdf>

2016 NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE ASSESSMENT (FSA)

The Navy Force Structure Assessment update was released in December and analyzes the minimum force structure required to win the fight. The assessment was last updated in 2014, and the changes in the 2016 FSA reflect the increase in force required to address the growing adversary threats and capabilities now and in the future. The assessment is derived from inputs from the Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) in order to meet the Defense Planning Scenarios as reflected in their FY17 Global Force Management (GFM) submissions. From those inputs, resource and budgetary constraints had to be applied while maintaining compliance with defense planning guidance, meeting warfighting response timelines, and delivering future steady state and warfighting requirements, determined by Navy’s analytic process, with an acceptable degree of risk. The resulting summary is as follows:

Type / Class	2014	2016
Aircraft Carriers	11	12
Large Surface Combatants	88	104
Small Surface Combatants	52	52
Amphibious Warfare Ships	34	38
Attack Submarines	48	66
Guided Missile Submarines	0	0
Ballistic Missile Submarines	12	12
Combat Logistics Force	29	32
Expeditionary Fast/High Speed Transport	10	10
Expeditionary Support Base	3	6
Command and Support	21	23
Total	308	355

To view the executive summary of the FSA, please visit: http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/file/ILeOE8UnODJ/Navy%20Force%20Structure%20Assessment_Executive-Summary.pdf

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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.**

February 3, 2017
March 3, 2017
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

Taiwo Abiodun	Sarah Kornhaber
Sherina Baker	Malikqua Lancaster
Brian Berchtold	David Lizana
Stacey Cahn	Bernardino Mejia
Isaac Capland	Dr. George
Travis Carson	Panagopoulos
Georgia Clark	Leon Pepper
Paul S Devan	Paul Ramsey
Frederick Durham	Keisha Richardson
Arlene Hamilton	Desirae Roberts
Julie Heflin	Marcelino L Rodriguez
Ronald Jackiewicz	Ronald Seldon
Robert Jagemann	Shelia Smart
Linda King	Laquita Washington

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^ Student
+ Active Duty Spouse

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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& Community Affiliates for their continued
support:*

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San Diego Copy	16 years

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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?

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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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2017 Enlisted Women of the Year

March 23, 2017

Town & Country Convention Center 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company (for table sponsorship) _____

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I would like to be a sponsor. (Please check appropriate sponsorship)

_____ Table Sponsor: \$400 (Four seats for my use)

_____ Flower Sponsor: \$300

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_____ I'd like to sponsor a service member at \$40 each

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