



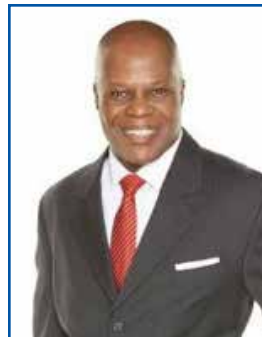
# BLUE & GOLD

Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 49-02 | February 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

I would like to thank Jon Berg-Johnsen for his outstanding leadership as our president for the last three and a half years. We were very fortunate to have him steer the course of setting us up to be successful now and in the foreseeable future. Thanks Jon!



As your new council President, please allow me to give you a quick summary of my background and my vision for the council moving forward. I retired from the United States Navy after forty years of total service in 2015. I went to work for a mortgage lender who specialized in VA loans as their military liaison. The company is a council Community Affiliate and therefore I became more involved with the council. I was elected to be on the Board of Director's, First Vice President, and now your Council President.

As Jon mentioned in the January's Blue and Gold, there were nominations and elections of for new officers and committee chairs. On January 11th, the Board of Director's voted and we welcomed the following new leaders.

### The new officers are:

- First Vice President - Phyllis Barber
- Secretary - Tamara Marks
- Treasurer - Sheldon Margolis
- Vice President of Programs - Darnisha Hunter

### The committees Chairpersons are:

- Legislative Affairs - Melanie Lang
- Membership - Judi Adams
- Communications - Bob Berman
- Welcome Home - Jay Rindler
- Scholarships- Rhonda Berg-Johnsen

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to fill these positions. I am so excited about this group's potential to take the council to a new level. We still have a couple of positions to fill, so if anyone is interested please contact Jay Lott, our Executive Director or myself.

As we begin a new chapter, I would like to express what I think is important for the council to be successfully involved in our military and civil communities. Last year, Director John MacIntyre and I updated the council's strategic goals to align with the needs and requirements of Navy League San Diego's mission. These are:

To foster and maintain interest in a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine as integral parts of a sound national defense and vital to the freedom of the United States.

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## Breakfast Meeting

February 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

**CAPTAIN JEROME R. WHITE**  
Supply Corps, United States Navy  
Commander, Defense Logistics  
Agency Distribution San Diego, CA

*“Those who stand for nothing fall for everything.”*

— Alexander Hamilton

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# RECOGNITIONS



(l-r) RDML Daniel W. Dwyer, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine; 2018 Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter, SSgt Richard Guerra, Jr.; SSgt Garrett Barrett Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, awards sponsor representatives Rebecca Bailey and Rick Mitrovich; command representatives GySgt Rosales and SSgt Sanchez.



Some of the 2019 Board of Director's – Jason Surya, Jay Rindler, Sheldon Margolis, Rhonda Berg-Johnsen, Phyllis Barber, Tamara Marks, Dave Grundies, Judi Adams, Bob Berman and 2019 Council President Tony Johnson.



Rear Admiral Daniel W. Dwyer Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine is presented a copy of the Navy League's History Book from then Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen for being our January guest speaker.

**Happy Valentine Day!**



**Celebrate this Happy Day!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To serve as a means of educating and informing the American people with regard to the role of sea power in the nuclear age and the problems involved in maintaining strong defenses in that age.

To improve the understanding and appreciation of those who wear the uniforms of our armed forces and to better the conditions under which they live and serve.

To provide support and recognition for the Reserve forces in our communities in order that we may continue to have a capable and responsive Reserve.

Enhance the morale of sea service personnel and their families through national and council level programs.

In order to support our mission, we must be able to execute our established budget with minimal deviation. We must increase our membership population in order to bring new ideas and energy within the council. This not only means individual membership, but community affiliation as well. Every new member, no matter of previous military exposure or experience, and each sponsor brings vitality and synergy that will enhance our ability to be effective in supporting our maritime forces and their families.

Along with membership, participation is vital to maximizing our outreach to the military and local community. Exposing more people to what we do and how we do it, can be a subtle way of petitioning others to become members. Without participation and visibility, this council could not be productive. This is why I am asking every member in some way to be involved in the council. There is a lot to do, especially in these times of budget constraints. With your participation and support this year, 2019 will be fantastic, I have no doubt!

I am humbled and honored to be your new President and with your help the council can do great things.

Tony Johnson  
President

### Alexander Kreiglowa Navy & Marine Corps Dependents Education Foundation Scholarships

Up to \$15,000/year for tuition, books,  
and academically related fees for a maximum of 4 years\*

#### Eligibility:

\*Dependent child of active duty, retired, or deceased

Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident in the state of California

\*Graduating High School Senior in the top 10% of class if school ranks or 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher (unweighted grades)

\*Evidence of acceptance for Fall 2019 by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States

Obtain application and information from

[www.navyleague-sd.com/scholarship-program/](http://www.navyleague-sd.com/scholarship-program/)

**\*Scholarship does not cover costs for Room & Board**

**Application Deadline — April 12, 2019**

## ON THIS DATE IN...

**FEBRUARY**

**Feb 1, 1941** – United States Fleet reorganized, reviving the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets.

**Feb 1, 1942** – USS *Enterprise* and *Yorktown* make first WWII air strike.

**Feb 2, 1968** – The Tet Offensive began in Vietnam.

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

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

**Feb 9, 1948** – The first Marine helicopters were delivered to the Marine Corps.

**Feb 13, 1943** – The U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was formed.

**Feb 14 – VALENTINE'S DAY!!!**

**Feb 18 – President's Day!!!**

**Feb 19, 1945** – Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima; island secured 16 March.

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

**Feb 2, 1974** - LtJg Barbara Ann Allen becomes the first Navy designated female aviator.

**Feb 23, 1945** – U. S. flag is raised on Mt. Suribachi.

**Feb 25, 1933** – Commissioning of USS *Ranger*, the first true aircraft carrier.

**Feb 24, 1987** – Coast Guard attorney LCDR Robert W. Bruce, Jr., became the first member of the armed forces to argue a case before the Supreme Court in uniform.

**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.

**CAPTAIN JEROME R. WHITE Supply Corps, United States Navy Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution San Diego, CA**

CAPT Jerome R. White is a native of Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1988, he enlisted in the Navy and entered recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, California where he graduated Honor Graduate of his recruit company.

CAPT White attended The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He graduated in 1993 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration. While at The Citadel, he was awarded the Palmetto Medal, the highest award given by The Citadel with the exception of an honorary degree. He holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from The George Washington University, a Masters of Military Arts and Science degree from U. S. Army Command & General Staff College and a Masters in National Resource Strategy from The Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He completed the Defense Acquisition University's Senior Acquisition Course and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School Senior Executive Education Program.

His first afloat tour was as a Division Officer onboard amphibious assault ship USS GUAM (LPH 9). His other afloat tours include Supply Officer and Department Head onboard strike missile destroyer USS STUMP (DD 978) and amphibious assault ship USS ESSEX (LHD 2).

His shore tours include a Joint assignment as Head of Contracts/Purchasing & Contracting Officer on the staff of Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (SACLANT). Following an assignment as a student at The George Washington University, he was assigned as an Integrated Weapons System Officer on the

staff of Commander, Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP), Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. While at NAVICP, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Baghdad, Iraq as Chief of Plans & Programs/Contingency Contracting Officer on the Staff of the Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan (JCC-I/A), Principle Assistant Responsible for Contracting – Forces (PARC-FORCES). He also served as Deputy, Logistics Future Operations and Chief, Logistics Future Operations Planner on the staff of Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (PACFLT). In his last assignment on the staff of Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) in Mechanicsburg, PA, he served as Director, Supply Chain Management and Director of Logistics.



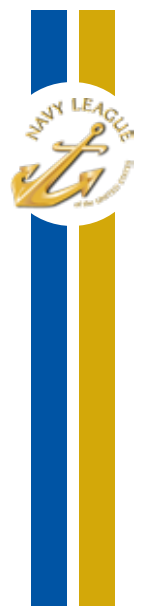
CAPT White's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (gold stars in lieu of three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal (oak leaf cluster in lieu of second award), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), Volunteer Service Medal and various other unit and campaign awards. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community (Life Cycle Logistics Level III and Contracting Level II), and a Joint Qualified Officer.



**GOALS OF THE  
San Diego Council,  
Navy League Of The United States**

**Educate national leaders and the nation.  
Support the men and women of the sea services.**

**Provide assistance to sea service families.  
Support youth programs.**



## Call to Action: Pay Coast Guard and End Shutdown

As of the New Year, active duty Coast Guard are working without pay while many Coast Guard civilian staff are furloughed without pay. In addition, 50,000 Coast Guard retirees are at risk of not receiving pension checks in February. During previous shutdowns, Congress kept Service Members paid via the temporary Pay our Military Act. There is no such law in place during this shutdown to pay our Coast Guard members.

Now is the time to act - please use your voice to encourage our representatives to fund our Sea Services, as well as end the shutdown. Go to the Navy League's Voice to Congress page to write to your representatives with a simple, editable form letter: <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/62169/Respond>

Resources are available for interest-free loans from the following organizations:

<https://www.navyfederal.org/about/government-shutdown.php?intcmp=hp%7Ccont%7C4%7Cclns%7Cshtdown%7Cgovshutdown%7C12/22/2018%7C%7C%7C>

<http://www.cgmahq.org/>

<https://www.usaa.com/inet/wc/ent-gov-shutdown-assistance-landing-mkt?SearchRanking=1&SearchLinkPhase=government%20shutdown>

If you are aware of any local resources to help Coasties, please send an email to [melaniealang@yahoo.com](mailto:melaniealang@yahoo.com) and [legislativeaffairs@navyleague.org](mailto:legislativeaffairs@navyleague.org) or call (703) 312-1571 to let us know!



**Mike Strank** was born in 1919 in Jarabenia, Czechoslovakia. He died in 1945 in Iwo Jima, Japan. Their leader and Sergeant, it was Mike who got the order to climb Mt. Suribachi. Mike picked his "boys" and led them safely to the top. Mike explained to the boys that the larger flag had to be raised so that "every Marine on this cruddy island can see it." It was Mike who gave the orders to find a pole, attach the flag and "put'er up!"

**Harlon Block** was born in 1924 in Yorktown, Texas. He passed away in 1945 in Iwo Jima, Japan. Harlon was an outgoing daredevil with many friends at Weslaco High School. A natural athlete, Harlon led the Weslaco Panther Football Team to the Conference Championship. He was honored as "All South Texas End." Harlon and twelve of his teammates enlisted in the Marine Corps together in 1943.

**Franklin Sousley** was born Sept. 19, 1925 in Hilltop, KY, and he died March 21, 1945 Iwo Jima, Japan. Franklin was a red-haired, freckle-faced "Opie Taylor" raised on a tobacco farm. His favorite hobbies were hunting and dancing. Fatherless at 9, Franklin became the main man in his mother's life. Franklin enlisted at 17 and sailed for the Pacific on his 18th Birthday.

**Ira Hayes** was born January 12, 1923 in Sacaton, Arizona, and died January 24, 1955 in Bapchule, Arizona. Ira Hayes was a Pima Indian. When he enlisted in the Marine Corps, he had hardly ever been off the Reservation. His Chief told him to be an "Honorable Warrior" and bring honor upon his family. Ira was a dedicated Marine. Quiet and steady, he was admired by his fellow Marines who fought alongside him in three Pacific battles.

**Rene Gagnon**, was born in Manchester, N.H. on March 7, 1925, and died in Manchester, N.H. on October 12, 1979. Rene Gagnon was the youngest survivor and the man who carried the flag up Mt. Suribachi. He was the first survivor to arrive back in the US.

**John Bradley** was born July 10, 1923 in Antigo, WI, and passed away January 11, 1994 in Antigo, WI. "Doc" Bradley was a Navy Corpsman who "just jumped in to lend a hand." He won the Navy Cross for heroism and was wounded in both legs.



San Diego Council



*2019 Enlisted Women of the Year March 28, 2019  
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MC: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Company (for table sponsorship) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Table Sponsor: \$500 (Four seats for my use)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flower Sponsor: \$300

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual tickets: \$50

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

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# Welcome Home

## USS Alexandria (SSN 757)



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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.

**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

Antonio Cedeno  
Lijo Chandy  
Jimmy Desir  
Travon Flynn  
Walter Hardy  
Hasny Hushamdeen  
Terrence Kilman  
Cherise Milano  
Phebe Rameau  
Luis Ruiz  
Myra Saunders-Perez  
Lynette Scott  
Darren Sims  
Sue Velarde  
Elenita williams  
Contenna Williams  
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Tabb Wyllie

\* Life Members | @ New Community Affiliate

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

**Falkner Wineries** **15 Years**

## 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.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters on all subject matters concerning the Navy League or our brave service men and women directly to:

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