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Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 47-11 | November 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

November is the month we celebrate our Marine Corps Sea Service. Created on November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress resolved that “two Battalions of Marines be raised” to serve as landing forces and shipboard security for the recently organized navy fleet. From this early role as “soldiers at sea” the Corps has evolved into an independent land, air and sea force known for serving as the tip of the spear during American combat operations abroad. Personally, the Marines have always represented what is best about our country - the fighting spirit, camaraderie, and faithful commitment to their mission.



Appropriately, we kick off this month on 3 November with Colonel Jason, “Woody” Woodworth, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar as the Guest Speaker for our Breakfast meeting. He is guaranteed to give us great insight on the latest information about his base, results of the Air Show, and will be ready to answer your questions. Please join us for an awesome breakfast and help us recognize our Marine and Navy top performers of the quarter.

Speaking of Birthdays, the annual Navy Birthday Ball was a huge success! I hope you had a chance to attend. The venue, food and dancing were enjoyed by all!! RDML Yancey Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, kicked off the evening’s festivities for the 560 plus attendees. VADM John Alexander, Commander, U.S Third Fleet, was the guest speaker and provided an inspirational message that aptly tied the historic beginnings, current operations and future capabilities of the all together. I offer my sincere thanks to all who worked very hard and made that evening a very special event!! We look forward to seeing you next year!

The “business” of the Council continues. We will formally acknowledge the Marine Corps’ 242nd Anniversary of its founding at a Luncheon on 15 November, and recognize the San Diego Council Sea Services Spouse of the Year during a luncheon on 30 November. We hope you can all join us at these events as we pay tribute for our Service men and women, their Organizations, and family members.

Please go to our website for more information on these and other events at www.navyleague-sd.com

As a reminder, we will be holding our annual Members Meeting to vote for our Board of Directors at the December Breakfast Meeting. More information will be provided on the specific date, location and time. Please plan on being there.

There still is much work to do and we need you to pitch in to support our Council. Join us. Get involved. You can make a difference! See you at the Breakfast on 3 November!

Thank you—*Jon Berg-Johnsen*

Breakfast Meeting November 3, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Colonel Jason G. Woodworth
Commanding Officer,
MCAS Miramar

“The safest place
in Korea was right
behind a platoon of
Marines. Lord, how
they could fight!”

— PMGen. Frank E. Lowe USA;
Korea, 26 January 1952

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RECOGNITIONS



Ombudsman – The council would like to thank all our sponsors of the Armed Services Family Readiness Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. They are our Event Sponsor USAA and Gold Sponsor's United Healthcare Military and Veterans United Home Loans of San Diego. Other sponsors include Lincoln Military Housing, Coronado Distribution Co., Wells Fargo, GEICO, Navy Federal Credit Union Liberty Station, San Diego Padres and Marcoa. (Photo courtesy of Dian Self)



MCRD – (l-r) SgtMaj Alex Dobson, MCRD San Diego SgtMaj; Veterans United Home Loans awards sponsor representative Marty Barnhotlz; MCRD San Diego Blue Jacket of the Quarter, HN Rene D. Mina, Jr; MCRD San Diego Marine of the Quarter, LCpl Noako Yulee; Sea Services Chair Bob Berman and Commanding General MCRD San Diego BGen William Jurney. Missing from the photo are MCRD San Diego's NCO of the Quarter Sgt Jeremy G. Smith and Junior Sailor of the Quarter HM3 Jacob. T. Pioli.



DI's – (l-r) Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen; MCRD San Diego Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter SSgt Jaoquin Perez; MCRD Drill Instructor Sgt David A. Jarvis; Sea Services Chair Bob Berman.

**Colonel Jason G. Woodworth
Commanding Officer,
MCAS Miramar**



Colonel Woodworth was commissioned in the Marine Corps upon graduation from Colgate University in 1993. He was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1996.

From 1998-2002 Colonel Woodworth served with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314, 3d MAW, MCAS Miramar, during which he made two CENTCOM deployments in 2000 and 2001 onboard USS Stennis.

Colonel Woodworth served as an instructor at MAWTS-1, MCAS Yuma, Arizona from 2002-2005; during this period he deployed to the Middle East.

In 2005 he transferred again to Miramar and was assigned to VMFA-323, where he served as the OpsO, AMO, and XO. In 2007 the Snakes deployed onboard USS Stennis.

From 2008 until 2010 Colonel Woodworth was assigned to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Darmstadt, Germany where he served as an Arms Control Inspection Team Chief implementing the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and the Vienna Document 1999.

From Sept 2011 until Dec 2013 Colonel Woodworth commanded VMFA-323, during which the squadron deployed onboard USS Nimitz.

In 2014 Colonel Woodworth reported to the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, England for TLS.

Colonel Woodworth assumed command of MCAS Miramar in August 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

15 November **242nd Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon**
at the
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

30 November **San Diego Naval Sea Services
Spouse of the Year Luncheon**
at Quarters "A" aboard NAS North Island.

Please visit our website,
www.navyleague-sd.com, or call 619 230-0301
for more information on these great events

ON THIS DATE IN... NOVEMBER

Nov 4, 1948 – Col Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines.

Nov 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends.

Nov 5, 1915 – In a AB-2 flying boat, LCDR Henry C. Mustin makes the first underway catapult launch from a ship, USS *North Carolina*, at Pensacola Bay, FL.

Nov 5, 1945 – ENS Jake C. West (VF-41) makes the first jet landing on board a carrier, USS *Wake Island* (CVE-65).

Nov 9, 1950 – Task Force 77 makes the first attack on the Yalu River bridges. The first engagement between MIG-15 and F9F jets.

**Nov 10, 1775 – HAPPY 242nd BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!!!**

Nov 10, 1921 -The first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps is held.

Nov 11 – HAPPY VETERANS DAY!!! Thank a vet!!

Nov 12, 1912 – LT Theodore Ellyson makes the first successful launching of an airplane by catapult at the Washington Navy Yard.

Nov 13, 1982 – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

Nov 16, 1942 - Navy's first Nigh Fighter squadron (VMF(N)-531) established at Cherry Point, N.C.

Nov 17, 1924 – USS *Langley*, the first aircraft carrier, reports for duty.

Nov 23 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Nov 23, 1942 – The Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserves (SPARS) is established.

Nov 24, 1992 – Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in the nation.

Nov 25, 1961 – Commissioning of USS *Enterprise* (CVA(N)-65), the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, at Newport News, VA.

Nov 26, 2002 – President George W. Bush signed into law a bill that created the Department of Homeland Security, the largest reorganization of the federal government in fifty years. The Coast Guard was one of a number of agencies that transferred to the new department.

Nov 27, 1950 – In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attach out of the Chosin Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

Nov 29, 1890 – The first Army-Navy football game. The Navy won 24-0. **Navy leads 60-50-7.**

242ND NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL



Special guests of the councils at the 242nd Navy Birthday Ball (l-r) Brian Fieldman, Margie Romero, Executive Director Jay Lott, Angela Robeson and LCDR Ed Romero, USN (Ret).



A troupe from the USO perform at the 242nd Navy Birthday Ball





On November 1st, 1921, John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the Birthday of the Corps. Since the day, Marines have continued to distinguish themselves on many battlefields and foreign shores, in war and peace. On this Birthday



of the Corps, therefore, in compliance with the will of the 13th Commandant, Article 38 United States Marine Corps Manual, Edition of 1921, is published as follows:

“On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousands of men have borne that name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the Birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one which bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world’s history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation’s foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war and in the long era of tranquility at home generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas so that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the Birth of the Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term “Marine” has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation and has long been the distinguishing mark of Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the me of our nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as “Soldiers of the Sea” since the founding of the Corps.”

John A. Lejeune, Commandant



CALL TO ACTION - NAVY READINESS CRISIS

After four accidents at sea this year, the Navy League is asking for your help with the readiness crisis the Navy is facing due to fiscal uncertainty and underfunding. The Navy League believes accidents like those that happened on the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John S. McCain could be avoided by funding the fleet properly. The Navy's missions have expanded while the manning has shrunk by 20%. As a result the Navy has been forced to extend deployments, increase operational tempo, and shorten, eliminate, or delay training and maintenance, harming readiness and disrupting sailors' rest.



Deployments today are all longer than six months, though just 17 years ago, only 4% of deployments lasted that long. The Pacific fleet is even more stressed: the operational tempo has remained the same even though the total number of ships operating in the Western Pacific has shrunk. A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report raised concerns about ships that were stationed at ports overseas, in order to be more quickly and effectively deployed. The GAO concluded that the “high pace of operations the Navy uses for overseas-homeported ships limits dedicated training and maintenance periods, which has resulted in difficulty keeping crews fully trained and ships maintained.”

The accidents have resulted in millions of dollars of damage, and the loss of at least seven sailors. It is time for Congress to

take action by growing the fleet, spending more on training, and funding the Navy at a level that matches its mission. You can visit the link to make your voice heard on the Navy League website at:

<http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/app/write-a-letter?12&engagementId=389513>

After entering your contact information, the link above will provide a customizable draft a letter and will send, on your behalf, to your choice(s) of President Donald Trump (R), Vice President Mike Pence (R), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), and Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA).

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

The December 1st breakfast meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the General Membership. The meeting will start at 7 a.m. at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and to vote for Board of Directors.

The Nomination Committee has submitted the below recommendations for appointment/reappointment to the Board of Directors. Terms will expire on December 21, 2020.

Hugh Butt

George Jones

Dave Grundies

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Membership

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

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

December 1, 2017
January 12, 2018*
February 2, 2018
March 2, 2018
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

Demetress Ammons	Dante Hubbard
Danetta Bates	ShaVonne McCants
Shachar Blau	Amber Nelson
Jermaine Cooper	Angela Norman
Janet Deering	Eric Platt
Kimberly Dumas	Audra Smith
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Crystal Gibson	Mervin Thompson
Torrie Grove	Carroll Williams
Bernadine Heloca	

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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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