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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

June is a month of significant sea services historic events, however one stands out perhaps more others, certainly for the U.S. Navy. From December 1941 through early 1942 the campaigns in the Pacific were not going well for the United States. A Marine intelligence officer would become the center point of the biggest maritime successes at the time, and turning the Pacific War effort from something near desperate to a major gain in advantage. For those that have not guessed yet, I am referring to the Battle of Midway. It was such a pivotal event many say it changed the complete aspect of the War in the Pacific. The Navy marks that event each year with reverence and celebration. Fittingly the USS Midway Museum is the site of the largest venue in San Diego to pay respects to those that survived the Battle and mark it with appropriate dignity and fanfare.



June promises to be another exciting month, kicking off on 1 June with our Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. Please sign up to attend. Our guest speaker will be Commodore Kevin Kennedy, Commander Helicopter Sea Combat (HSC) Wing U.S. Pacific Fleet. The helicopter has played a significant role in the Navy since the early 1950s, and this is a great opportunity to learn about the missions of the HSC Community and how their MH-60S "Knighthawk" helicopters continue a proud tradition of supplying combat capability and play a critical role in a wide variety of missions.

Looking back at May, our Homecoming group led by Jay Rindler was very busy assisting families with welcoming their Sailors and Marines from Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group, and Bon Homme Richard back to San Diego. We also provide support for JROTC programs, and recognized multiple Sailors and Marines for their accomplishments during Quarterly ceremonies. During our 4 May Breakfast meeting we recognized one of our Senior Enlisted Women of the Year (EWOY) selectee, ABH1 Shawneequa Joyner from USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70). She was on deployment when the actual EWOY event occurred in March. Over 20 shipmates from the ship along with her spouse joined in an inspiring event when she was given her certificate and plaque marking her selection as the Senior San Diego Sea Services EWOY.

We were also fortunate to have VADM Miller, Commander Naval Air Forces, speak at the May 4th Breakfast. He provided the audience a rundown of his priorities and focus areas, and responded to many questions on the future of Naval Aviation and addressed some current challenges. Lastly, Tony Johnson, our Council's 1st VP, coordinated a fantastic tour of the USS Independence (LCS-2). Our sincere thanks to CDR Emily Cathey, Commanding Officer, for making the ship available, and our tour guide, Command Master Chief Johnson, for a superb and rare inside the lifelines look at one of the most unique and versatile ships in the Navy.

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Breakfast Meeting

June 1, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Commodore Kevin Kennedy
U.S. Navy
Helicopter Sea Combat Wing,
U.S. Pacific Fleet

“The flag stands for all that we hold dear—freedom, democracy, government of the people, by the people and for the people.”

— Henry Cabot Lodge 1915

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RECOGNITIONS



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents VADM DeWolfe Miller, III Commander, Naval Air Forces/Commander, Naval Air Force, US Pacific Fleet, a Navy League History book for being our May breakfast meeting guest speaker.



Council members and friends toured the USS Independence (LCS 2) on May 9th. Special thanks to CDR Emily Cathey, Commanding Officer USS Independence and her crew for making the tour an outstanding success.



San Diego Naval Sea Services Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year, ABH1 Shawneequa Joyner stands surrounded by her mentors, USS Carl Vinson shipmates and VADM DeWolfe Miller, III Commander, Naval Air Forces/Commander, Naval Air Force, US Pacific Fleet.



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents San Diego Naval Sea Services Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year ABH1 Shawneequa Joyner her plaque to commemorate her selection as the San Diego Naval Sea Services Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I mentioned in last month's Newsletter, we did select two students for the Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship. Look for the short article in this newsletter with some information about the two students selected. We hope to at have at least one of them attend an upcoming breakfast to introduce them and congratulate them in person with their families before they leave for college.

I want to reiterate the Council's sincere thanks to our Sponsors, Community/Corporate Affiliates, and individual donors for their generous support of our recognition events and other special occasions are what allow our Council to accomplish its goals and carry out its mission. We are always grateful for their support.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and please consider volunteering to support our events. You can send an email with your questions about what events you can support to our Executive Director, Jay Lott, at jay@navyleague-sd.com

Thank you

Jon Berg-Johnsen, President

BREAKFAST SPEAKER

JUNE 1, 2018

Commodore Kevin Kennedy U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Captain Kevin "BUFF" Kennedy graduated from Tulane University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and was designated a Naval Aviator in November 1994. He earned a Master in Maritime Studies Degree from the University of Wollongong in 2007.

Captain Kennedy's operational assignments include Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 14, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2, HS-2 and HS-15. He has over 3,000 flight hours in the H-60F/H/S. Captain Kennedy commanded HS-15 and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25.

His shore assignments include tours as a flight instructor with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron TEN (HS-10), the H-60F/H Fleet Replacement Squadron; as a Weapons and Tactics Instructor with the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Wing Pacific Weapons School; Operations Team Four at the National Military Command Center in the Operations Directorate on the Joint Staff; Operations and Plans Division (OPNAV N31); and as the Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic Expeditionary Helicopter Boss at Naval Central Command. He is a 2006 graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College in Canberra, Australia.

Captain Kennedy's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (Strike/Flight award), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various other unit commendations and service medals.



ON THIS DATE IN...

JUNE

June 1, 1946 – The Coast Guard returned to operation under the Treasury Department after the end of World War II.

June 4, 1942 – Battle of Midway (4-6 June) begins; during battle, the 4 Japanese carriers which attacked Pearl Harbor are sunk; this decisive U.S. victory is a turning point in the Pacific war.

June 6, 1944 – In Operation Overlord, Allied invasion fleet (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 woman to command a fleet jet aircraft squadron.

June 8, 1995 – A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable, stationed on board the USS *Kearsarge* rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, 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 its first formal graduation exercises.

June 11, 1941 – Amendment to the act creating the Coast Guard (Jan 28, 1915) 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, "at all time during the day and night."

June 14th – FLAG DAY!!! *Fly your flag proudly!!*

**June 14 – HAPPY 244th BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES ARMY!!!**

**June 17 – HAPPY 120th BIRTHDAY
NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS!!!**

June 17 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

June 21 – First day of summer.

June 21, 1945 – Okinawa declared secure after the most costly naval campaign in history.

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. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured.

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 capture 300 German Soldiers and liberated 50 U.S. paratroopers who had been captured on D-Day.

VIDA: What It Is and Why The Navy League Supports It

VIDA, or the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA), would provide a needed balance between protecting the environment and providing sensible regulatory relief for maritime commerce. VIDA would exempt ships' ballast water from Clean Water Act oversight under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states' regulations regarding the ballast water and leave the authority to the Coast Guard. This is an important topic because ships often take in water at ports to help balance and provide stability on their journeys, which is then discharged at other ports. With the Coast Guard as the main authority overseeing waterways in ports, they are best equipped to regulate ballast. The Navy League is urging Congress to pass the VIDA Bill and allow the Coast Guard to continue to play an essential role in preventing marine pollution and maintaining the current robust federal standard. With a vote coming soon, follow the latest developments on twitter with the #VIDAisVital hashtag or by following The Navy League at <https://twitter.com/NavyLeagueUS>.

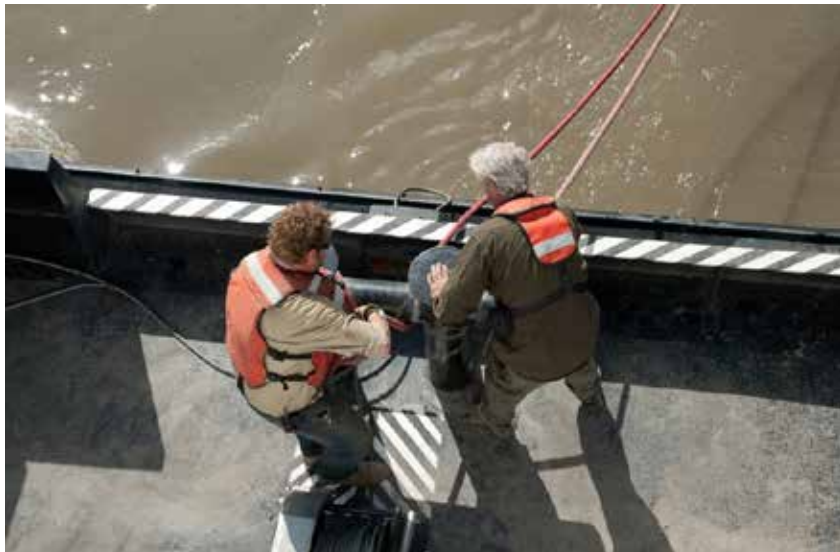


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Operators (AWO) National
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ALEXANDER KREIGLOWA SCHOLARSHIPBY: RHONDA BERG-JOHNSEN, VP SCHOLARSHIPS

**San Diego Council selects 2018
Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship recipients!**

Retired Chief Alexander Kreiglowa had a vision of providing funds for high school students that are dependents of Navy or Marine Corps Active Duty, Retired or deceased service members and a resident of California to help support their college education. Through the San Diego Council of the Navy League of the United States, up to \$15,000 per year can be provided to selected students.

On April 28, the Council Scholarship selection committee reviewed many highly qualified candidates and chose two students who will be awarded funding.

Congratulation to **Kurtis Lamore** of Oceanside, CA, attending El Camino High School; and **Elizabeth Martens** of Oxnard, CA attending Oxnard High School! Kurtis will be attending University of California Berkeley and Elizabeth will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder.



**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.

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).



243RD

NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL ***

The San Diego Council of the Navy League is a Proud Sponsor of the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball!

San Diego Council

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL & MARINA, 1380 HARBOR ISLAND DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

TIME	<p>5:30 PM: COCKTAILS</p> <p>6:30 PM: DINNER & PROGRAM</p> <p>9:30 PM: DANCING</p>	NEW THIS YEAR	<p>EARLY BIRD PRICING, MAY 1-JUNE 30</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>E4 AND BELOW</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$30</td></tr> <tr><td>E5-E6</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$45</td></tr> <tr><td>01-02 AND E7-E9</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$70</td></tr> <tr><td>03-04 AND CWO</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$80</td></tr> <tr><td>05-06</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$90</td></tr> <tr><td>CIVILIAN/FLAG OFFICERS</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$95</td></tr> </table>	E4 AND BELOW	\$30	E5-E6	\$45	01-02 AND E7-E9	\$70	03-04 AND CWO	\$80	05-06	\$90	CIVILIAN/FLAG OFFICERS	\$95
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ATTIRE	<p>CIVILIAN: BLACK TIE</p> <p>O4 & SENIOR: DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET</p> <p>E1-03: DINNER DRESS BLUE (WITH MINIATURE MEDALS)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET (OPTIONAL)</p>														

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“RAGGED OLD FLAG” | Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square
On a park bench, an old man was sittin' there.
I said, "Your old court house is kinda run down,
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town".
I said, "Your old flag pole is leaned a little bit,
And that's a ragged old flag you got hangin' on it".
He said, "Have a seat", and I sat down,
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town"
I said, "I think it is"
He said "I don't like to brag, but we're kinda proud of
That Ragged Old Flag

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there,
When Washington took it across the Delaware.
and It got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it,
writing "Say Can You See"
It got a rip in New Orleans, with Packingham & Jackson
tugging at its seams.
and It almost fell at the Alamo
beside the Texas flag,
But she waved on though.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville,
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee and Beauregard and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard on
That Ragged Old Flag

"On Flanders Field in World War I,
She got a big hole from a Bertha Gun,
She turned blood red in World War II
She hung limp, and low, a time or two,
She was in Korea, Vietnam, She went where she was sent
by her Uncle Sam.

She waved from our ships upon the briny foam
and now they've about quit wavin' back here at home
in her own good land here She's been abused,
She's been burned, dishonored, denied an' refused,
And the government for which she stands
Has been scandalized throughout out the land.
And she's getting thread bare, and she's wearin' thin,
But she's in good shape, for the shape she's in.
Cause she's been through the fire before
and i believe she can take a whole lot more.

"So we raise her up every morning
And we bring her down slow every night,
We don't let her touch the ground,
And we fold her up right.

On second thought
I DO LIKE TO BRAG,
BECAUSE I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF
THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG!

Welcome Home

USS Theodora Roosevelt ((CVN-71) | USS Bunker Hill (CG-52)
USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) | USS Lake Champlain (CG-57)
HSM-79 Det. A | HMH-466 | MAL-16 Det C



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Membership

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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.

June 1, 2018

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

Christopher Atkins	Eun Kang
Tim Ayoub	Ryan Kang
Tina Barbuto	Aleksey Lavrinenko
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Karen Elmore	Allen Ramirez
Yolanda English	Tracy Sanders
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6 years

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15 years

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