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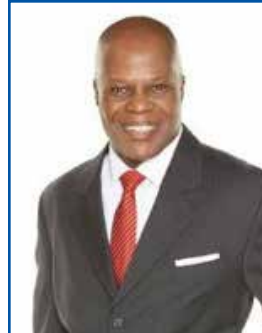
Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 49-03 | March 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello Fellow members,

February was a very robust month for our council. Not excluding others who worked behind the scenes to ensure everything went smoothly, I want to personally recognize, Bob Berman, Jay Rindler, Judi Adams, Rick Mitrovich, Tim Ney, Max Schell, Melanie Lang and Dave Grundies for the precious hours they volunteered this month to make our mission a success.



We presented a hundred Coast Guard Second Class Petty Officers and below commissary gift cards during the government shutdown. This was truly an honor to be able to support those service members in a time of need.

At our February monthly breakfast, the guest speaker was Captain Jerome White, SC, USN, of Defense Logistics Agency. He gave a marvelous presentation about how logistics play a major role in the war fighting capabilities of our forces today and in the future. As most of you know, wars and battles have been lost because of the lack of logical support; so, his briefing was very enlightening and insightful.

Warren Savage and I had the pleasure of recognizing our Sea Cadets (Challenger Division) at their annual awards dinner in Santee 2 February. They are in good hands with LT Shannon Ward and Chief Randy Griffith leading the way.

Gift Card and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the to the Sailors of the Year at the Naval Medical Center on 7 February, the Marines and Sailors of the Year and of the Quarter for the 3D Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on 12 February.

Once again, the Sailor of the Year programs for the Type Commanders (NAVAL AIR FORCE PACIFIC, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE PACIFIC, NAVAL SUBMARINE FORCE PACIFIC) and U.S. THIRD FLEET was excellent, and gave us the opportunity to recognize some of the outstanding Sailors from all around the Pacific. Roughly forty First Class Petty Officers and their spouses were treated to a full week of events that gave them exposure to different communities, enhanced their development as leaders, preparing them for more responsibility and accountability; and your council had a huge role in supporting that endeavor. Along with some of our community affiliates, we sponsored a luncheon for these Sailors on the MIDWAY museum and presented numerous awards to the ones who were selected to compete at the PACIFIC FLEET level; it was truly a remarkable week for all who participated! Thank you to Lockheed Martin, The Boeing Company, USAA and council member Michael Schell for their support in sponsoring these events.

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Breakfast Meeting

March 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

CAPTAIN SHANNON J. JOHNSON

Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego

“A Marine is never intimidated.”

— Tom Monaghan

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RECOGNITIONS



General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems Group (GA-EMS) President Scott Forney stands with RDML Daniel W. Dwyer, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine while being presented the Corporate Affiliate of the Year award by 2018 President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia Sea Cadets with Council President Tony Johnson (left rear) and Past National Vice President Warren Savage (left front).



Coast Guard Sector San Diego Enlisted Person of the Quarter, SN Kalani Beaver is flanked by (l-r) Council Tony Johnson, SN Loren Stouffer, SN Jose Hernandez and USAA awards representative David Dearie.



(l-r) Council Director Rick Mitrovich; Naval Medical Center San Diego's Senior Sailor of the Year, HM1 David Leyva; Sailor of the Year HM2 Joshua Tobar-Hanavan; Junior Sailor of the Year HM3 Dmoriss Taylor; Bluejacket of the Year HN Kacy Capra; Council President Tony Johnson and Council Director Tim Ney.



Council President Tony Johnson is presented a Certificate of Appreciation from LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC Commanding Officer Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia for the councils continuing support of the units.



After presenting them their awards, Director and Past Council President Dave Grundies stands with the MCRD San Diego, Marine of the Quarter, LCPL Malachi J. Miller and the MCRD San Diego NCO of the Quarter Miranda K. GarciaRivera.



Council President Tony Johnson presents CAPT Jerome R. White Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution San Diego a council ballcap for being our February guest speaker.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the same week, the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA WEST 2019,) conference was held at the San Diego convention center. WEST is the premier annual show and one of the largest for the Department of Defense and the industry held in San Diego. The U.S. Naval Institute graciously provided us with a booth and through the efforts of Jay Rindler at the lead, our Council had an opportunity to reach out and connect with government organizations and other non-profit organizations who support our military and their families and to educate them on our mission. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to staff the booth during the three-day period.

We are looking forward to assisting the U.S. Coast Guard with the commissioning of the new Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter (FRC) USCGC BENJAMIN BOTTOMS (WPC-1132) on 1 May 2019. Although the cutter will not be homeported in San Diego, the commissioning ceremony will be at the USCG station San Diego. The USCGC BENJAMIN BOTTOMS will be the 4th FRC to be stationed in Southern California. The cutter will be attached to Coast Guard District 11 and responsible for protecting the Southwestern region. More information on the commissioning will be coming and will soon be on our website.

Lastly, we are here to ensure the Council will carry on the mission of the Navy League, and you can be proud of the efforts of the incredible people who are volunteering their time to make sure that happens. Looking forward to having more people join us for these incredible events. If you would like to join in the events, please contact Jay Lott or myself.

Tony Johnson
President



Council Immediate Past President, Jon Berg-Johnsen is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Council President Tony Johnson, from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer for his 4 years of outstanding leadership as Council President.

ON THIS DATE IN...

MARCH

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

Mar 3, 1871 – **HAPPY 148TH BIRTHDAY NAVY MEDICAL CORPS!!!**

Mar 4, 1977 – ENS Janna Lambine, USCG becomes the Coast Guard's first female pilot.

Mar 5, 1942 – The name "Seabees" and insignia is officially authorized.

Mar 6 – **Ash Wednesday!!!**

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

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

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

Mar 10 – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!**

Mar 13, 1943 – First class of 71 officer candidates enter U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Mt Holyoke, MA to begin training with the WAVES.

Mar 16, 1945 – Iwo Jima declared secure.

Mar 17 – **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**

Mar 17, 1967 – MSgt Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky is the first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty.

Mar 19, 1917 – Navy Department authorizes enrollment of women in Naval Reserve.

Mar 20 – **The first day of Spring!!!**

Mar 21, 1917 – Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as Chief Yeoman.

Mar 22, 1917 – Third Lieutenant Elmer Stone, USCG became the Coast Guard's first naval aviator.

Mar 25, 1804 – The Secretary of the Navy approved the first formal uniform of the Marine Corps.

Mar 26, 1943 – First class of 722 enlisted Women Reserves (WR) begins training at the U.S. Naval Training School at Hunter College, the Bronx, NY once again training with the WAVES

Mar 27, 1948 – The Key West Agreement gave the U.S. Marine Corps the primary amphibious warfare role.

Mar 29, 1975 – Evacuation of Danang by sea began.

CAPTAIN SHANNON J. JOHNSON
Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego

Captain Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education, with a Special Education Endorsement from Whitworth University in 1988. She was employed as a special education teacher while completing her Masters in Education in Counseling and Guidance, also at Whitworth.

She went on to earn a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Rosemead School of Psychology in La Mirada, California. She received her commission and reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) for her internship year in 1998. Just 10 months into her post-internship assignment at Naval Hospital Bremerton, Captain Johnson reported to the USS Carl Vinson, where she served for three years completing two Western Pacific deployments.

She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychology at Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital Boston. Lieutenant Commander Johnson was assigned to Naval Hospital Yokosuka for her utilization tour, where she assumed the duties of Director, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) and was responsible for six EDIS divisions across Mainland Japan. She returned to NMCSD in the fall of 2006, and in January 2007 deployed with the U.S. Army 113th Combat Stress Company, Camp Stryker detachment in Baghdad. She served a second tour in Iraq from August 2008 to March 2009, with the 1st Marine Logistics Group, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, and spent seven months providing psychological care for Marine Corps units across Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

While assigned to NMCSD, she served as Division Officer for the Fleet Mental Health Clinic on the Naval Base San Diego waterfront, and also carried out the duties of the NMCSD

Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO) Program Manager.

In the fall of 2010, Commander Johnson reported to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton (NHCP) and was subsequently deployed to Afghanistan with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group. After serving seven months as the Officer in Charge of Alpha Surgical Company, Camp Dwyer Detachment, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, she returned to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton and assumed the duties of Director for Mental Health. During her tour she stood up the Warrior Recovery Center and oversaw the delivery of care to United States Marines returning from deployment with combat stress related conditions and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI).

In 2013 she was selected to provide oversight for the full range of Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation services as the Director of Mental Health at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, while also serving as the Assistant Specialty Leader for Navy Clinical Psychology.

In June 2017, she assumed the duties of Executive Officer, Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Over the course of five overseas deployments, Captain Johnson earned her Surface Warfare Medical Officer and Fleet Marine Force Officer qualifications. Personal awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and two Navy Achievement Medals.



(l-r) Director Bob Berman, Council President Tony Johnson, Director Judi Adams and Director Jay Rindler, part of the crew that manned the information booth at the AFCEA West Conference.



David Steindl, Lockheed Martin awards representative stands with the Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year, DCS1(SW) Dustin Parks and Sea Sailor of the Year IC1(SW/AW) Nicholas Natelli and Council President Tony Johnson. Lockheed Martin also sponsored the Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific, Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year.

CADETS

On 2 Feb 19, Challenger Division and Training Ship Columbia were invited to a Navy Tribute Museum built by Terry Ulmer in Alpine, CA. Cadets learned how ships operated “back in the day,” during the WWII era. Mr. Ulmer built a pilohouse mirroring the USS Terry. He also built a miniature nuclear sub.



Cadets also had the honor of hearing Pearl Harbor Survivor Stu Hedley speak about his career in the Navy and the details of that fateful day: 7 December 1941. Cadets also heard about leadership from Congressman Duncan Hunter and Former SEAL Larry Wilske.





San Diego Council



*2019 Enlisted Women of the Year March 28, 2019
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

_____ Table Sponsor: \$500 (Four seats for my use)

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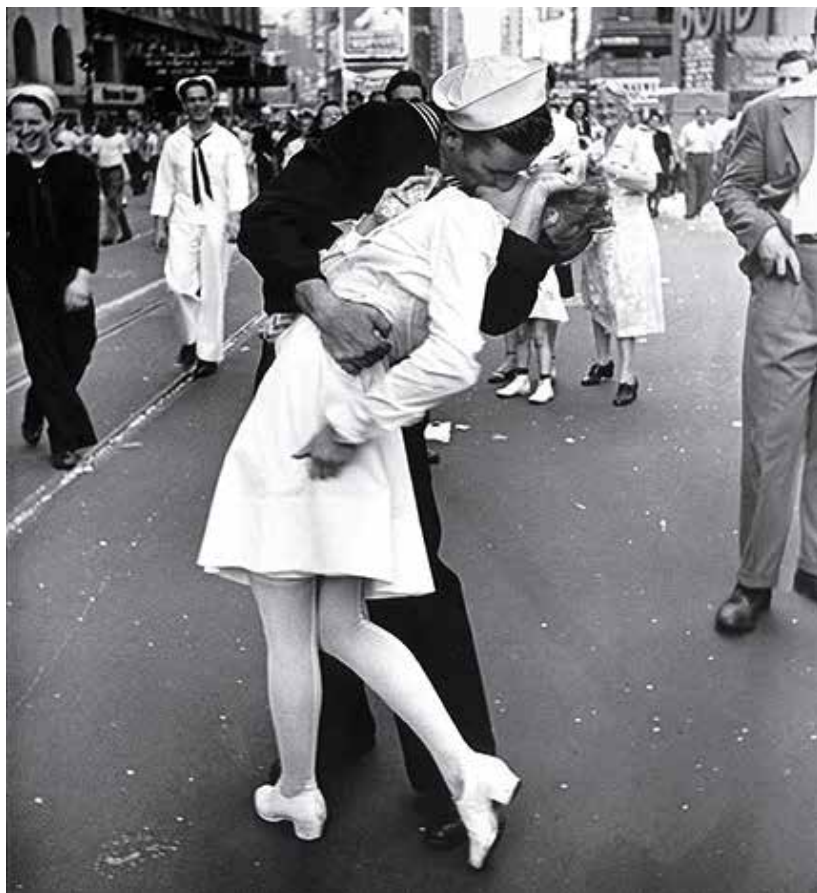
_____ Individual tickets: \$50

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

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Welcome Home

USS SCRANTON (SSN-756)



George Mendonsa, the iconic sailor kissing the women in Times Square, passed away at the age of 95, two days before his 96th birthday, at an assisted living facility in Middletown, RI. He lived there with his wife of 70 years. The woman in the photograph was later identified as Greta Zimmer Freidman and she passed away in 2016 at the age of 92. The photo was taking on 14 August 1945 by Alfred Eisenstaedt.

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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.

February 1, 2019

March 1, 2019

April 5, 2019

May 3, 2019

June 7, 2019

July 12, 2019**

August 2, 2019

September 13, 2019**

October 4, 2019

November 1, 2019

December 6, 2019

**** Denotes 2nd Friday of the month**

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*We thank the following Corporate Members &
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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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