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Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 48-11 | November 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

Happy Birthday Marines!! This month of course marks the birth of the Marine Corps 243 years ago! No one celebrates a Birthday better than the Marines!



I am certain every reader of this newsletter knows the history of the United States Marines, but just in case you are not familiar with what is know best today as the Marine Corps, here is a very short history lesson. It all began with the founding of the Continental Marines on 10 November 1775. They were tasked to conduct ship-to-ship fighting, provide shipboard security and discipline enforcement, and assist in landing forces. The United States Marine Corps has served in nearly every conflict in United States history. The rest is, well, you know! OO-RAH!!

There is certainly much more history to cover, but I let you dive in to discover it on your own.

I hope you all enjoyed the breakfast with VADM Alexander, Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet. He did a fantastic job teaching us a lot about one of the largest international exercises in the world. His speech on the 2018 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise gave it relevance to anyone who heard the story. We are most grateful for him taking the time out of an extremely busy schedule to make it a very special breakfast for everyone who attended!

Of course there was another great event in October...the celebration of the Navy's 243rd Birthday Ball! The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Bill Moran, brought a special level of recognition to this year's event. This was the first year we also were joined with the Naval Hospital to carry us over 800....one of our largest numbers of attendees in many years! Thank you to all those Navy Leaguers that participated, and especially the great turnout of active duty!

The November breakfast meeting is upon us and we are carrying on a great tradition from the past few years of having the Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar as the Guest Speaker. This year Colonel Charles Dockery who assumed command in July, has graciously agreed to speak.

One more event you should not miss is the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon on 14 November. Come celebrate with the Council and whole group of Marines.

We hope you are able to join us for both of these events!

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Breakfast Meeting

November 2, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

Colonel Charles B. Dockery
Commanding Officer,
MCAS Miramar

“The United States Marine Corps, with its fiercely proud tradition of excellence in combat, its hallowed rituals, and its unbending code of honor, is part of the fabric of American myth.”

— Thomas E. Ricks;
Making the Corps, 19973

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RECOGNITIONS



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents VADM John D. Alexander, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet, a copy of the History of the Navy League for being our October guest speaker.



Staff Sergeant Travis L. Warren is flanked by VADM John D. Alexander, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet on the left and Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen after receiving his Certificate of Appreciation for his selection as the MCRD San Diego Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter. Missing from the photo is Sergeant Tyler J. Ronish, the Drill Instructor of the Quarter whose duties prevented his attendance.



(l-r) Congresswoman Susan Davis, Dr. Henry A. Hendrix, President, National Black Veterans Association, Council 1st Vice President Tony Johnson, Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen and Welcome Home Chair Jay Rindler. All were present at the Remembrance of the Fallen of the USS Cole and honoring SN Lakiba Palmer, a native San Diego sailor that was killed on the USS Cole.



Council Executive Director Jay Lott along side the MC for the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball, held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, Fox 5 San Diego's own Raoul Martinez.



Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Bill Moran is flanked by Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen on the left and 1st Vice President Tony Johnson. The VCNO was the guest speaker that the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball. The ball was held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.



General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) President Scott Forney recently accepted an award from the San Diego Council Navy League of the United States for our continued support of our MCAS Miramar Air Show Chalet. San Diego Council Navy League President Jon Berg-Johnsen presented the award to Mr. Forney in deep appreciation of GA-EMS' commitment to the Navy League.

(Photo & Text courtesy of Melanie Anderson)

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For more information on future Council events, please go to our website at www.navyleague-sd.com for more information.

Remember, there is one simple truth about our Council, it is only a strong as the Members and other volunteers that support it!

If you are a Council Member I ask you to please attend the Member's Breakfast Meeting on 2 November and vote for our Directors.

Join us. Get involved. If you are already a member, get active! It's fun and you may learn something you didn't know just by participating.

Thank you

Jon Berg-Johnsen



Guest speaker, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Bill Moran addresses the attendees at the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.



The attendees at the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, present a toast to the United States Navy. Featured in the photo are Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen, Council 1st Vice President Tony Johnson and Racquel Vasquez, Mayor of Lemon Grove. (Photos courtesy of MC3 Danielle Baker)

ON THIS DATE IN...

NOVEMBER

Nov 1, 1949 – Authority to reestablish the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserves (SPARS), became effective.

Nov 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends!!!

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

Nov 5, 1775 – Commodore Esek Hopkins appointed to Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.

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

Nov 6 – Election Day. Let your voice be heard!

Nov 9, 1921 – *USS Olympia* arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nov 10 – HAPPY 243rd BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!!!

Nov 11 – VETERANS DAY!!! Thank a veteran!!

Nov 13, 1982 – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 58,000 servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

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

Nov 22 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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 29, 1890 – First Army-Navy football game. Navy won 24-0. The Navy leads the overall match-up 60-51-7.

Colonel Charles B. Dockery**Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar**

Colonel Charles B. Dockery is a native of Lockport, New York. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in General Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in May 1994. He reported to VMFA(AW)-121 at MCAS Miramar, San Diego, CA in September 1997, and completed deployments to the Western Pacific and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, before reporting to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines where he served as the Air Officer. Returning to the “Green Knights” at MCAS Miramar in December 2001, he deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, before returning to WestPac.

From December 2005 to December 2008, Colonel Dockery attended the Australian Command and Staff College, followed by an exchange tour at the Australian Army Experimental Framework. Upon returning to Marine Aircraft Group 11, he deployed to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center at al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, before assuming the duties of MAG-11 Operations Officer from July 2009 to April 2010. He then served as the Staff Secretary, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing until June 2011. Colonel Dockery then reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Aviation, where he served as the RQ-21 and ISR Services Requirements Officer. In July 2012, he reported back to MAG-11 and assumed command of VMFA(AW)-225 in February 2013. Colonel Dockery led the “Vikings” on a deployment to Bahrain where they conducted operational reconnaissance missions in support of CENTCOM, while participating in theater security events throughout the Middle East. Colonel Dockery relinquished command in June 2014.

Colonel Dockery reported to the Joint Staff J-35, Deputy Directorate for Regional Operations in Norfolk, VA in July 2015. While there he served as the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Joint Working Group Lead, and then as the Branch Chief, Future Sourcing Branch, within the Joint Force Coordination Division.

He departed the Joint Staff in June 2017 and reported to Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as the Chief of Staff until returning to MCAS Miramar to assume command.

Colonel Dockery has over 2400 flight hours in the F/A-18D. He is a graduate of the Marine Division Tactics Course and the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, and was the Marine Corps Aviation Association’s Robert Guy Robinson Award Winner in 2004. He is a distinguished graduate of both the Australian Command and Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a Masters degree in Strategy and Policy from the University of New South Wales (Australia) and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His personal awards include the Air Medal with numeral ‘8’, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and nine Sea Service Deployment ribbons.



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Celebrating 243 Years

This month we will celebrate the United States Marine Corp turning 243 years old. On November 10, 1775, the Continental Marines were established. Want to give the Marines a birthday gift? Tell Congress the Marines need more amphibious ships in order to maintain enough capacity to remain ready to fight today, learn more about how and why below! Happy Birthday!

Image courtesy of Wikipedia



Index of Military Strength for 2019

Last month, the fifth annual Index of Military Strength for 2019 was released by the Heritage Foundation’s Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign.

According to a Navy League analysis of the report, the Index assesses the Navy as “Marginal” in capability, capacity, and readiness, and the Marine Corps as “Weak”. The authors cite the increasing average age of Navy ship classes as a significant problem that will lead to sustainment challenges, and recommends a force of 400 ships in order to respond to two Major Regional Contingencies (two-MRCs), instead of the one-MRC. The Marine Corps the Index cites sustainment challenges for legacy aircraft, inadequate amphibious platforms, and the average two-to-one deployment-to-dwell

ratio as impediments to readiness and capacity improvements. The authors do foresee an improvement in the near future given the funding increases delivered by the Bipartisan Budget Deal of 2018. Please do your part and continue to make your voice heard by voting, and by corresponding with your Representatives for pressing issues to the Sea Services, including funding, at <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/home>.



MEMBERS
Navy League Of The United States | San Diego Council

The November 2nd breakfast meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the General Membership.

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and to vote. The Nomination Committee has submitted the below recommendations for appointment to the Board of Director’s. Terms will expire on Dec 31 2021.

- Judi Adams
- Bryan Gray
- Darnisha Hunter
- Tim Ney
- Jason R. Surya
- Phyllis Barber
- Bob Berman
- Melanie Lang
- Rhonda Berg-Johnsen

- George Jones
- Rick Mitrovich
- William Marks
- Sheldon Margolis
- Tamara Marks
- Jay Rindler
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- Anthony Johnson



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San Diego Council,
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United States**

- Educate national leaders
and the nation.**
- Support the men and
women of the sea services.**
- Provide assistance to sea
service families.**
- Support youth programs.**



**JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE 243rd
BIRTHDAY OF THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**
*and recognizing superior Marines and a FMF Corpsman
from San Diego Commands
Wednesday November 14, 2018*



Guest Speaker

**LOCATION: Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 TIME: 1100 - 1300**
UNIFORM: Military: Service Alpha Civilian: Business Attire
Self-parking is FREE, \$12.00 valet. *This reservation with payment
must reach the Navy League Office by **November 7th** to ensure seating.*

Please Reserve _____ Individual seats at \$40 each I wish to host _____ Marines/Sailors at \$40 each

Please Reserve _____ Tables of Ten at \$400 each (4 seats for my use)

MC/VISA # _____ Exp: _____

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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.**

December 7, 2018

January 11, 2019**

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**

NEW MEMBERS

William Anderson	Flack Maguire
Ronald Branch	Nkechi Orizu
Tavares Davis	Edythe
Khalilah Douglas	Peifer
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Lawrence Loughnane	Shannon Ward
Hong Luong	Crystal Watson

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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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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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