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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

It seems like July should easily top every other month of the year in patriotic significance! Some will argue with that statement, but what could be bigger than the 4th of July and celebrating the Birth of our Country!?

The reality is the month of July has significance the singular date of July 4th. Of course there are many other significant events we celebrate in July as well as those throughout the year. Naturally, we like to look at those events that tie back to the Sea Services and San Diego.



Some of those events in July include the birth month of John Paul Jones, when the United States Marine Corps formally became a separate service of the Armed forces, and establishment of the Mission San Diego de Alcalá that founded San Diego! I write about these events to get you thinking about the heritage of the Sea Services we support. The Navy League Mission includes informing and reminding our members and the public about the role our Sea Services.

Our Breakfast Meeting is another means of accomplishing our mission. These are typically held on the first Friday of the month. At our 1 June Meeting we were honored to have Commodore Kennedy, Commander of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing U.S. Pacific Fleet speak to us about the MH-60 and HH-60 Helicopter Commands, and we also had the pleasure of recognizing the accomplishments two Marine Recruiters of the Quarter.

In July we are changing things up a little and holding our Meeting on the second Friday of the month instead of the normal First Friday. The date will be 13 July. So please join us when we recognize our Marine Corps Drill Instructors and hear from our guest speaker VADM Richard Brown, Commander Naval Surface Forces, and Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. It should be a great event!

As an early heads up we will have CAPT Joseph Buzzella, Sector San Diego Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego as our guest speaker on 3 August. Please join us as we celebrate the Coast Guard's Birthday and recognize San Diego as a Coast Guard City!!

Another mission for the Navy League is supporting our Youth Programs. There are two Sea Cadet Divisions we support in San Diego - Challenger and Columbia. Recently I had the honor of attending a ceremony with the Challenger Division as they presented end of the year awards. Our Council also supports the Divisions with funding for some of their awards. CPO Cadet Greg Plale and PO1 Cadet Lori Ash were presented the Navy League of the United States Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award on 2 June in recognition of their Outstanding Performance of Duty. Cadet Plale will be enlisting in the Navy and desires to become a Corpsman.

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## Breakfast Meeting July 13, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

**Vice Admiral Richard A. Brown  
Commander, Naval Surface  
Forces/Commander, Naval  
Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet**

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

— Harry S. Truman

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# RECOGNITIONS



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen congratulates CPO Greg Plale, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and PO1 Lori Ash, Navy League Cadet Corps for being selected as Cadets of the Year.



Commodore Kevin "Buff" Kennedy sports his new council ballcap while being congratulated by Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen for being our June breakfast speaker.



(l-r) Council 1st VP Tony Johnson; Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; Recruiting Station San Diego Recruiter of the Quarter, GySgt Eric Heidelman; Recruiting Station San Diego Support Billet of the Quarter, Sgt Tola Kim and awards sponsor Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego representative Rick Mitrovich.

“ Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. ”  
— Ronald Reagan

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As always we are looking for Members to pitch in and support our events. We also have opportunities for members to join in on events such as attending the 2018 MCAS Miramar Air Show in our Council Chalet on Saturday 29 September. This offers the best view of the flight line and all the performances throughout the show in the comfort of the shade, with food and drinks included throughout the day. Tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks. Other events coming up are the Navy's 243rd Birthday Ball on 13 October, and the Marine Corps' 243rd Birthday Luncheon on 15 November. All these are great ways to support our Sea Services and your Council.

Thank you

Jon Berg-Johnsen, President

## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

BY: MELANIE LANG, VP LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

### National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019

H.R. 5515 or the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorizes and prioritizes funding for the Department of Defense (DoD) and military activities and construction, and prescribes military personnel strengths for Fiscal Year 2019, which was recently passed by the House. "The key focus of this bill is restoring readiness to ensure that when our men and women in uniform go out on mission, they have the best equipment, the best training and the best support our nation can provide," Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Texas), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said in a statement. Some provisions of the legislation include:

- Funds a 2.6% pay raise for our troops, and extends a special pay and bonuses for servicemembers in high-demand fields
- Directs the Navy to consider extending the service life of the USS Nimitz, built at Newport News Shipbuilding and commissioned in 1975, to keep the number of ships in service to 12 the year it is currently scheduled to retire.
- Directs the Navy to provide clear chains of command for operations, for building readiness, and for shipyard maintenance. The Navy is required to establish separate career paths for Surface Warfare Officers to help produce crews that are properly trained and skilled. The time a Navy vessel is forward deployed overseas is limited to no more than 10 years, and the redevelopment of the Former Ship Repair Facility on Guam is prohibiting to ensure the Navy retains sufficient ship repair capability in the Western Pacific.
- Supports the accelerated construction of the fourth Ford-class aircraft carrier, construction of two additional Littoral Combat ships, and supports two additional Virginia-class attack submarines in fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

## ON THIS DATE IN...

JULY

**July 1, 1850** – Naval School at Annapolis is renamed Naval Academy.

**July 3, 2002** – The first of the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Teams (MSST's) was commissioned in Seattle, WA.

**July 4 – HAPPY 242nd BIRTHDAY DAY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!! Fly your flag proudly!!!**

**July 4, 1834** – President Andrew Jackson ordered green and buff as the Marine Corps uniform colors.

**July 6, 1911** – First naval aviation base is established at Annapolis, MD.

**July 6, 1976** – First woman enter the Naval Academy.

**July 7, 1948** – The first six enlisted women are sworn into the Regular Navy.

**July 11, 1941** – Congress reconfirmed the military status of the Coast Guard, stating: "The Coast Guard shall be a military service and constitute a branch of the land and naval forces of the United States at all times..."

**July 12, 1862** – President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor, in the name of Congress. The previous December, he approved a provision creating a U.S. Navy Medal of Valor, which was the basis of the Army Medal of Honor.

**July 12, 1990** – Commander Rosemary B. Mariner becomes the first woman to command an operational aviation squadron (VAQ-34).

**July 14, 1952** – Laying of keel of USS *Forrestal*, the first 59,900-ton carrier.

**July 20, 1960** – The first launch of Polaris missile, USS *George Washington* (SSBN-598) successfully fires 2 operational Polaris missiles while submerged off Florida.

**July 20, 1969** – Former Naval aviator Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to set foot on the moon.

**July 23, 1993** – Sarah Deal becomes first woman Marine selected for naval aviation training.

**July 25, 1947** – The Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserve (SPARS) was disestablished.

**July 26, 1947** – the National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

**July 26, 1948** – President Harry Truman ordered the integration of the armed forces of the United States with Executive Order 9981.

**July 27, 1953** – Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjon, Korea and the Korea cease-fire went into effect at 10:00 pm.

**July 29, 1846** – Sailors and Marines from U.S. Sloop *Cyane* capture San Diego, CA.

**July 29, 1918** – BGen John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France and remained in that capacity until August 19 when the unit was demobilized.

**July 30, 1942** – Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) is established.

**July 31, 1912** – The first attempt to launch an airplane by catapult made at Annapolis, MD.

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### Flag Day History

With the celebration of Flag Day last month on 14 June, do you know the legislative history behind the Holiday? The following resolution was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777:

*That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.*

Although the Flag was carried into battle in that same year, it wasn't until nearly a century later that the adoption became more popular and first celebrations of Flag Day were held. Both President Wilson and President Coolidge issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. However, it wasn't until

August 3, 1949, that President Harry Truman signed it into law, and formally began what we still proudly celebrate every year.



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## BREAKFAST SPEAKER

JULY 13, 2018

### **Vice Admiral Richard A. Brown Commander, Naval Surface Forces/Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet**

Vice Adm. Richard A. Brown is a native of Lowell, Massachusetts. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Post Graduate School and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Brown's sea tours include navigator and damage control assistant aboard USS Charles F. Adams (DDG 2); flag lieutenant for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12; operations officer aboard USS O'Bannon (DD 987); operations officer aboard USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55); executive officer aboard USS Mahan (DDG 72); commanding officer aboard USS The Sullivans (DDG 68); commanding officer aboard USS Gettysburg (CG 64); and commander, Carrier Strike Group 11.

Every year he commanded a Navy ship, his crew earned the Battle Efficiency Award. In 2009, Gettysburg also earned the Arizona Memorial Trophy.

Ashore, he served as flag secretary for the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic/Commander in Chief, United States

Joint Forces Command; branch head for Surface Commander and Lieutenant Commander assignments, Navy Personnel Command, PERS 410; Strategy and Policy branch head for Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N3N5IW; executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs); commanding officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command and commander, Naval Service Training Command. His most recent assignment was commander, Navy Personnel Command and deputy chief of Naval Personnel.



Brown assumed the duties as commander, Naval Surface Forces/Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet in January 2018.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy Achievement Medals (two awards).

“ God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it. ”  
—Daniel Webster

**CAPT Joseph R. Buzzella, Jr. | United States Coast Guard**

Captain Buzzella is the Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego, California. In this role, he is responsible for leading operations to ensure maritime safety, security, and environmental protection.

Captain Joseph R. Buzzella, Jr. hails from Miami, Florida. After completing Coast Guard Enlisted Basic Training at Cape May, New Jersey in 1986, he was assigned to Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, Florida. He is a 1988 graduate of the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) and a 1992 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Management and an officer commission. Following graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, Captain Buzzella served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC Spencer and USCGC Vindicator. Upon completion of U.S. Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida,

he was designated a Coast Guard Aviator in 1996. He then reported to Coast Guard Air Station Miami, Florida where he flew the HH-65A Dauphin Helicopter and later the HU-25A Falcon Jet where he maintained a dual airframe qualification conducting search and rescue, alien migrant interdictions, and counter drug missions. In 2000, he was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts where he flew HU-25A Falcon Jets conducting search and rescue and New England fisheries enforcement missions. In 2005, he was assigned under the Department of Homeland Security Chief Financial Officer in Washington D.C., where he served as an Assistant Director & Budget Program Reviewer providing oversight of more than \$26 billion in annual appropriations. In 2007, he reported to Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco,

California where he held the positions of Operations Officer and Executive Officer. In 2011, he served as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, Michigan. His last assignment, Captain Buzzella served at the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Director of the Chairman's Action Group (CAG) under General Martin Dempsey, USA and General Joseph Dunford, USMC.



Captain Buzzella has accumulated over 3400 flight hours. He has held Instructor Pilot ratings in both the HU-25A and MH-65C aircraft and an Airborne Use of Force Aircraft Commander designation in the MH-65C helicopter. He also holds FAA fixed and rotary wing airline transport pilot credentials.

Captain Buzzella holds a Master in National Security Strategy from the National War College, a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management with a specialization in Homeland Security from the National Graduate School. He is a former Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Public Service Fellow.

Captain Buzzella is married to the former Patrice Spanier from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. They are the proud parents of 3 children.

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“ Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. ” —John F. Kennedy

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**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.



## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE | KELLY STRONG

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze  
A young Marine saluted it, and then  
He stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

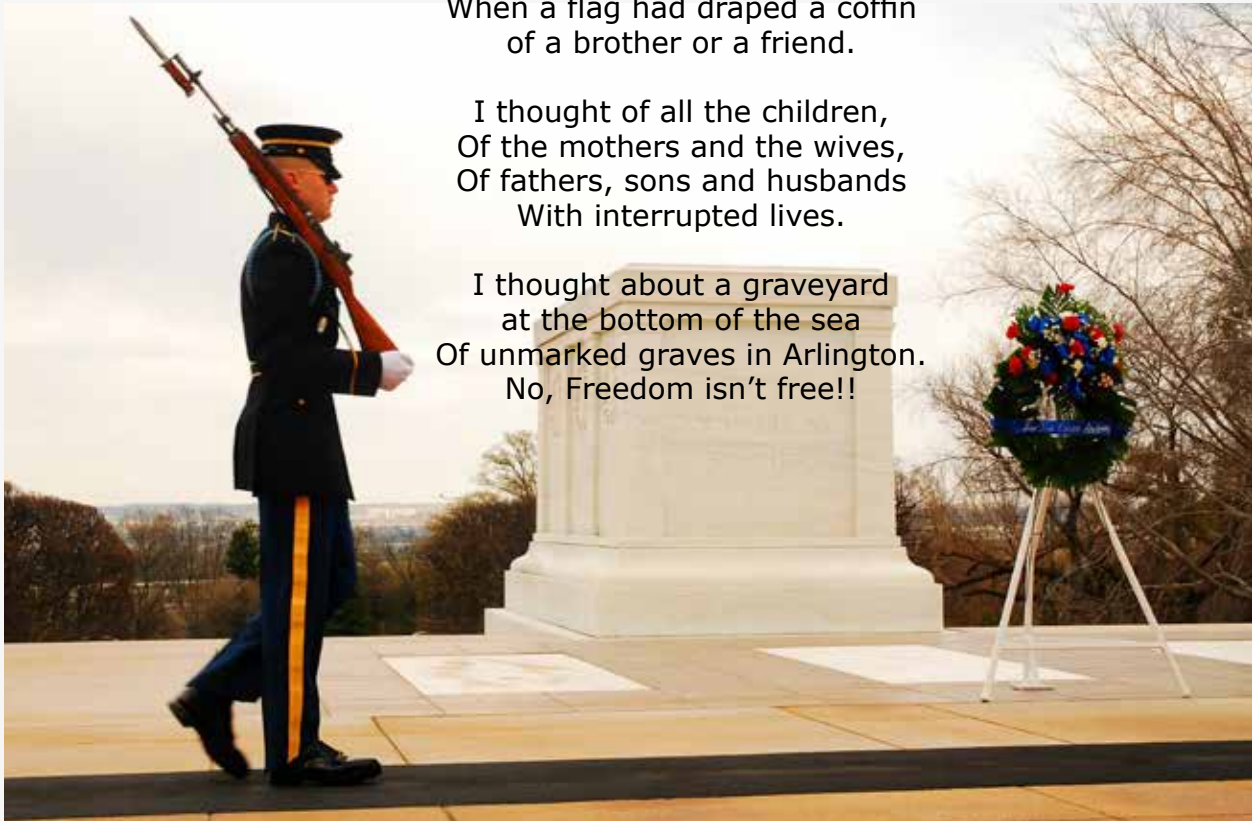
How many Pilots' planes shot down?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That taps had meant "Amen"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
at the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, Freedom isn't free!!



# Welcome Home

USS Manchester (LCS 14)  
USS Higgins (DDG 76)



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### Mark Your Calendar...

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

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

**July 13, 2018**

**August 3, 2018**

**September 14, 2018\***

**October 12, 2018\***

**November 2, 2018**

**December 7, 2018**

*\* Denotes 2nd Friday of the month*

### NEW MEMBERS

Terry Alcindor	Jade MacEoghain
Jamilla Alphonse	Humberto Meza
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*We thank the following Corporate Members &  
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Booz Allen Hamilton	22 years
Raytheon	27 years
San Diego Padres	21 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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### 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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