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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

I start this letter with another round of many thanks to our volunteers. In particular, Jay Rindler, our Council Operation Welcome Home Program Lead. Jay and his team continues to do a phenomenal job to make sure Navy League is there to help the families and friends of our Navy and Marine Corps personnel when they return from deployment. Most recently they welcomed back the USS MAKIN ISLAND Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) from their 7 month deployment.



June is another significant month in military history and the Navy, especially Naval Aviation, ensures the Battle of Midway, one of the significant turning points in the World War II Pacific Campaign, receives the appropriately level of remembrance. It is always a special occasion to celebrate this event and the heroic actions and sacrifices that made it a success. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of that fateful event when the role of Carrier Aviation was so crucial to the defeat of enemy forces.

We have a couple of milestones to acknowledge ourselves. Raytheon Corporation, one of our key sponsors, provided a check for \$5000.00 at our May Breakfast. This will go toward supporting many programs and recognition. I want to also thank RCP Block and Brick for their contribution to sponsor our recognition of the Navy Recruiters. Dave Grundies gathered the support of several Board of Directors and a few other Members to help run the administration of the International Frigate Working Group. This will help bring in some additional funds to support our programs. Lastly, RDML Yancey Lindsey, Commander Navy Region Southwest did a phenomenal job, as expected, speaking to our group and giving us great insight into the special efforts the Navy is making to keep us secure and looking forward into the future. It was also one of our best-attended Breakfast events.

On June 2nd we will have CAPT Joel Roos, Commanding Officer (C.O.) Naval Medical Center San Diego, will be our Breakfast speaker. With all the concerns about medical care in this country, come and hear how the C.O. of one of the largest Military Medical Centers in the United States is making it all work for our active duty personnel, their families, and managing the care for the thousands of local retirees. Please come out to support the Breakfast and hear what CAPT Roos will tell us, and ask him questions.

As I close this message, I would like to offer hearty congratulations to this year's Alex Kreiglowa Scholarship winners, Jazmin Rio and Cassidy Davila.

I want also thank Ms. Yvonne Beaman, the former Scholarship VP of our Council's program, for doing such a fantastic job helping many special young people get the financial assistance. We are extremely grateful for her support.

Breakfast Meeting June 2, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Joel Andrew Roos
Commanding Officer,
Naval Medical Center San Diego

“Our citizens can now rejoice that a momentous victory is in the making. Perhaps we will be forgiven if we claim we are about midway to our objective.”

— Admiral Chester Nimitz, United States Pacific Fleet Admiral, June 1942 on the battle of Midway

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ON THIS DATE IN...

JUNE

June 1, 1813 – HMS *Shannon* captures USS *Chesapeake*, Capt James Lawrence lay mortally wounded and ordered "Tell the men to fire faster! Don't give up the ship!"

June 4, 1934 – USS *Ranger*, the first ship designed from the keel up as a carrier, is commissioned at Norfolk, VA.

June 4, 1942 – The Battle of Midway begins.

June 6, 1944 – In Operation Overload, Allied invasion fleet comprised of over 2700 ships and craft, land troops on Normandy beaches, the largest amphibious landing in history.

June 8, 1990 – CDR Rosemary Mariner becomes the first Navy women to command a fleet jet aircraft squadron.

June 8, 1995 – A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS *Kearsarge* rescued downed U.S. Air Force pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

June 9, 1959 – Launching of USS *George Washington* (SSBN-598), the first nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, at Groton, CT.

June 10, 1854 – U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, holds the first formal graduation exercises.

June 11, 1941 – Amendment to act creating Coast Guard provided, "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."

June 12, 1948 – The Women's Armed Forces Integration Act provides for enlistment and appointment of women in the Naval Reserve.

June 12, 1961 – President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA.

June 14, 1774 – **HAPPY 243rd BIRTHDAY U. S. ARMY!!!**

June 14, 1777 – Continental Congress adopts the design of the present U.S. flag.

June 15, 1917 – Congress passed and President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the Espionage Act, authorizing the Treasury Secretary to assume control of U.S. ports, control ship movements, establish anchorages and supervise the loading a storage of explosive cargoes. The authority was immediately delegated to the Coast Guard.

June 17, 1898 – **HAPPY 119th BIRTHDAY
NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS!!!**

June 18 – **FATHER'S DAY!!!**

June 22, 1977 – Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams introduced Ensign Beverly Kelley and Boatswain's Mate 3/C Debra Wilson as two of the first 14 women to be assigned to sea duty in the Coast Guard.

June 25, 1950 – Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea.

June 26, 1918 – BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely."

June 26, 1944 – LCDR Quentin R. Walsh and his small commando/reconnaissance unit forced the surrender of Fort du Homet, a Nazi stronghold at Cherbourg, France, and captured 300 German soldiers and liberated 50 U.S. paratroopers who had been captured on D-Day.

June 29, 1950 – USS *Juneau* fires the first naval shore bombardment of Korean Conflict.

Rhonda Berg-Johnsen has taken over for Yvonne.

We continue looking for more new members that will support our Council and help us bring more ways to help our Military and their families.

For those active volunteers who keep this Council moving forward and accomplishing the mission, THANK YOU!

There still is much work to do and we need you to pitch in. Get involved and you can make a difference!

Thank you—*Jon Berg-Johnsen*

RECOGNITIONS



John R. Rombach, the most recent graduate of the Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship, graduated from the University of Mississippi and is on his way to flight school as a 2nd Lieutenant of Marines.



VP Scholarships, Yvonne Beaman stands between Jazmin Rio on the left and Cassidy Davila on the right, our two 2017 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship winners. Jazmin is joined by parents Reynaldo & Monica Rio and Cassidy is joined by her parents Ricardo and Trina Davila.

RECOGNITIONS



Elsa Perez, Office Manager & AFSSO for T-Solutions, Inc., is presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen for her administrative assistance in making the International Frigate Working Group a success. Congratulations Elsa!



VP Sea Services Bob Berman congratulates EM2 Eric Costa for being selected as the Coast Guard Sector San Diego Enlisted Person of the Quarter.



(l-r) Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; Navy Recruiting District Recruiter of the Quarter DC1(SW) Dwight D. Hale; RDML Yancy Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest; awards sponsor RCP Block & Brick representative Evan Finch and VP Sea Services Bob Berman. Missing from the photo is EMN1(SW) Joel Shepper, Navy Recruiting District Support Billet of the Quarter.



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents RDML Yancy Lindsey a copy of The Navy League History book for being our May breakfast guest speaker.

INTERNATIONAL FRIGATE WORKING GROUP (IFWG)

BY: DAVE GRUNDIES



The participants of the 2017 International Frigate Working Group pose with Rear Admiral John Ailes, USN Director Fleet Readiness Division, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (center).

The twelve countries (Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan and Turkey) that operate the Oliver Hazard Perry Frigate, the former American FFG Warship, met in San Diego April 27- May 5 to discuss operating, supporting and maintaining this venerable weapons platform.

The NAVSEA 21 sponsored event was hosted by The San Diego Council of Navy League (SDNL) at The Admiral Kidd Catering Center. Capt. Dave Grundies, USN (Ret.) was the OinC and was assisted by Phyllis Barber who produced the attendees' Name Tags, Jay Rindler, Joan Mitchell, Jim Bonner, Tony Johnson, Lorraine Santirosa, Beverly Smith and Bruce Renne all manned the Navy League table. Bob Berman photographed the event, and Father Victor Krulak "blessed the mess".

This event is held every year, alternating between East and West US Coasts and The European Continent. We thank the following Companies who supported IFWG '17: AECOM, AGI, BAE Systems, CACI, CDI Marine Company LLC, CSRA, Dresser-Rand, Energy Focus, GDIT, GET Engineering Corp., Harris - Reconnaissance & Maritime EW, HAVELSAN, IXI Technology, Lockheed Martin, MTU Aero Maintenance, North America, Northrop Grumman, Quality Performance Inc., Quantum 3D, SAAB North America, Inc., THALES, VSE Corp.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
COUNCIL CHALET | MCAS MIRAMAR

More information to follow!

SAVE THE DATE

THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY

Six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States defeated Japan in one of the most decisive naval battles of World War II. Thanks in part to major advances in code breaking, the United States was able to preempt and counter Japan's planned ambush of its few remaining aircraft carriers, inflicting permanent damage on the Japanese Navy. An important turning point in the Pacific campaign, the victory allowed the United States and its allies to move into an offensive position.

This fleet engagement between U.S. and Japanese navies in the north-central Pacific Ocean resulted from Japan's desire to sink the American aircraft carriers that had escaped destruction at Pearl Harbor. Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku, Japanese fleet commander, chose to invade a target relatively close to Pearl Harbor to draw out the American fleet, calculating that when the United States began its counterattack, the Japanese would be prepared to crush them. Instead, an American intelligence breakthrough—the solving of the Japanese fleet codes—enabled Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to understand the exact Japanese plans. Nimitz placed available U.S. carriers in position to surprise the Japanese moving up for their preparatory air strikes on Midway Island itself.

The intelligence interplay would be critical to the outcome of the battle and began many weeks before the clash of arms. American radio nets in the Pacific picked up various orders Yamamoto had dispatched to prepare his forces for the operation. As early as May 2, messages that were intercepted began to indicate some forthcoming operation, and a key fact, the planned day-of-battle position of the Japanese carriers, would be divulged in a notice sent on May 16. By the time Nimitz had to make final decisions, the Japanese plans and order of battle had been reconstructed in considerable detail.

American combat forces took over where intelligence efforts left off. Scouts found the Japanese early in the morning of June 4. Although initial strikes by Midway-based planes were



Torpedo Squadron Six (VT-6) TBD-1 aircraft are prepared for launching on USS Enterprise (CV-6) at about 0730-0740 hrs, 4 June 1942. Eleven of the fourteen TBDs launched from Enterprise are visible. Three more TBDs and ten F4F fighters must still be pushed into position before launching can begin. The TBD in the left front is Number Two (Bureau # 1512), flown by Ensign Severin L. Rombach and Aviation Radioman 2nd Class W.F. Glenn. Along with eight other VT-6 aircraft, this plane and its crew were lost attacking Japanese aircraft carriers somewhat more than two hours later. USS Pensacola (CA-24) is in the right distance and a destroyer is in plane guard position at left. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives.

not successful, American carrier-based planes turned the tide. Torpedo bombers became separated from the American dive-bombers and were slaughtered (36 of 42 shot down), but they diverted Japanese defenses just in time for the dive-bombers to arrive; some of them had become lost, and now by luck they found the Japanese. The Japanese carriers were caught while refueling and rearming their planes, making them especially vulnerable. The Americans sank four fleet carriers—the entire strength of the task force—Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, and Hiryu, with 322 aircraft and over five thousand sailors. The Japanese also lost the heavy cruiser Mikuma. American losses included 147 aircraft and more than three hundred seamen.

Analysts often point to Japanese aircraft losses at Midway as eliminating the power of the Imperial Navy's air arm, but in fact about two-thirds of air crews survived. More devastating was the loss of trained mechanics and aircraft ground crews who went down with the ships. Some historians see Midway as the turning point in the Pacific theater of the war, after which Americans rode straight to Tokyo; others view it as a cusp in the war, after which initiative hung in the balance, to swing toward the Allies in the Guadalcanal campaign. Either way, Midway ranks as a truly decisive battle.

John Prados

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Battle of Midway Combat Narrative, 75th Anniversary Edition
Download courtesy of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/wars-conflicts-and-operations/world-war-ii/1942/midway.html>

Welcome Home

HMH-465 "Warhorse" | MALS-16 Detachment C | HSC-21. Detachment A | TACTRON 11
USS Makin Island (LHD-8) | USS Somerset (LPD-25) | USS Comstock (LSD-45)
USS Alexandria, (SSN-757) | VMM (rein) 163 "Evil Eyes" | MALS-16 Det | ACU-5 | 11th MEU
1st Bn. 4th Marines | 11th Combat Logistics Bn (Det1) | Beach Master Unit One (Det A)



Captain Joel Andrew Roos**Commanding Officer,
Naval Medical Center San Diego**

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Captain Joel Roos holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Davis, an M.D. from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Medicine, an MBA from Brenau University, and a Masters in Healthcare Delivery Science from Dartmouth College. CAPT Roos is trained in Undersea Medicine and Emergency Medicine and is a fellow of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.



In 1990 Roos reported to Submarine Group 7 in Yokosuka, Japan, where he earned his Submarine Medical Officer Qualification. Roos then transferred to Submarine Squadron 3 to provide similar expertise to the San Diego submarine and diving community. After completing his Emergency Medicine Residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 1998 he remained on faculty, serving as the Emergency Department Research Director.

In 2002 Roos transferred to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, to serve as the Chairman of Emergency Medicine. In 2004 he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as the Officer in Charge of a 12-bed medical facility. While deployed, he developed a unified emergency medical service plan for all Kuwait Military bases and universal mass casualty plan for the U.S. State Department.

In 2005 Roos was appointed by the Navy Surgeon General as the Navy Emergency Medicine Specialty Leader where he positively impacted satisfaction and retention among the Emergency Medicine community, and was instrumental in the transition of Navy Medicine's wartime global deployment process. In 2007 Roos served as the Director for Primary Care and Branch Health Clinics at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

In 2009 Roos assumed the duties as the Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego, where he supervised a staff of 6,200 personnel, leading the command in the achievement of several significant milestones. In 2011 Roos became the Deputy Chief, Navy Medical Corps at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, providing senior oversight and mentorship of the Navy Medical Corps to include medical policy development, graduate medical education and physician recruitment.

In January 2013 Roos assumed Command of the Navy Medicine Training Support Center in San Antonio, Texas, providing education and training support for 600 staff and more than 6000 initial entry, advanced technical and professional students per year.

In 2014 Roos transferred to Yokosuka, Japan as the Fleet Surgeon, Commander Seventh Fleet. In this role, he is responsible for operational medical planning and execution, plus theater security cooperation engagements throughout the Western Pacific.

His personal awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three Gold Stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one Gold Star, plus unit commendations and awards.

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Membership

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

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

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

Jeremiah Albritton	Kasia Collins
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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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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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