



# BLUE & GOLD

Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 47-10 | October 2017

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

It is official...On September 15, the Council members voted to approve and ratify our Bylaws! It comes with great pleasure and pride to acknowledge the people who have worked so hard to ensure the goal of reviewing, drafting and methodically completing the process!! My thanks to Tamara Marks, Joan Mitchell, Irene Wells, and Henry Johnson as the Bylaws Committee Members, and to those who took the time to attend the Members Meeting and cast their vote. We are moving forward and continuing the mission.



Happy 242nd Birthday to the United States Navy! The Navy Birthday Ball, on 14 October, will be the capstone event of San Diego Fleet Week, and I would like to invite all of you to join us at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina on Harbor Drive in downtown San Diego!! Go to [www.navyleague-sd.com](http://www.navyleague-sd.com) to get your tickets today!

Last month was another memorable event at the Annual Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show. Our 150-person Chalet was filled with our terrific sponsors, General Atomics - Electromagnetic Systems Group, North Island Credit Union, Raytheon, MVPGOV, and Parker Aerospace, and their guests, among others. The Blues did their magic again and Sean Tucker mystified the crowd with his acrobatic talent and skill. Get your reservations into us soon for next year's Chalet! I would also like to thank Bill Ratner, CAPT USN (Ret), for speaking at our September Breakfast and providing some great information on the Sea Cadets.

With multiple events we host or support still ahead of us in the next few months nearly all the way to end of the calendar year I hope you can come out and support them.

Thank you—*Jon Berg-Johnsen*

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

- 14 October **242nd Navy Birthday Ball**  
at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.
- 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](http://www.navyleague-sd.com), or call 619 230-0301 for more information on these great events.

## Breakfast Meeting

October 6, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

*“It follows then as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious.”*

— President George Washington  
15 November 1781

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## RECOGNITIONS



The council wishes to thank our Air Show Chalet Sponsors standing to the left of President Jon Berg-Johnsen, Platinum Sponsor – Scott Forney representing General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems Group; Gold Sponsors – Roger McTighe representing North Island Credit Union and Earl Wederbrook representing Raytheon and our Silver Sponsors – Raj Ghai representing MCP GOV and Elizabeth Butterfield representing Parker Aerospace. Thank you all for your continued support.



1st Vice President Warren Savage and CAPT Bill Ratner, USN (Ret) Naval Sea Cadet Corps NHQ Representative, PSW, flank Recruiting Station San Diego Sergeant Major, SgtMaj Carlos Murcia; Sea Cadets PO2 Zachary Hamlet and PO2 Cody Ward and Sergeant Philip C. M. de Ocampo III, Recruiting Station San Diego's Support Billet of the Quarter. Missing from the photos is Recruiting Station San Diego's Recruiter of the Quarter, Gunnery Sergeant Eric J. Heidelberg who could not attend the event.



Vice President, Youth Activities Melissa Franklin presents CAPT Bill Ratner, USN (Ret) Naval Sea Cadet Corps NHQ Representative, PSW a council baseball cap for being our September guest speaker.

### **The San Diego County Veteran of the Year Nomination Site is Open.**

Nominations due, online only, by October 13th:

[WWW.SDVETERANOFtheyEAR.COM](http://WWW.SDVETERANOFtheyEAR.COM)



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to thank our  
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for all their support.**

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**THANK YOU!**



**ON THIS DATE IN...**

**OCTOBER**

**Oct 1, 1880** – John Phillip Sousa becomes the leader of the Marine Corps Band.

**Oct 1, 1949** – Military Sea Transportation Service is activated.

**Oct 1, 1955** – The first of postwar supercarriers, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59) is commissioned.

**Oct 2, 1799** – The Washington Navy Yard is established.

**Oct 6, 1958** – USS *Seawolf* (SSN-575) completes record submerged run of 60 days, logging over 13,700 nautical miles.

**Oct 6, 1990** – CDR Bruce Melnick, the first Coast Guardsman selected for astronaut training, made his first space flight serving as a Mission Specialist.

**Oct 7, 1975** – President Gerald Ford Signs law allowing admission of women into service academies.

**Oct 7, 2001** – Operation Enduring Freedom begins with carrier air strikes, and ship and submarine Tomahawk strikes.

**Oct 9 – Columbus Day!!! Fly your flag proudly!!!**

**Oct 10, 1845** – Naval School, later the Naval Academy, opens in Annapolis, MD with 50 midshipmen and seven faculty.

**Oct 12, 2000** – Terrorists in a boat make a suicide attack on USS *Cole* (DDG-67) while the ship refuels in the port of Aden, Yemen. Seventeen Sailors are killed.

**Oct 13 – HAPPY 242nd BIRTHDAY  
UNITED STATES NAVY!!!**

**Oct 19, 1915** – Submarine Base at New London, CT is establishment.

**Oct 22, 1962** – President John F. Kennedy orders a surface blockade of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**Oct 23, 1983** – At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarter building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 American servicemen.

**Oct 24, 1915** – MCRD at Norfolk, VA was moved and established at Parris, Island, SC.

**Oct 25, 1983** – U. S. Marines and Army troops land on Grenada to evacuate U.S. citizens threatened by the island's unstable political situation.

**Oct 30, 1799** – William Balch becomes the Navy's first commissioned Chaplain.

*The Council wishes a Happy 242nd Birthday to the world's finest Navy!!*

*Establishment of the Navy, 13 October 1775*

*This resolution of the Continental Congress marked the establishment of what is now the United States Navy.*

*“Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruize eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.*

*That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an estimate of the expence, and lay the same before the Congress, and to contract with proper persons to fit out the vessel.*

*Resolved, that another vessel be fitted out for the same purposes, and that the said committee report their opinion of a proper vessel, and also an estimate of the expence.”*

(Printed from the original document)

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**An excerpt from a 2010 Navy Birthday speech by Admiral James A. Winnefeld, USN then Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command/ U.S. Northern Command remarks at the Navy Ball**

“...We find that we Sailors cannot tolerate bureaucracy, probably because we spent most of our history isolated from it by hundreds or thousands of miles. We are shaped by the unforgiving environment within which we must continually operate. The sea – with all its wondrous beauty – must and always will be deadly. And operating from ships far from the safety of shore is even more dangerous than the uninitiated can imagine. Yet it is this very environment that hardens the steel of newly-forged Sailors. The sea is unforgiving, and as a result Sailors quickly earn a healthy respect for it – it ingrains into them the principles of self-reliance, a special respect a ship’s captain, and the notion of absolute accountability. A Sailor soon learns that he or she must rely on himself or his or her shipmates. He is interwoven into the very fabric of his ship – he or she eats, sleeps, breathes within the skin of the ship. And Sailors more quickly than any other profession discover those among them who are weak. A Sailor fights and dies with his or her ship, and has a special sympathy for the enemy Sailor whose ship is ablaze and sinking. From seaman recruits to Admirals – each Shipmate equally shares the risk of a sea battle or a raging storm – there is no rear echelon...there is no retreat from the sea. It is this reality that fosters a special relationship among Shipmates – forming bonds, as we see tonight, that last a lifetime.”





## **28th Annual Military Women's Luncheon**

Sat, October 28, 2017, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM PDT

Location: MCAS Miramar Commissioned Officer's Club  
4472 Anderson Avenue San Diego, CA 92126

You are invited to the 28th Annual Military Women's Luncheon. This event is always the kick-off to Veteran's Day events in San Diego County. Please join more than 150 women who served in every era from WWII to today's active duty for camaraderie, lunch and an interesting keynote speaker.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Karen Walker, a well-known and decorated Marine Corps officer with a distinguished military career that includes three combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She is also the author of, "Leading By My Ponytail".

Check-in social hour begins at 1100, lunch and program at 1200.

Cost is \$25/person and deadline to RSVP is Monday, October 23, 2017.

There is plenty of free parking. Your name will be added to a base access list and access will be granted with a valid driver's license.

Dress is civilian business attire.

Lunch options are fresh roasted turkey or charbroiled bistro steak with dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. A donation will be made (with excess luncheon funds) to a local non-profit to support military women.

You can purchase individual tickets, tickets for others and enter registration info for each. You will be able to edit the information after purchase too.

For more information, call the MWL information line and leave a message at: (858)636-3607.

## SAN DIEGO VETERAN EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

The Veterans Employment Committee of San Diego County is hosting a job and resource fair next month on Tuesday, November 7, from 10AM-2PM. The event is being held at the Valley View Casino Center (Formerly the San Diego Sports Arena) located at 3500 Sports Arena Blvd, San Diego, CA 92110. Please register on Eventbrite at: <https://hahhavsandiego2017.eventbrite.com/>

The Veterans Employment Committee is dedicated to serve disadvantaged veterans and transitioning military members of all branches or service, by providing assistance to remove barriers that may prevent them from obtaining life sustaining employment. The committee believes that it is more benefiting to the veteran as well as the overall society to provide the veteran a hand-up, not a hand-out, thus preventing possible long-term unemployment and homelessness. For more information visit: <http://www.sdvec.org/>.



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“A powerful Navy we have always regarded as our proper and natural means of defense; and it has always been of defense that we have thought, never of aggression or of conquest. But who shall tell us now what sort of Navy to build? We shall take leave to be strong upon the seas, in the future as in the past; and there will be no thought of offense or provocation in that. Our ships are our natural bulwarks.”

—President Woodrow Wilson  
December 8, 1914,  
In an Annual Message to Congress



## GOVERNOR BROWN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO MILITARY COUNCIL

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced the appointment of Rocky J. Chavez as chair of the Governor’s Military Council, replacing Ellen Tauscher. “Under Ellen’s leadership, the Military Council has been successful in its mission, helping to expand California’s economy by billions of dollars, improve the lives of our veterans and military families, and strengthen California’s role in our national security,” said Governor Brown.

According to a press release from the Governor’s office, Chavez, 66, of Oceanside, has been appointed chair of the Governor’s Military Council, where he has served as a member since 2013. Chavez has served as a member of the California State Assembly since 2012. He served as undersecretary at the California Department of Veterans Affairs from 2009 to 2010 and as a member of the Oceanside City Council from 2002 to 2009. Chavez served as a marine officer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1974 to 2002. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Chavez is a Republican.

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“Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, ‘I served in the United States Navy.’”

—President Kennedy, August 1963

# Welcome Home

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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.**

**October 6, 2017**

**November 3, 2017**

**December 1, 2017**

**No lunch meetings until further  
notice.**

### NEW MEMBERS

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Deidra Athias      | Chris Morris     |
| Steven Bryson      | Maria Pinto      |
| Wilmington Charles | Marquita Session |
| Renee Chor         | Wichita Small    |
| Josh Cohen         | Garin Spaulding  |
| Sherri Coombs      | China Sturgis    |
| Shantel Cosby      | Keandra Thomas   |
| Ryan Garnetto      | Logan Tucker     |
| Orien Greene       | Teri Wagner      |
| Heather Gunn       | Derrick Watkins  |
| Brannon Hunt       | Terryian Whitman |
| Kenneth Kimmes     | Kendra Williams  |
| Kenneth Kingan     |                  |

\* Life Members  
@ New Community Affiliate

# Husband & Wife Members  
^ Student  
+ Active Duty Spouse

## 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

### CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE

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.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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