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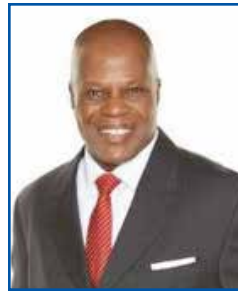
San Diego Council

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello fellow members! Well, it's July already and we look forward to another fabulous month in which we celebrate our nation's birthday. As we go through the summer, I want to let you know that the Board of Directors are working hard to come up with new strategies and initiatives to keep this council relevant and attracting new members. With that said, we need more members to participate in a number of events that are coming in the near and far future. As you probably know, it takes a lot of planning and coordination to put on even the smallest event, however, it much easier when there is a sufficient amount of people to assist.



The next big event we have is the MCAS Miramar Air show 28 September 2019. This is a fantastic opportunity for members to be right up front to enjoy the air show along with some corporate leaders showing their appreciation to their employees by being a chalet sponsor. Attendance and sponsorship offers certain benefits such as access to our chalets, which include chalet amenities, food and drink along with Preferred Parking. For any questions on the chalet, Jon Berg-Johnsen is our Chairperson this year or just call or email Jay at the office.

We co-sponsor the Family Readiness Volunteer Recognition Ceremony September 18, 2019. It will be at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. For further information, please contact Phyllis Barber at pbarber@asymca.org.

Next, we have the Navy Ball in collaboration with Commander Navy Southwest Region 12 October 2019 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Suzie Johnson has eagerly volunteered to be our representative. We also have a unique opportunity to host the International Frigate Working Group conference in 2020. Dave Grundies has taken the lead for this event. For more detailed information on all of these events go to our website or contact Jay Lott at (619) 230-0301 or jay@navyleague-sd.com.

I want to say "thank you" to Rhonda Berg-Johnsen for her leadership in chairing the Kreiglowa Scholarship program. She did a remarkable job this year in ensuring the program was ran efficiently and effectively which enabled the council to select the very best students. This prestigious contribution will undoubtedly assist the four selected students in reaching their educational goals.

We had a nice turnout for our June breakfast with many new faces. Captain Roy Love, Commanding Officer of Naval Base San Diego was our guest speaker, and did outstanding job! He provided the audience with a profound awareness of the future of Naval Base San Diego and the challenges ahead as the Navy prepares to increase it forces in the Pacific area of responsibility. As Captain Love departs for his new assignment to Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C., we want to thank him for his excellent leadership and fantastic relationship with the council. Fair

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Breakfast Meeting

July 12, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

DAVID NISLEIT

San Diego Police Department
Chief of Police

*“America
is a tune. It
must be sung
together.”*

— Gerald Stanley Lee

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RECOGNITIONS



Welcome Home Chair Jay Rindler takes the council's award winning newsletter international. He is pictured here with the Parthenon in Athens, Greece in the background.



(l-r) Captain Mark S. Nieswiadomy, incoming Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego; Council President, Tony Johnson; Captain Roy Love, outgoing Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego; Naval Base San Diego, Command Master Chief Jason Dunn



(l-r) Recruiting Station San Diego's Support Billet of the Quarter, Sgt Daniel Zea; Rebecca Bailey, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego awards representative; Celinda Monarres, (daughter of SSgt Monarres); Recruiting Station San Diego's Recruiter of the Quarter, SSgt Valeria Monarres; Council President, Tony Johnson.



CAPT Roy Love, Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego briefs the council members on his area of responsibility at our June breakfast meeting.



Council President, Tony Johnson displays a Certificate of Recognition from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer for the council's "unwavering support of our Coast Guard during the 2019 Government shutdown."



Youth Activities Chair Casey Colton (foreground) and Council President Tony Johnson (rear), stand with some new members and friends at the New Members Social.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winds and Following Seas!

Our next guest speaker for the month of July is the San Diego Chief of Police Chief, David Nisleit. This is a great opportunity to hear how law enforcement aligns with our military in the San Diego area. We look forward to his briefing.

In addition, this month we must say Fare Winds and Following Seas to another outstanding local military leader, Captain Joseph Buzzella, Commander United States Coast Guard Sector San Diego, as he departs for U.S. Coast Guard District Eleven. We want to thank him for his outstanding leadership and willingness to provide this council with valuable information on how the Coast Guard's mission plays such a vital role in the protection of our nation home and abroad.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support of the council. Hope to see you at our next breakfast meeting!

Tony Johnson
President

ON THIS DATE IN...

JULY

On this date in June...

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 INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

Fly your flag proudly!!!

July 6, 1911 – The first naval aviation base is established at Annapolis, MD.

July 11, 1941 – Congress reconfirmed the military "status" of the Coast Guard.

July 12, 1916 – USS *North Carolina* is the first Navy ship to carry and operate aircraft.

July 12, 1965 – Marine 1st Lt Frank Reasoner is killed in action in Da Nang, Vietnam. He was the first Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor in Vietnam.

July 12, 1990 – Commander Rosemary B. Mariner becomes the first woman to command an operational aviation squadron.

July 14, 1813 – Lt John M. Gamble becomes the first Marine to command a ship in battle.

July 14, 1993 – The USS *Iwo Jima* was decommissioned after over 30 years of service. It was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

July 14, 1952 – The keel of USS *Forrestal*, the first 59,900-ton aircraft carrier is laid.

July 20, 1969 – Former Navy pilot Neil Armstrong is the first man to set foot on the moon. While taking the first step, he said, "That's one small step for man, on giant leap for mankind."

July 23, 1993 – Sarah Deal becomes the 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.

July 26, 1948 – President Harry S. Truman orders desegregation of the Armed Services.

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

July 28, 1918 – Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized.

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

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



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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.



US NAVAL SEA CADETS HONOR VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY



As the school year comes to an end and summer begins, cadets and officers from Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia are preparing for a

summer full of adventure and many exciting trainings. Cadets will be participating in such trainings as USNA's STEM, STEM Drones, Field Ops, Petty Officer Leadership Academy, Photojournalism, Ceremonial/Honor Guard and Medical Field Ops. Officers will be teaching a Lifeguard Training as well as representing the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps' in the International Exchange Program to Bermuda.

But before the cadets and officers could begin their summer of trainings and adventures, there were some things that needed to be done.

In May, cadets worked local street fairs in El Cajon and Santee. They assisted vendors with set up and performed many duties in Santee including ice sales, trash duty and the color guard team performed in the opening ceremony by parading and retiring the colors. The most important part of the street fairs, however, is in raising money for a good cause. Cadets collected over \$2000 in sponsorships for the Wreaths Across America Program. This will allow 133 veterans' graves to have a wreath placed upon it in December during the ceremonies that are held at cemeteries nationwide.

June's drill took the unit to the dry side of 32nd street where

cadets and officers donned and had relay races in immersion suits. They looked like overstuffed red Gumbys! As awkward as the suits felt, the importance



and life-saving quality of the suits was immediately evident. Everyone floated and was kept warm!

Once they were free from the immersion suits, the cadets donned another life-saving piece of equipment. They learned how to properly attach, jump into the water and swim in lifejackets. The last activity of the morning had cadets paddling, throwing out a sea anchor and righting a capsized life-raft. The cadets learned the proper technique to flip the life-raft back over so all could climb aboard. Later in the afternoon, cadets went to Pepper Park and learned how to properly row a big wooden boat, DESIRE. Cadets learned rowing commands, such as "oars", "give way together" and "prepare to give way." Cadets battled the wind and each other, learning how to work together as a team so the boat could be propelled through the water.

The unit will resume in August with regular drills starting in September. We are excited about our 2019-2020 training year.

LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC
Commanding Officer
Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia

US NAVAL SEA CADET PROMOTED TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

A Sea Cadet from the Fort Fisher/TS Essex unit at Naval Base San Diego, was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Zachary Hamlett was promoted on June 8th, 2019. Cadet Hamlett's mother Nicole pinned his anchors on him and HMCM (FMF/CAC) Darnell Haskins donned his cover. Chief Petty Officer is the highest rank that a cadet can earn in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. It is the pinnacle of a Sea Cadet's career. Zachary Hamlett joined the Fort Fisher/TS Essex unit in September, 2014 and has been an active member since. He is currently the leading Chief Petty Officer of the unit.

HMCS(SW/AW/FMF)
Melissa Haskins, USN, Ret
Commanding Officer, Fort
Fisher/TS Essex
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Budget Talk from the 2019 Navy League Convention

During the 2019 Navy League Convention held in June in Norfolk, Virginia, a Sea Service panel was held on 20 June to discuss topics including the budget situation, recently completed operational strategies, and the threat of climate change to the services. According to a report by Sea Power Magazine, budget was a key talking point from several of the panelists, and some of the highlights are included below. The full article can be found here: <https://seapowermagazine.org/sea-service-panel-gets-serious-in-talk-on-budget-climate-change/> Looking for ways you can help? The last paragraph here includes an important link to make your voice heard. The panelists acknowledged the Navy League's support during challenging times, so let's continue to advocate for our Sea Services as budget issues loom!

Panelist Coast Guard Adm. Scott Buschman, the Atlantic Area commander, conveyed how many organizations, including the Navy League, stepped up to ensure the Coast Guard had extra support during the shutdown. "I hope that doesn't happen again because it was a very stressful time for our women and men," Buschman said, a sentiment echoed by Navy Vice Adm. Bruce Lindsey, deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command. "We should never, ever do that again," Lindsey added.

Regarding continuing resolutions, panelists mentioned the challenges involved with leadership not having the authority to move budgets around, even as little as 5% of the total operation budget. "It would be really nice if [Fleet Forces Commander] Adm. Grady had the authority to move less than 5% of the total operating budget without having to approach Congress," he said. That would amount to \$480 million — a substantial amount to make a difference. Grady "needs that authority," Lindsey said.

Another panelist, Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Mark Brilakis, commander of Forces Command, said stability in resources is critical to managing programs in the pipeline. "A budget's a budget. Congress appropriates money and ... you have a problem trying to push dollars around. I've had to cancel exercises this year because we don't have the funds to complete the schedule," Brilakis said. He predicted there would be a continuing resolution this fall based on his years of experience. "The sequester was a bad law, and everyone thought it'd get fixed," Brilakis said.

The Navy League remains concerned about uncertain budgets and a potential defense budget decrease in FY 2020 at a time of emerging threats, particularly with recent actions of Iran, Russia, and China. Please make your voice heard! Visit <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/59994/> Respond to contact your representation quickly and easily.

DAVID NISLEIT**San Diego Police Department Chief of Police**

David Nisleit was promoted to the City of San Diego's 35th Chief of Police on March 2, 2018. Chief Nisleit oversees the eighth largest police department in the nation. He is a native San Diegan and grew up in the Rolando Community. Chief Nisleit is a graduate of the University of Redlands, Master's Degree in Business Management. In December of 2014, Chief Nisleit graduated from the FBI National Academy, FBINA #258.



Chief Nisleit comes from a law enforcement family and has a legacy with the San Diego Police Department. His father, Randy Nisleit, served over 35 years with the Department and retired as a Captain in 1999. Following in his father's footsteps, Chief Nisleit began his career with the San Diego Police Department in February 1988. His son, Ryan Nisleit, recently graduated from the San Diego Police Academy and is currently a patrol officer.

David has worked many of the Department's patrol commands and has extensive investigative experience. His prior assignments include Assistant Chief of Patrol Operations, Watch Commanders Office, Headquarters Front Counter, Homeless Outreach Team, Special Operations, Investigations II (Robbery, Gangs, and Homicide), field lieutenant, SWAT, Special Events, Narcotic Team 10, Sex Crimes, and Internal Affairs. David served as a liaison to the Downtown Redevelopment Agency, Crime Commission, Community Relations Officers, LEAPS, Police Historical Association, Labor Relations, Gang Commission, San Diego Police Foundation, and the Chief's Community Advisory Board.

Chief Nisleit has assisted in the security planning for several large events in San Diego such as the Super Bowl, Comic-Con, Rock n Roll Marathon, Balboa Park December Nights, LGBT Pride, International Association Chiefs of Police Convention, yearly holiday events and other major conferences.

Chief Nisleit is a member of the San Diego County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Police Executive Research Forum, International Association of Chiefs of Police, STAR/PAL, SANDAG, and the SWAT Association. He has received numerous awards and citations throughout his career which has included a Congressional Recognition in 2008.

Chief Nisleit is also a professor of criminal justice at the University of San Diego and Alliant University.

In his spare time, Chief Nisleit enjoys running, cycling, golf and spending time with his wife, three kids, and grandson.

Welcome Home

USS Mobile Bay (CG-53)



FIRST MARINE IN VIETNAM AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR

1st Lt. Frank Reasoner

(September 16, 1937 - July 12, 1965)

Viet Cong ambush Company A of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, led by U.S.M.C. Lt. Frank Reasoner of Kellogg, Idaho. The Marines had been on a sweep of a suspected Viet Cong area to deter any enemy activity aimed at the nearby airbase at Da Nang.



Reasoner and the five-man point team he was accompanying were cut off from the main body of the company. He ordered his men to lay down a base of fire and then, repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, killed two Viet Cong, single-handedly wiped out an enemy machine gun emplacement, and raced through enemy fire to rescue his injured radio operator. Trying to rally his men, Reasoner was hit by enemy machine gun fire and was killed instantly. For this action, Reasoner was nominated for America's highest award for valor. When Navy Secretary Paul H. Nitze presented the Medal of Honor to Reasoner's widow and son in ceremonies at the Pentagon on January 31, 1967, he spoke of Reasoner's willingness to die for his men: "Lieutenant Reasoner's complete disregard for his own welfare will long serve as an inspiring example to others." Lieutenant Reasoner was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor for action in Vietnam.

History.com Editors, <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/first-marine-wins-medal-of-honor>

for service as set forth in the following...

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. The reconnaissance patrol led by 1st Lt. Reasoner had deeply penetrated heavily controlled enemy territory when it came under extremely heavy fire from an estimated 50 to 100 Viet Cong insurgents. Accompanying the advance party and the point that consisted of 5 men, he immediately deployed his men for an assault after the Viet Cong had opened fire from numerous concealed positions. Boldly shouting encouragement, and virtually isolated from the main body, he organized a base of fire for an assault on the enemy positions. The slashing fury of the Viet Cong machinegun and automatic weapons fire made it impossible for the main body to move forward. Repeatedly exposing himself to the devastating attack he skillfully provided covering fire, killing at least 2 Viet Cong and effectively silencing an automatic weapons position in a valiant attempt to effect evacuation of a wounded man. As casualties began to mount his radio operator was wounded and 1st Lt. Reasoner immediately moved to his side and tended his wounds. When the radio operator was hit a second time while attempting to reach a covered position, 1st Lt. Reasoner courageously running to his aid through the grazing machinegun fire fell mortally wounded. His indomitable fighting spirit, valiant leadership and unflinching devotion to duty provided the inspiration that was to enable the patrol to complete its mission without further casualties. In the face of almost certain death he gallantly gave his life in the service of his country. His actions upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.

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

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

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

Nelson Alvarez	Gevorg Movsisyan
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Raytheon	28 years
San Diego Padres	22 years

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