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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

May is not only a month of recognition for our military and those fallen in battle, but also those who take care of the family. Congress officially designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day as part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999. The spouse has always played a central role for our service members, but the family has become more and more common in the U.S. military than the single Sailor, Marine, Coast Guardsmen or Soldier over the past two decades. This month is not any different than others regarding the importance we place on all of our military and their family members, but like other times of the year we take a few extra moments this month to reflect on their contributions, heroics and extraordinary accomplishments.



Please be sure to sign up to attend our Monthly Breakfast Meeting on 4 May. Our guest speaker will be VADM DeWolfe Miller, Commander, Naval Air Forces and Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. He assumed command in January 2018 and will provide us a great overview of his command and highlight his focus areas and priorities. Join us at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse to Welcome the Air Boss to San Diego!

Looking back, in April we celebrated some significant milestones of accomplishments for those deployed to the far reaches of the globe away from family and dutifully fulfilling the sea service missions of forward presence and helped families welcome many our Sailors and Marines back home from a long and arduous time at sea. We also were fortunate to have Rear Admiral Pearigen, Commander Naval Medicine West and Chief of the Navy Medical Corps, speak at our monthly Breakfast. He did a spectacular job explaining the complexities of military medical care for those providing that mission in uniform to those who receive care. We are grateful for the time he spent with us to enlighten our group on the challenges and successes of Navy Medicine.

Our sponsors for recognition events and other special occasions are what allow our Council to accomplish its goals and carry out its mission. Last month we welcomed our newest Community Affiliate - USO San Diego. Our Breakfast recognition sponsor for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Drill Instructors of the Quarter was RCP Block and Brick. We thank them for their continued support of our service members. And we also want to thank Veteran's United Home Loans San Diego for their very generous donation of \$5000.00 to support our programs.

By the time this issue is published the Council will have selected some exceptional students for the Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship. Retired Chief Alexander Kreiglowa designated funds for the Navy League to use to provide up to \$15,000 per year for

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## Breakfast Meeting

April 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Vice Admiral DeWolfe Miller, III

Commander, Naval Air Forces

Commander, Naval Air Force,

US Pacific Fleet

“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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# RECOGNITIONS



President Jon Berg-Johnsen accepts a \$5000.00 check from J. L. Mosley representing Veterans United Home Loans San Diego. Veterans United Home Loans San Diego donated the money to be used to continue our programs of serving those that serve.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents a Navy League History book to Rear Admiral Paul Pearigen for being our April guest speaker.



(l-r) INST Liz Noll, LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC Commanding Officer, Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia, parents, Dan & Kim Plale, Chief Greg Plale, Council 1st Vice President Tony Johnson and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen at Challenger Division Chief pinning ceremony



(l-r) – Council 1st Vice President Tony Johnson; RDML Paul Pearigen; SSgt Nathaniel Burrell, MCRD San Diego's Drill Instructor of the Quarter; RCP Block & Brick awards representative, Kathy Olson; SSgt Derek Patrick, MCRD San Diego's Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen.



Lorin Stewart, CEO USO San Diego accepts his plaque for becoming the newest Council Community Affiliate.

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high school students that are dependents of Navy or Marine Corps Active Duty, Retired or deceased service members and a resident of California. For those with college bound high school students set to graduate in 2019 keep this in mind as you develop their funding plan. We will announce the 2018 selectees at the May 4th Breakfast.

Please keep in touch and check our website more updates and enjoy the rest of the great articles and information in this Newsletter!

Thank you for your support.

Jon Berg-Johnsen  
President

## BREAKFAST SPEAKER

MAY 4, 2018

**Vice Admiral DeWolfe Miller, III**  
**Commander, Naval Air Forces/**  
**Commander, Naval Air Force, US**  
**Pacific Fleet**

Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller is a native of Annapolis, Maryland, grew up in York, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981. He holds a Master of Science from the National Defense University, is a Syracuse University national security management fellow and is a graduate of the Navy's Nuclear Power Program.



His operational assignments include Training Squadron (VT) 19 in Meridian, Mississippi; Attack Squadron (VA) 56 aboard USS Midway (CV 41); Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 25 on USS Constellation (CV 64); VFA-131 and VFA-34 both aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69); executive officer of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); commanding officer of USS Nashville (LPD 13); commanding officer of USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) and as a flag officer, commander of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2 participating in combat Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Resolve.

Miller's shore tours include Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 5; aviation programs analyst Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N80); Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic; deputy director of naval operations at the Combined Air Operations Center during Operation Allied Force; Office of Legislative Affairs for the Secretary of Defense; aircraft carrier requirements officer for Commander, Naval Air Forces; and flag officer tours in OPNAV as director for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (N2N6F2); assistant deputy chief of naval operations for Warfare Systems (N9B); and most recently as director, Air Warfare (N98).

Miller became Naval Aviation's 8th "Air Boss" in January 2018.

He is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and other personal, unit and service awards.

## ON THIS DATE IN...

MAY

**May 2, 1946** – Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, aided in suppressing a three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

**May 2, 1975** – US Navy departs Vietnamese waters at the end of evacuation.

**May 4, 1942** – The CNO, ADM Ernest J. King, ordered the Coast Guard Auxiliary to organize into an anti-submarine patrol force, which becomes known as the "Corsair Fleet" for service along the east coast.

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

**May 8, 1911** – The U.S. Navy ordered its first airplane, Curtiss A-1.

**HAPPY 107th BIRTHDAY NAVY AVIATION!!!**

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

**May 13 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**

**May 13 – HAPPY 110th BIRTHDAY**  
**NAVY NURSE CORPS!!!**

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

**May 15, 1862** – Cpl Jon Mackie became the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor.

**May 15 – Peace Officer Memorial Day.**  
*Fly your flag at half-staff until sunset.*

**May 17, 1973** – The first woman to hold a major Navy command, CAPT Robin Lindsay Quigley assume command of Navy Service School, San Diego, CA.

**May 19 – Armed Forces Day.** *Fly your flag.*

**May 22, 1912** – 1st Lt Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to aviation duty, reported for training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD.

**HAPPY 106th BIRTHDAY MARINE CORPS AVIATION!!!**

**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, Texas facility.

**May 26, 1952** – Tests from 26-29 May demonstrate feasibility of the angled-deck concept conducted on simulated angled deck on USS Midway.

**May 27, 1943** – Douglas Munro's posthumous Medal of Honor was given to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Munro of South Cle Elum, WA by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a ceremony at the White House.

**May 28 – Memorial Day.**  
*Fly your flag at half-staff until sunset.*

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

**May 31, 1948** – The Coast Guard assumed command of the former Navy base at Cape May, New Jersey, and formally established its east coast recruit training center there the next day.

**2018 Funding Agreement Increases Defense Funding**

Eighty military casualties related to training occurred in 2017 versus 24 in combat operations. And recently there were 2 additional lives lost during a F/A-18 training exercise crash. This can be attributed to the lack of resources available to our military for training, maintenance, modernization, and readiness. H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018,” which provides full-year appropriations through September 30, 2018, for projects and activities of the Federal Government, includes the biggest increase in defense funding in 15 years and was signed into law by the President March 23, 2018.

According to Congressman Rob Wittman, “This funding agreement is the most important thing we can do to ensure that our Armed Forces will be resourced at the correct levels, a crucial element of our national security. In some cases, our sailors have been working over 100 hours a week just to keep up with training requirements and current operations. Navy ships and submarines have remained in port and unable to perform their missions due to critical maintenance that can’t be performed because of budget cuts. This spending package invests \$37.3 billion in ship maintenance, ship procurement, and recruitment that will draw new sailors to the Fleet and get our ships back at sea. For months we have continued to ask more and more of our men and women in uniform, while refusing to provide the adequate resources they need to do their jobs. Finally, we have delivered on our promise to provide the resources that will fully support our service men and women. This spending package ensures that our Armed Forces will have the resources they need to carry out their missions.

This funding agreement supports our active duty service members, but also the veterans who have so valiantly served our nation, and who deserve the benefits they have earned and were promised. H.R. 1625 funds the biggest pay raise to our service members in eight years and includes increased funding for the Veterans Administration (VA). “



Photo: Congressman Rob Wittman Facebook Post



## GOALS OF THE San Diego Council, Navy League Of The United States



1. Educate national leaders and the nation.
2. Support the men and women of the sea services.
3. Provide assistance to sea service families.
4. Support youth programs.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents a Mameluke sword to GySgt Stefawn Payne NROTC Unit San Diego's Outstanding Marine Student



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents a Mameluke sword to Midshipman 1/C Karan Kenny Vaswani, NROTC Unit San Diego's Navy League Midshipman Leadership Award winner.



President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents a Navy saber to Midshipman Stephen Adena, NROTC Unit San Diego's Outstanding Navy Student



President Jon Berg-Johnsen congratulates Midshipman Katelyn Dallmus and presents her a plaque for being NROTC Unit San Diego's Outstanding Female Candidate.

## DECORATION DAY

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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 our 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, comrade, 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.

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## HOW DID “TAPS” ORIGINATE? BY ELIZABETH NIX

The origins of “Taps,” the distinctive bugle melody played at U.S. military funerals and memorials and as a lights-out signal to soldiers at night, date back to the American Civil War. In July 1862, U.S. General Daniel Butterfield and his brigade were camped at Harrison’s Landing, Virginia, recuperating after the Seven Days Battles near Richmond. Dissatisfied with the standard bugle call employed by the Army to indicate to troops it was time to go to sleep, and thinking the call should sound more melodious, Butterfield reworked an existing bugle call used to signal the end of the day. After he had his brigade bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton, play it for the men, buglers from other units became interested in the 24-note tune and it quickly spread throughout the Army, and even caught on with the Confederates.

Not long after Butterfield created “Taps,” it was played for the first time at a military funeral, for a Union cannoner killed in action. The man’s commanding officer, Captain John Tidball, decided the bugle call would be safer than the traditional firing of three rifle volleys over the soldier’s grave, a move which couldn’t been confused by the nearby enemy as an attack. As for the name “Taps,” the most likely explanation is that it comes from the fact that prior to Butterfield’s bugle call, the lights-out call was followed by three drum beats, dubbed the “Drum Taps,” as well as “The Taps” and then simply “Taps.” When Butterfield’s call replaced the drum beats, soldiers referred to it as “Taps,” although this was an unofficial moniker, according to “Taps” historian and bugle expert Jari Villanueva. He notes that Butterfield’s bugle call was officially known as “Extinguish Lights” in American military manuals until 1891. Since that time, “Taps” also has been a formally recognized part of U.S. military funerals.

Today at Berkeley Plantation, the historic estate located at Harrison’s Landing, there’s a monument commemorating the origins of “Taps” at the site. Berkeley Plantation also happens to be the birthplace of Benjamin Harrison V, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and William Henry Harrison, the nation’s ninth president.

Horace Lorenzo Trim wrote a set of words intended to accompany the music:

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.  
Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.  
Thanks and praise, for our days,  
‘Neath the sun, ‘neath the stars, neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.



**Let us always remember their sacrifices, especially on Memorial Day!!**

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

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“ 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



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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.**

**April 6, 2018**

**May 4, 2018**

**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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**San Diego** 6 years

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#### 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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