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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

I want to start out by thanking all of our volunteers who have stepped up to support our events. February kicked off our Monthly Breakfast meetings for 2017 and what an action packed event it was! We celebrated our Community Affiliate of the Year for 2016 by presenting Mr. Robert "Brick" Nelson or Northrop Grumman a special Desk Chronometer for all their support in 2016. Next, Ms. Phyllis Barber of Homefront San Diego accepted a very generous check in the amount of \$12,000.00 from Dave Ferguson and Don Willis from the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary during their Holes for Heroes Golf Tournament.



Bob Berman, VP Sea Services, recognized our local Navy Recruiters of the Quarter and Marine Drill Instructors of the Quarter. Many thanks to sponsors First Command and Sans Diego Gas & Electric that funded the gift cards for our honored service members.

Finally, we had a fantastic presentation by Colonel Chris Ellinger, Director of Operations and Training, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific Fleet. He really set the bar high for those speakers that follow, and met every aspect of the Navy League's Mission and our Council's commitment to inform the public about the Sea Services.

I also want to add my sincere thanks to Jay Rindler, Bob Berman, Melanie Lang, Ray Robeson and Warren Savage for volunteering to support the Council Booth at AFCEA WEST 2017 21-23 Feb. They did a great job spreading the word about Navy League and especially about our Council and all that we do. Hundreds of people came by and we have likely added a few more people to the Council's Membership!

Speaking of Volunteers, I am asking all of our Council Board of Directors and Members to step up to support our Programs for this year. We have many openings for Committee Chairs and other volunteers to help. The Council Air Show Chalet, Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon, and Spouse of the Year Events are just a few that need Committee Chairs and general volunteers to help. Worried about having enough time to support? These events do not require a large amount of time if you cannot provide it but even the littlest level of your effort will make a difference, especially if we have a few good people step up and actively support

We can give you nearly as much responsibility or support as you desire. The main thing to remember is this is about our Sea Service personnel and their families. One thing to keep in mind is we have a strong history of success with these events and a template that should be used to make it continue that success. We are open for new ideas, and will make sure we have time to work those. This organization's reputation is on the line and we want to be sure every volunteer is given the best chance to succeed.

Breakfast Meeting March 3, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Garcia

USS RAFAEL PERALTA (DDG-115)

Commissioning Committee
Co-Chairman

“The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years.”

— James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy
23 February 1945

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ON THIS DATE IN...

MARCH

Mar 1, 2003 – Administrative control of the Coast Guard transferred to the newly created Department of Homeland Security from the Department of Transportation, where it had served since 1 April 1967.

Mar 2 – HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY

CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS!!!

Mar 2, 1973 – Women begin pilot training in the U.S. Navy.

Mar 3 – HAPPY 146th BIRTHDAY

NAVY MEDICAL CORPS!!!

Mar 3, 1915 – Office of the Chief of Naval Operations is established.

Mar 4, 1977 – ENS Janna Lambine, USCG, graduated from naval aviation training at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL, becoming the Coast Guard's first female aviator.

Mar 5, 1942 – The name "SEABEES" and its insignia are officially authorized.

Mar 7, 1958 – Commissioning of USS *Grayback*, the first submarine built from keel up with guided missile capability, to fire Regulus II missile.

Mar 7, 1994 – Navy issues the first orders to women assigned aboard combat ship, USS *Eisenhower*.

Mar 8, 1945 – Phyllis Daley becomes the first African-American Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Mar 8, 1965 – The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to the conflict.

Mar 9, 1996 – The first "all-Coast Guard" Ceremonial Honor Guard carried out a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mar 13, 1943 – The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA.

Mar 16, 1945 – Iwo Jima is declared secure.

Mar 17, 1967 – MSGT Barbara J. Dulinsky, became the first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty.

Mar 19, 1917 – Navy Department authorizes enrollment of women in Naval Reserve with ratings of yeoman, radio electrician or other essential ratings.

Mar 21, 1917 – Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman Navy Petty Officer when she was sworn in as Chief Yeoman.

Mar 22, 1917 – Third Lieutenant Elmer Stone, USCG became Naval Aviator #38, becoming the Coast Guards first aviator.

Mar 22, 2003 – Three Iraqi Sailors were captured in the northern Persian Gulf, the first POW's taken by Coast Guard forces deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mar 29, 1975 – Evacuation of DaNang by the sea began.

Mar 31, 1801 – On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on."

We have a fairly large number Council Members that we also need to have step up and support with Enlisted Women of the Year (EWOY) event and most importantly help out our EWOY Committee Chair, Tony Johnson, with reading the nomination packages and help pick the winners. It is a truly rewarding process and you can play a very important role in this event by spending a couple of hours of your time to help.

Closing out my Volunteer theme, I need to remind people that our Council Board of Directors is comprised of Volunteers. Many organizations and especially non-profits like ours in particular, volunteering is a key part of making our Board and Council functional. I recognize we have many people associated with this Council that have played important roles in the past and contributed much, including personal time and funds, but that doesn't get the events accomplished today or this year.

I call for all members to sign up onto a Committee and take an active role.

There is one bit of Council business to let make you all aware. We need to increase the Breakfast meeting fee to \$25.00 for Members and \$30 for non-members. If we want to have these Breakfast meetings continue we must raise fees. Beginning with the April 5th Breakfast meeting the cost will go up. The Breakfast meetings are a key event that helps us inform not only our own group, but most importantly, inform the public and provides the recognition of some unsung Navy and Marines Corps enlisted personnel to include Recruiters and Drill Instructors.

So, to 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*



(l-r) Past Council President Dave Grundies, Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson and Welcome Home Chair, Jay Rindler at the AFCEA West 2017 Convention.

RECOGNITIONS



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents CS1(SW/AW) Adam R. Fletcher, the 3d Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year, a plaque acknowledging his achievement.



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents Col Christian Ellinger, Director, Operations and Training, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific a council ball cap for being our February guest speaker.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents LN1(IW) Kashetah L. Bedford, the 3d Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year, a plaque acknowledging her achievement.



(l-r) Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; VP Sea Services, Bob Berman; SSgt Joshua S. Glotzbecker, Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Sgt David R. Jenkins, Drill Instructor of the Quarter and First Command Financial Planning awards sponsor representative, Chris Churchill.



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents Robert "Brick" Nelson a small token of the council's appreciation for Northrop Grumman's selection as the council's 2016 Community Affiliate of the Year. Thank you for all your support.



Dave Ferguson, (l) and Don Willis (r) flank Mary Ann Tanner, Homefront San Diego and Phyllis Barber, VP Homefront San Diego and present Homefront San Diego with a, \$12,000 check raised by the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary during their Holes for Heroes Golf Tournament.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen and council member Max Shell flank AWW1(NAC/AW) David W. Matuska, Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific's Shore Sailor of the Year and AWR1(NAC/AW/SW) William S. Stevens Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific's Sea Sailor of the Year.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen and council member Max Shell flank AM1(AW) Jason A. Robinson, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet's Shore Sailor of the Year and IC1(SW) Brent T. Schermerhorn, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet's Sea Sailor of the Year.



(l-r) VP Sea Services, Bob Berman; EM1(SW/AW) Recto L. Elizaga, Jr., Recruiter of the Quarter; NC1(AW) Ivan F. Bermudez, Jr., Support Billet of the Quarter and council President Jon Berg-Johnsen. The awards were sponsored by San Diego Gas & Electric.



San Diego Council



2017 Enlisted Women of the Year

March 23, 2017

Town & Country Convention Center 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company (for table sponsorship) _____

Address: _____

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

_____ Table Sponsor: \$400 (Four seats for my use)

_____ Flower Sponsor: \$300

_____ Individual tickets: \$40

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

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

NEW FIGHT AGAINST SEQUESTRATION

The Bipartisan Budget Act, which raised the spending caps imposed by the Budget Control Act or sequestration, expires in fiscal year 2018. With Republican majorities in both chambers, there is reason to be cautiously optimistic about raising the caps or even a repeal. However, if the caps stay in place, the Fiscal Year 2018 defense budget will be \$549 billion, 19% less than what was projected before sequestration. Under sequestration, deployment lengths increased, training was reduced, and repair work was delayed. This combination of threats and limited resources could result in the sea services taking on additional and dangerous risk in order to execute the National Security Strategy. Let your Congressman and Senators know that you oppose sequestration. The Navy League has relaunched the campaign, and by visiting the website you can message your members of Congress here: <http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=81845>

SUMMARY OF NAVY LEAGUE FY17 & FY18 PRIORITIES

Our Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are facing a crisis due to budget restrictions and a high operational tempo. The Navy is the smallest in almost a century, the Marine Corps must recapitalize and transition back to a maritime domain after over a decade engaged in a land war, and the Coast Guard Cutter fleet is being recapitalized at the same time the need for new icebreakers is more urgent than ever. Arbitrary budget restrictions during this critical time are dangerous to our national security and economy. In support of the recently updated Force Structure Assessment (FSA) assessment, the Navy League's own Maritime Policy Statement, USNI analysis and discussions with Sea Services leaders, the Navy League supports the following:

- Raising the defense budget caps by repealing the Budget Control Act
- A fleet of 355 ships, as directed by the Force Structure Assessment
- Stable budgets each year, including a new appropriation bill for the remainder of FY2017

The Navy League recommends:

- Increasing the shipbuilding budget to \$26B to achieve a fleet of at least 355 ships
- Increasing operations and maintenance funds
- Prioritizing the Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine program
- Protecting readiness
- Ensure a force size and operational tempo that supports at least a 1:2 deployment-to-dwell ratio

To view the executive summary of the FSA, please visit: http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/file/ILeOE8UnODJ/Navy%20Force%20Structure%20Assessment_Executive-Summary.pdf

The New Maritime Policy Statement is available for download at: <http://navyleague.org/files/legislativeaffairs/maritime-policy-statement.pdf>

In the words of Navy League's founder, President Teddy Roosevelt, "A good navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guarantee of peace."



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Membership

Mark Your Calendar...

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

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

March 3, 2017
April 7, 2017
May 5, 2017
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

Cara Bennett	Thomas McLamb
Benisba Brown	Jaime Miller
Vera Campion	Vicky Nelson
Diesha Chandler	Mary Nguyen
Lynn Coleman	Jae Park
Monique Davis	Loretta Pilgrim
Robyn Dobbs	Simone Reese
Lina Eavenson	Kate Pawluskiewicz
Nikitha Edmond	Dorresa Strange
Jacqueline Jackson	Jacquel Thomas
Laketta Johns	Judith Tucker
Kamal Kuchana	Mariesa Welcome
Jessica Lassiter	Brianna Wilcox
Dawn Marshall	Joneece Williams

* Life Members
@ New Community Affiliate

Husband & Wife Members
^ Student
+ Active Duty Spouse

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Navy Federal Credit Union 17 years
Falkner Winery 13 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

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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.

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