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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

I often have to pinch myself that I am not dreaming. It is great to be part of the San Diego Council! Where else can you not only support all our Sea Services, see them in action daily, and enjoy perfect weather just about everyday! Who wouldn't want to be part of that!

May is National Military Appreciate Month. Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publically demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by our service members - past and present. Of course that's what we do every month! Recognizing our military members for their accomplishments, their service and their sacrifices, and honoring the families who support them is just one part of our overall mission. Most know that May is tied to the Military because of Memorial Day. It was the day designated to commemorate those that have made the ultimate sacrifice with their life while serving in the military for the United States. Originally known as Decoration Day, it started in the United States during the American Civil War and retained the name through World War II when it was changed to the name we know today. It used to be held on 30 May regardless of the day of the week and in 1971 it became officially recognized on the last Monday in May. This year Memorial Day is 29 May.



Looking back briefly on some of our recognition events in April, your Council was involved in both giving and receiving. Of course, our Breakfast recognized the superb accomplishments and achievements of the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego Drill Instructors. We also received recognition from one of our great Community Affiliates, Veterans United with two very generous donations of \$5,000.00 to Homefront San Diego and a \$10,000.00 check for our Council.

Another mission of ours is to inform the public about the Sea Services. This month during our breakfast, CAPT Scott Mulvehill, Commanding Officer of Naval Base Coronado, fulfilled that mission by providing us a superb briefing on his responsibilities and a comprehensive overview of the eight bases he oversees within his command.

In May we will have Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander of Navy Region Southwest who happens to be CAPT Mulvehill's boss! Admiral Lindsey and his command provide coordination of base operating support functions for operating forces throughout California, Arizona and Nevada.

Many of us benefit from the presence of the military through direct and indirect positive economic impact in our Region and for economic support and the security of our cities and towns across the U.S. Please come to our breakfast and hear the Commander's view on what is going on with our local bases in his region.

Breakfast Meeting May 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Rear Adm. Yancy B. Lindsey
Commander, Navy Region
Southwest

“... *Word to the Nation; Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard.*”

— President John F. Kennedy, 1962

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ON THIS DATE IN...

MAY

May 1, 1992 – Marines from Camp Pendleton help quell the Los Angeles riots.

May 2, 1975 – U.S. Navy departs Vietnamese waters at the end of evacuation.

May 4, 1942 – The Battle of Coral Sea, the first carrier vs. carrier battle begins.

May 4, 1942 – The CNO ordered the Coast Guard Auxiliary to organize into an anti-submarine patrol force for service along the east coast. The force was made up of private yachts and crewed by their owners.

May 5, 1950 – Congress approved the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the “government of the armed forces of the United States.”

**May 8 – HAPPY 106th BIRTHDAY
U.S. NAVY AVIATION!!!**

May 12, 1975 – SS *Mayaguez* is seized by Khmer Rouge and escorted to Koh Tang Island.

**May 13 – HAPPY 109th BIRTHDAY
NAVY NURSE CORPS!!!**

May 14, 1917 – The first Marine detachment transferred from Annapolis to a new Marine post at Quantico, VA.

May 14 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

May 14, 1975 – Marines recapture the *Mayaguez*, go ashore on Koh Tang Island and release the crew.

May 20 – ARMED FORCES DAY!!!
Fly your flag proudly!

May 22, 1912 – Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer assigned to aviation duty.

May 23, 1988 – The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, TX.

May 27, 1919 – First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, piloting the Navy's flying boat NC-4 in the first successful trans-Atlantic flight.

May 27, 1943 – Douglas Munro's posthumous Medal of Honor was given to his parents by President Franklin D. Roosevelt at a ceremony at the White House.

May 28, 1980 – 55 women become the first women graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy.

May 29 – MEMORIAL DAY!!!
Flag your flag at half-staff until noon.

May 31, 1948 – The Coast Guard assumed command of the former Navy base at Cape May, NJ, and formally established its east coast recruit training center.

As I close this message, I want to welcome Ms. Beverly Smith as our newest Board Member and thank her volunteering as our Vice President of Membership. We are extremely grateful for her support.

We continue looking for more new members that will locally support our Council and help us innovate with new ideas to serve our military and their families.

I also want to correct one oversight from my March message. I failed to acknowledge the designation of San Diego as a Coast Guard City! This is a huge honor from the Commandant of the Coast Guard that requires Congressional approval and frankly it is a really big deal! The award recognizes San Diego's commitment to erecting monuments to the maritime service, organizing civic celebrations and helping to boost the morale, welfare and recreational opportunities for Coast Guard personnel in the region.

It happened on 23 February 2017 with Admiral Paul Zukunft presenting the award to the Mayor. CAPT Joseph Buzzella, USCG, is the Sector Commander and oversees all aspects of the Coast Guard's operations in the San Diego area.

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*

“Armed Forces Day, above all, honors the dedicated individuals who wear the uniforms of their country. Each serviceman, wherever he may be, whatever his task, contributes directly and importantly to the defense of the nation. The task of each one is the task of all the Armed Forces: to protect the freedoms which underlie the greatness of America.”

General Earle G. Wheeler, 1967 Former Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff



RECOGNITIONS



(l-r) Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; VP Sea Services Bob Berman; SSgt Joaquin Perez, MCRD San Diego Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Sgt Trevon D. Harris, Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Veterans United Home Loan, sponsor representatives, Javier Marino, Veronica Bonilla and Anthony Johnson.



Veterans United Home Loan presents a \$5,000.00 to Homefront San Diego to assist local military families. Pictured are Veronica Bonilla, Javier Marino, Phyllis Barber, VP Homefront San Diego, Tony Johnson and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



Veterans United Home Loan presents a \$10,000.00 to the council to support the council's recognition program. Pictured are Veronica Bonilla, Javier Marino, Tony Johnson and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.

Joan Mitchell, VP Women's Activities presents swords to USD/UCSD NROTC Outstanding Marine Graduate, SSgt Brandon Karnes and Outstanding Navy Graduate, Midshipman 1/C Jerynne Rae Noble.

Rear Admiral Yancy B. Lindsey
Commander, Navy Region Southwest

Rear Adm. Yancy B. Lindsey is a native of Phoenix, Arizona. He is a 1986 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Military Science from Marine Corps University and a Master of Science in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego. In addition, he completed a Federal Executive Fellowship at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Lindsey was commissioned through Aviation Officer Candidate School in October 1986 and designated a naval aviator in December 1987.

Lindsey's sea duty assignments have included Antarctic Development Squadron (VXE) 6 flying LC-130 aircraft and twice with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113 flying the E-2C Hawkeye. During these tours of duty, he completed three deployments to Antarctica and two deployments to the Arabian Gulf aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Ashore, Lindsey served on the Joint Staff (J6); at Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; with the U.S. European Command staff in Stuttgart, Germany; as chief of staff to the

Commander, Navy Region Southwest; and as executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment.

Lindsey commanded the VAW-117 Wallbangers, earning the Battle Efficiency Award and completing an Arabian Gulf deployment aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) in support of Operation



Iraqi Freedom. He also commanded Naval Base Coronado, a consortium of eight Navy installations. Lindsey was the 89th commandant of Naval District Washington, June 2015 to August 2016. He assumed command of Navy Region Southwest in September 2016.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legions of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards).

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
COUNCIL CHALET | MCAS MIRAMAR
More information to follow!

SAVE THE DATE

Memorial Day was not officially renamed from Decoration Day by federal law until 1967. It was originally observed on May 30th, but in 1968 it changed its date to the last Monday of the month.

Let us use this day to remember those fallen in service to this country and to appreciate the wealth of creature comforts they left behind in their ultimate sacrifice.

Decoration Day

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest
On this Field of the Grounded Arms,
Where foes no more molest,
Nor sentry's shot alarms!

Ye have slept on the ground before,
And started to your feet
At the cannon's sudden roar,
Or the drum's redoubling beat.

But in this camp of Death
No sound your slumber breaks;
Here is no fevered breath,
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace,
Untrampled lies the sod;
The shouts of battle cease,
It is the Truce of God!

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!
The thoughts of men shall be
As sentinels to keep
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

— *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEFENSE, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Navy League San Diego is a voting member of the Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. The major Committee partners include the defense industry, non-profits specializing in veteran affairs and government agencies. The committee engages in components across the military and veteran spectrum, with special attention paid to the well-being of veterans as a substantial component of the regional workforce.

The committee is responsible for a number of programs including:

Veteran Hiring Honor Roll Program: This effort was launched by the committee to incentivize hiring of veterans by Chamber members.

Vets' Community Connections: The Chamber is a proud founding partner of this national initiative that has culminated in an exciting pilot project in San Diego. As one of two cities across the country originally chosen for this effort, we have sponsored a study on what vets and their families really need to establish healthy, significant lives within our community. The Chamber is now facilitating business involvement connecting veterans to the basic things that make our communities as vibrant as they are, and ensuring that our businesses have a chance to say thank you for their service.

The Chamber is also on the Governing Council of zero8Hundred. This resource proactively links transitioning military families to a broad range of resources and opportunities in the community, helping them successfully transition to civilian life.

VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Voucher Promotion: San Diego's substantial homeless population includes a large number of veterans. To facilitate housing support for those veterans the county utilizes VASH Vouchers under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These vouchers combine HUD rental assistance with case management and service delivery by the Department of Veteran Affairs. While this is an important tool to place veterans and their families into stable housing, the vouchers are often priced too low to be accepted in the high-rent market, and misconceptions around housing vouchers deter landlords from renting to these individuals. The Chamber is engaged in a campaign to both raise awareness about this program and press the Federal government to adjust the amount of these vouchers.

The Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Chamber office located at 402 West Broadway,



Suite 1000. If you're interested in learning more about the policy committees or would like to join the Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee, contact Sophie Barnhorst at sbarnhorst@sdchamber.org. For more information on any of the programs listed above, please visit: <http://sdchamber.org/policy/committees/defense-veterans-military-affairs/>

NEW PROPOSED CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Assemblyman Randy Voepel has proposed AB 353: Veteran Preference in the Workplace. This bill would establish a voluntary preference exception to all veterans, regardless of when they served. According to the the Assemblyman's office, the existing law is lacking because it only provides preference to Vietnam War era veterans, and does not encompass all veterans. For questions or comments, you can contact his staff Carli Olson at Carli.Olson@asm.ca.gov

Senators Patricia Bates and Toni Atkins have proposed SB 197: Military and Veteran Medical Facilities Sales Tax Exemption. SB 197 waives state and local sales and use taxed for charitable organizations that donate certain facilities to the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) for operation on federal land in California. The facilities must be used for research and treatment of medical conditions prevalent in military personnel. According to the Senators' Offices, anywhere between 11-20% of those who served in recent conflicts have PTSD in a given year, and a need for additional facilities to service those with PTSD and TBI exists. Non-government entities are helping to meet that need by constructing and donating facilities to the U.S. DoD. A planned future site for a facility of this nature is Camp Pendleton in San Diego. For questions or comments, you can contact Sen. Bates Staff Ronald Ongtoaboc at Ronald.Ongtoaboc@sen.ca.gov

To review California Bills content and status, please visit: www.leginfo.ca.gov

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2nd Battalion 4th Marines



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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.

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

Chandra Broddie	Bridget Roe
Kandace Brown	Michelle Rooney
Jeanne Caisse	Angela Shaw
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Christine Carr	Christopher Vivace
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Andrea Knight	Jerry Williams
Dion Matthews	Kevin Winston
Anthony Nelson	Sheena Young
Mary Pleasant	Chengyu Zhu

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@ New Community Affiliate

Husband & Wife Members
^ Student
+ Active Duty Spouse

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

General Atomics	32 year
Pacific Ship Repair & Fabrication, Inc.	20 year

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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