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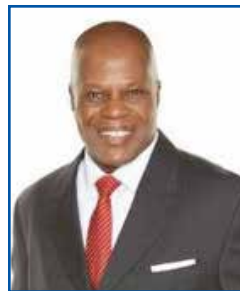
Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 49-05 | May 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello Members!

I hope your April was amazing! Our council continues to support sea services in numerous ways. Jay Rindler led the homecoming team to welcome home USS DECATUR (DD-973) and USS CHARLESTON (LCS-18). We also recognized some highly deserving Marines and Sailors at MCRD and Drill Instructors at our monthly breakfast. At our April breakfast, RDML Pringle Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE was our guest speaker. He gave a remarkable presentation on his career and his time as military aid to Senator John McCain.



Speaking of the late Senator McCain, in 1999 he introduced legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM). Both the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. Service Members during May. These proclamations also urged the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe NMAM.

During May's National Military Appreciation Month, we honor the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. There are six national observances that highlight the contributions of those who have served.

1. Loyalty Day May 1st, kicks off our Nation's month-long celebration of military appreciation reflecting on the proud heritage of our American freedom.
2. Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), celebrated the first full week in May is a time to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.
3. Victory in Europe Day AKA V-E Day or VE Day, May 8th, is the day when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies, which marked the end of World War II in Europe.
4. Military Spouse Appreciation Day, traditionally set for the Friday before Mother's Day.
5. Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May every year.
6. Our most revered holiday in May is Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May to commemorate the men and women who died while in military service.

Over the past two decades, the military has not only reinforced its commitment to the Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen or Soldiers, but also supporting their families

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Breakfast Meeting

May 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

REAR ADMIRAL ALVIN HOLSEY

Commander, Carrier Strike Group One

“I don't have to tell you how fragile this precious gift of freedom is. Every time we hear, watch, or read the news, we are reminded that liberty is a rare commodity in this world.”

— President Ronald Reagan
May 26, 1983

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RECOGNITIONS



Jay Lott, Council Executive Director stands with former Council Secretary Kimberly Miller. Kimberly and her family moved to North Carolina upon the retirement of her husband. She stopped by the office on her way back home after attending her sister's wedding here in San Diego.



Council President Tony Johnson congratulated RDML Babette Bolivar the new Commander, Navy Region Southwest at her change of command.



(l) 2019 Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM1(FMF) Lady Candice Canales and 2019 Junior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM2(SW/AW) Angela F. Harris stand with their Girl Scout cookie tower, courtesy of Girl Scouts San Diego.



(center) 2019 Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM1(FMF) Lady Candice Canales and 2019 Junior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM2(SW/AW) Angela F. Harris stand among the many other contenders at the Enlisted Woman of the Year luncheon held on March 28.



RDML Cedric Pringle, Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 presents a Navy League History book from Council President Tony Johnson for being our April breakfast speaker.



Evan Finch, RCP Block & Brick awards representative stands next to SSgt Michael A. Morris, Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Sgt Mason Hernandez, Drill Instructor of the Quarter and Council President Tony Johnson.



(l-r) BGen Ryan Heritage, USMC Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego/Western Recruiting Region; HM2 Kaitlyn T. Levine MCRD Junior Sailor of the Quarter; HN Nari T. Khemchand-Whitaker, MCRD Blue Jacket of the Quarter; LCpl Azaan J. Stephens, MCRD Marine of the Quarter; Cpl Bryce H. Plate, MCRD NCO of the Quarter; SgtMaj Devon Lee, SgtMaj Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego/Western Recruiting Region and Council President Tony Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

with more enthusiasm. This month in particular we recognize the importance of our military and their family members. Let us all 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 3 May. Our guest speaker will be RDML Alvin Holsey, Commander, Carrier Strike Group ONE. Join us at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse to hear RDML Holsey speak about his strike group as they prepare to do the nation's bidding at sea.

Turning rudder, our council has done some wonderful things in the past and is doing fantastic work right now, but we do have significant challenges ahead. Our membership has significantly decreased in numbers since last year. Consequently, I am focusing on growing our council membership as well as increasing our revenue stream in order to continue all of our programs, i.e. youth programs (NROTC, JROTC and Sea Cadets), recognition (Quarterly and Annual award ceremonies), unit homecomings, and military events such as Navy Ball, Marine Corps birthday luncheon, and Enlisted Women of the Year competition.

Our membership committee is coming up with new strategies to bring in more people and community affiliates; however, we cannot do it without your help. I am asking all members, when you can, to give a little more, be it monetarily or physically or both to support to our council. We really need and appreciate your backing in all aspects for this council to continue to strive!

FULL STEAM AHEAD NLSD!

Tony Johnson
President

“ Let every nation know,
whether it wishes us well or ill,
that we shall pay any price, bear
any burden, meet any hardship,
support any friend, oppose any
foe to assure the survival and the
success of liberty. ”

—President John F. Kennedy

ON THIS DATE IN...

MAY

May 1 – LOYALTY DAY!!! Loyalty Day is a special day for people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.

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

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

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

May 4, 1942 – CNO ADM Ernest J. King, ordered the Coast Guard Auxiliary to organize into an anti-submarine patrol force, "Corsair Fleet" and was primarily made up of private yachts, crewed by their owners.

May 5, 1948 – VF-17A becomes the first carrier qualified jet squadron (USS *Saipan*).

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

May 5 – May 11 – PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK!!!

May 8 – HAPPY 108th BIRTHDAY NAVY AVIATION!!!

May 8, 1945 – V-E Day!!! Germany surrenders.

May 10 – MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY!!!!

May 12 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

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

May 13, 1952 – The Coast Guard announced the establishment of an Organized Reserve Training Program, the first in U.S. Coast Guard history.

May 13, 1964 – Organization and deployment of world's first all nuclear-powered task group, USS *Enterprise*, USS *Long Beach* and USS *Bainbridge*, to Sixth Fleet.

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

May 15 – PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY!!! Fly your flag at half-staff until sunset.

May 17, 1973 – First woman to hold a major Navy command, Captain Robin L. Quigley assumes command of Navy Service School, San Diego, CA.

May 18, 1920 – Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel were granted the same pay, allowances and increases as the Navy.

May 18 – ARMED FORCES DAY!!! Fly your flag proudly.

May 22, 1912 – 1stLt Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation", reported to the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD.

May 22 – HAPPY 107th BIRTHDAY MARINE AVIATION!!!

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

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

May 27 – MEMORIAL DAY!!! Fly your flag at half-staff until noon.

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

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 there the next day.

In the latest issue of the Navy League’s Legislative Affairs Newsletter, two important measures were highlighted that need your support. Please read below and support the Navy League’s legislative efforts by clicking on the links under each heading. Thank you for your continued support of the Sea Services and making our voice heard!

Food Aid Funding

The Administration’s budget request for fiscal year 2020 (FY20) included the elimination of the Food for Peace program (P.L. 480). At a time when the U.S.-flag fleet is under great stress from subsidized foreign shipbuilding and sweatshop like cheap labor, this is unacceptable. Cargo preference programs are essential to the health of the fleet, and merchant mariner jobs, and must be expanded not eliminated.

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Coast Guard Pay

The Navy League is launching a campaign to support H.R. 367/S.21 the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act, which would ensure active-duty service members are paid during a government shutdown. For the first time in history the men and women of the Coast Guard worked without pay due to a lapse in appropriations during the partial shutdown earlier this year. This legislation would change that, and we support its passage. This bi-partisan, bi-cameral bill, sponsored by Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Senate Majority Whip John Thune (R-SD) has 186 cosponsors in the House and 40 in the Senate. It passed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last month, allowing it to be put on the calendar for a vote by the full House.

Visit: <https://www.voterveice.net/BroadcastLinks/t9oaC9Hqf4uqLx7eWcmHsg>


Take Action Now! Tell your Member of Congress to co-sponsor the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act.



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Support the men and women of the sea
services.

Provide assistance to sea service families.
Support youth programs.

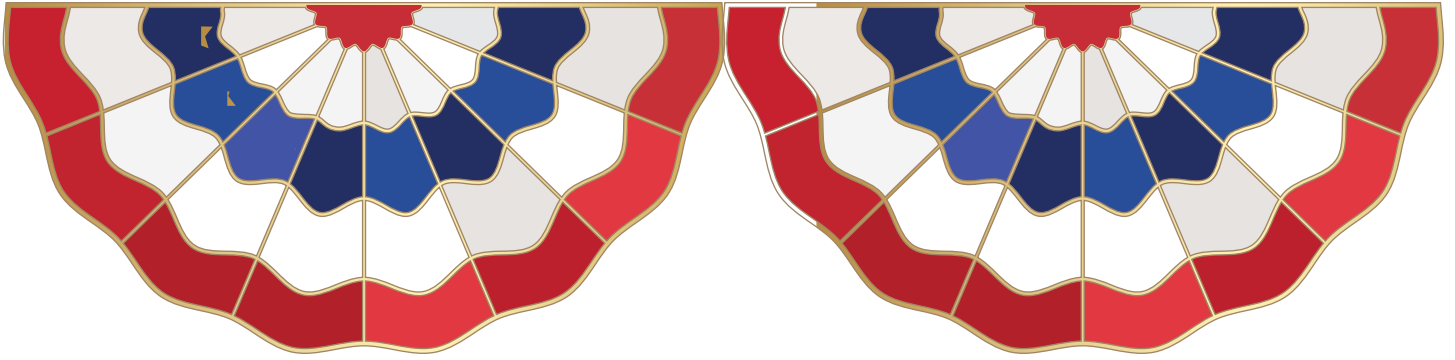


September 18, 2019
Armed Services Family Readiness
Volunteer Recognition Ceremony
Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego

September 28, 2019
Chalet MCAS Miramar

October 12, 2019
244th Navy Birthday Ball
Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego

November 2019
244th Marine Birthday Luncheon
Place TBD



For You, The Military Spouse

A day where no uniforms need mending or patches sewn on;
A day where nothing breaks down when you are all alone;
A day when children listen and there are no tears to dry;
A day where there are no questions and you don't have to answer why;
This day I wish for you, The Military Spouse.

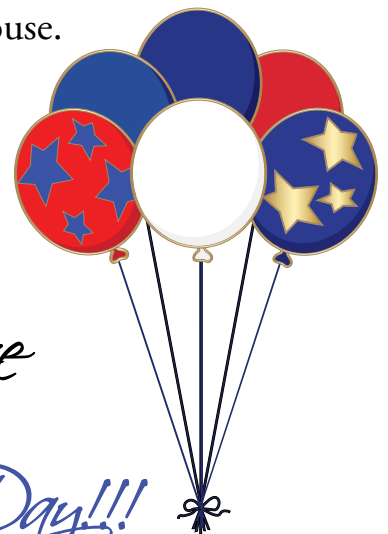
A day filled with peace and love and solidarity;
A day where a phone call is just the start of the great day you'll see;
A day when you realize that what you do has fantastic enormous worth;
A day where for the first time in months you can breathe without the hurt;
This is the day I wish for you, The Military Spouse.

A day that's 24 hours closer to your loved one coming home;
A day for webcams and Skype and soft I love you's before dawn;
A day where there are no silly arguments, just constant mutual grace;
A day filled with blue skies, happiness and faith;
This is the day I wish for you, The Military Spouse.

By Sara Horn



*Happy
Military Spouse
Appreciation Day!!!*



Welcome Home

USS DECATUR (DD-973) | USS CHARLESTON (LCS-18).



REAR ADMIRAL ALVIN HOLSEY**Commander, Carrier Strike Group One**

Rear Adm. Alvin Holsey is a native of Fort Valley, Georgia and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program at Morehouse College in 1988, where he received a degree in Computer Science. He earned a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University in 1995 and attended the Joint Forces Staff College in 2010.

He served in a variety of training and operational squadrons including Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 36, Helicopter Training Squadron (HT) 8, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 40, and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 44.

His sea assignments included deployments aboard USS Jesse L. Brown (FF 1089), USS Nicholson (DD 982), USS Vreeland (FF 1068), USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and USS Simpson (FFG 56). He commanded Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37 and the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8).

Assignments to shore and staff billets have included, flag aide to Commander Naval Air Force and the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Warfare Requirements and Programs N6/N7), operations officer on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-3, Joint Operations Directorate, European Command, deputy director PERS 43/Head Air Combat Placement Officer, Navy Personnel Command, force operations officer, N3 at Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and executive assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations.

Holsey became commander, Carrier Strike Group One, June 12, 2018. He previously served as deputy director for Operations, National Military Commanded Center, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit, campaign and service awards.

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“ For over 221 years our Corps has done two things for this great Nation. We make Marines, and we win battles. ”

—Gen. Charles C. Krulak,
Commandant United States Marine Corps 5 May 1997

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Membership

Mark Your Calendar...

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

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

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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