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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON BERG-JOHNSEN

Look forward to September each year, but not just because summer is ending, College Football is starting, and cooler (we hope!) temperatures are coming soon. September is when celebrate our Youth Programs, in particular our Sea Cadet Program. In case you missed in my message last year, here is a little history and information about the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC).



The Navy League of the United States founded the USNSCC in 1958 at the request of the United States Navy. It is divided among six field areas, regions and sub-regions. The Pacific Field Area is composed of Region 11 covering Southern California and the Las Vegas area. San Diego is part of the Region 11. Our Council has proudly supported the Sea Cadets for many years. We are honored to have Shannon Ward, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Challenger Division and Training Ship Columbia Commanding Officer as the Guest Speaker for our 14 September Council Breakfast Meeting. She has a special story to tell about her experience with the Sea Cadets. Your support of the Breakfast helps us support for our Sea Cadets. Please sign up now and plan on being there!

Stepping back a few weeks in time, on 3 August, CAPT Joseph Buzzella, United States Coast Guard (USCG), Sector San Diego Commander presented an unforgettable and moving tribute to the efforts of the USCG during the 9/11 attacks on New York City and the ensuing transport of over 500,000 personnel from Manhattan Island.

On 17 August, our "Operation Welcome" group, led by Jay Rindler, was on hand when USS Hampton SSN-767 returned from deployment. It was rare treat to be onboard the submarine base when Hampton moored. If this were something you would be like to be part of, please contact Jay at karlort@aol.com for more information about how to get involved in these special events.

September also kicks off a very busy time of year. Besides holding our Monthly Breakfasts on 14 September, 12 October and 2 November, there will be an Ombudsman/Family Readiness Volunteer Luncheon on 20 September at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. We will also host a Chalet at the Miramar Airshow on 29 September; Celebrate the Navy's 243rd Birthday at the Annual Navy Ball being held on 13 October; and formally acknowledge the Marine Corps' 243rd Anniversary of its founding at a Luncheon on 15 November.

We hope you can all join us at some or all these events as we pay tribute to 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.

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Breakfast Meeting September 14, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

GUEST SPEAKER

LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC
Commanding Officer
Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia

When asked, "What's
being a Sea Cadet mean to you?"

“It means showing that you're committed to something, willing to show leadership and team work at that same time. Being disciplined and wearing you're uniform with pride.”

— SA Nathan Walters, NSCC

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RECOGNITIONS



Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents CAPT Joseph Buzzella a copy of the Navy League History Book as a thank you for being our August breakfast guest speaker.



(l-r) CAPT Joseph Buzzella, Coast Guard Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego; OS3 Victoria Briceno, Coast Guard Sector Enlisted Person of the Quarter, holding her Certificate of Recognition from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer; Tony Teravainen, representing Mayor Faulconer and Chief Christopher Cruz.



Council Executive Director Jay Lott (far right) poses with BGen Ryan P. Heritage, Commanding General, MCRD San Diego (center right) and SgtMaj Peter Siaw, SgtMaj 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (left of BGen Heritage) who was the Reviewing Officer of Recruit Graduation on 10 August.



(l-r) Council 1st Vice President Tony Johnson; Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's, Blue Jacket of the Quarter, HN Rene D. Mina, Jr.; Junior Sailor of the Quarter, PO3 Andrea A. Gentles; Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter, Sgt Selena N. Espinoza; Marine of the Quarter PFC Isaac A. Dean and Veterans United Home Loans awards sponsor representative Rob Meyer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Council is only as strong as the Members and other volunteers that support it. This can something as simple as attending one of our breakfasts or special events, donating time or making a monetary contribution. If you really want to support your Sea Service Members and you just don't have the time, consider purchasing a seat for one of them to attend a luncheon or dinner event! Isn't that why you joined Navy League and our Council.

Join us. Get involved. You can make a difference! Please don't forget to attend the Breakfast Meeting on 14 September.

Thank you

Jon Berg-Johnsen

BREAKFAST SPEAKER

SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

LTJG Shannon Ward, NSCC
Commanding Officer
Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia

Shannon Ward is a math teacher at El Cajon Valley High School. She has 23 years of experience teaching real world math to high school seniors. Additionally, she teaches basic math concepts to newcomers to the country to help prepare them for school in America. She is the head of the school's safety committee and participates in the school's yearly Faculty Follies show that raises money for scholarships. She is a proud alumna of San Diego State University.



When Shannon is not planning lessons, she is a volunteer with the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. During her time with the USNSCC, she has escorted 11 trainings as Divisional Officer and as the Officer in Charge. She is currently the Commanding Officer of the Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia, which is the East County based sea cadet unit.

She enjoys SCUBA diving, photography, off-roading in the desert and boating at the river with her husband and 2 children.

SAVE THE DATE!!!



243rd NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL

October 13, 2018

SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL & MARINA

For Tickets go to: https://sandiegonavyball.thundertix.com/events/128837/saleable_seats?performance_ID=2044879

ON THIS DATE IN...

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1, 1977 – Bobby C. Wilks became the first African American in the Coast Guard to reach the rank of Captain.

Sept 2, 1945 – The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship *Missouri* (BB-63) in Tokyo Bay.

Sept 3 – LABOR DAY!!!

Sept 5, 1990 – USS *Acadia* (AD-42) departs San Diego for first war-time deployment of male-female crew on combat vessel.

Sept 6, 1983 – Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon.

Sept 9 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset.

Sept 10, 1813 – In Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, flying his "Don't give up the ship" flag, defeats British squadron and says: "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Sept 11, 2001 – American Flight 77 hijacked by terrorists struck the Pentagon. And two commercial airliners also struck the World Trade Center in New York City, NY destroying both towers. A fourth aircraft crashed around Shanksville, PA when passengers on board tried to regain control of the aircraft from the terrorists.

Sept 11 – PATRIOT DAY!!!

Fly your flag at half-staff until sunset.

Sept 14, 1814 – Frances Scott Key pens the Star Spangled Banner inspired by the British bombardment of Fort McHenry.

Sept 17 – CITIZENSHIP (Constitution) DAY!!!

Fly your flag proudly.

Sept 18 – Yom Kippur begins at sunset.

Sept 18, 1947 – HAPPY 71st BIRTHDAY

U. S. AIR FORCE!!!

Sept 20, 1951 – In Operation Summit, the first combat helicopter landing in history, U.S. Marines were landed in Korea.

Sept 21 – POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY!!!

Fly your flag proudly.

Sept 23, 1931 – Lt. Alfred Pride pilots the Navy's first rotary wing aircraft, XOP-1 autogiro, in landings and takeoffs on board USS *Langley* while underway.

Sept 23, 1947 – James Forrestal, former SECNAV takes office as the first Secretary of Defense.

Sept 23, 1990 – Two hospital ships (USNS *Mercy* and USNS *Comfort*) steam together for first time in Arabian Gulf.

Sept 24, 1960 – First nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65), launched at Newport News, VA.

Sept 26, 1931 – Keel laying at Newport News, VA of USS *Ranger* (CV-4), first ship designed and constructed as an aircraft carrier.

Sept 27, 1950 – First Marine Division captures Seoul, South Korea.

Sept 28, 1850 – Congress outlaws flogging on Navy ships.

Sept 30, 1954 – Commissioning at Groton, CT, of USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571), the world's first nuclear-powered ship.

SEPTEMBER 11 - PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

In memory of the nearly 3,000 people who were killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, each year in the United States we observe Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

On October 25, 2001, the U.S. House of Representatives Joint Resolution 71 was approved. Resolution 71 requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day". President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18, 2001 (as Public Law 107-89).

On this day, it is asked by the President that the American flag is flown at half-staff at individual American homes, the White House and on all United States government buildings and establishments at home and abroad. The President has also asked Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. He also strongly encourages Americans to use the Corporation for National and Community Service to find and volunteer for service opportunities.

It was on September 10 of 2012 that President Obama issued a proclamation renaming the day as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, in reference to both Public Laws 107-89 and 111-13 (the Edward M. Kennedy Serve



America Act).

"As we join in serving causes greater than ourselves and honoring those we lost, we are reminded of the ways that the victims of 9/11 live on — in the people they loved, the lives they touched, and the courageous acts they inspired. On Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, we pledge to carry on their legacy of courage and compassion, and to move forward together as one people." -Presidential Proclamation—Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



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SEPTEMBER 17 – CITIZENSHIP (CONSTITUTION) DAY



Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is observed each year on September 17 to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and “recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.”

This commemoration had its origin in 1940, when Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing and requesting the President to issue annually a proclamation setting aside the third Sunday in May for the public recognition of all who had attained the status of American citizenship. The designation for this day was “I Am An American Day.”

In 1952 Congress repealed this joint resolution and passed a new law moving the date to September 17 to commemorate “the formation and signing, on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States.” The day was still designated as “Citizenship Day” and retained its original purpose of recognizing all those who had attained American

citizenship. This law urged civil and educational authorities of states, counties, cities and towns to make plans for the proper observance of the day and “for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside.”

In 2004 under Senator Byrd’s urging, Congress changed the designation of this day to “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day” and added two new requirements in the commemoration of this Day. The first is that the head of every federal agency provide each employee with educational and training materials concerning the Constitution on September 17th. The second is that each educational institution which receives Federal funds should hold a program for students every September 17th.

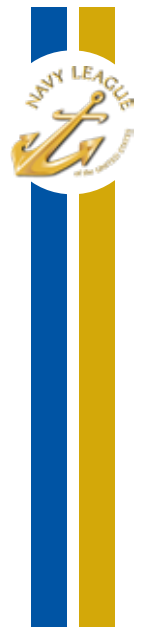


GOALS OF THE

San Diego Council,

Navy League Of The 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.**





HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY US NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS!!!



USNSCC is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

USNSCC is comprised of two programs. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program is for young people ages 13 through the completion of high school. Also included under the USNSCC umbrella is our junior program the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), for young people ages 10 through 13.

Run by a small staff in Arlington, Virginia, we are sponsored by the Navy League of the United States and supported by both the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard.



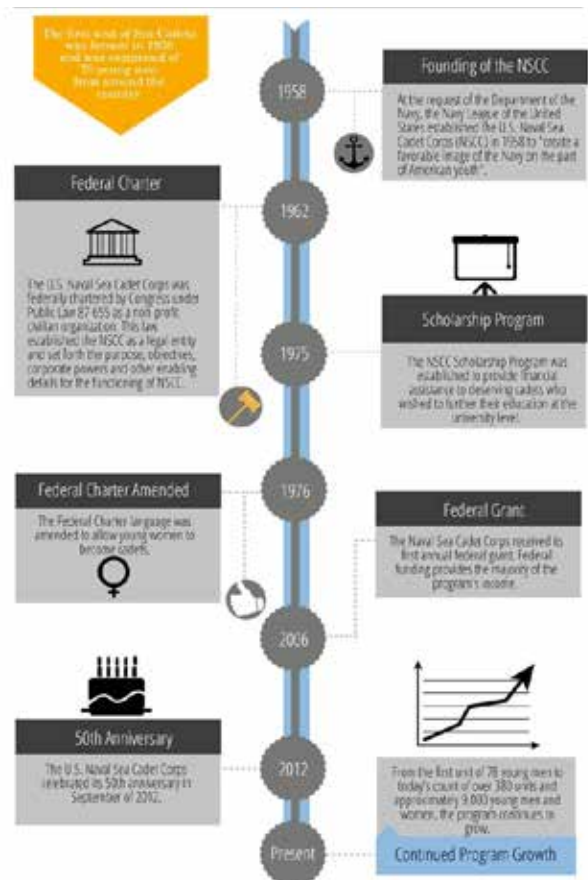
U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

The Goals of Our Cadet Programs:

At the request of the Department of the Navy, the Navy League of the United States established the USNSCC in 1962 to "create a favorable image of the Navy on the part of American youth".

Today's U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps continues to further the image of our maritime services by adhering to a standardized training program designed to:

1. Develop an interest and ability in seamanship and seagoing skills
2. Instill virtues of good citizenship and strong moral principles in each cadet
3. Demonstrate the value of an alcohol-free, drug-free and gang-free lifestyle
4. Expose cadets to the prestige of public service and a variety of career paths through hands-on training with our nation's armed services



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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.**

September 14, 2018*

October 12, 2018*

November 2, 2018

December 7, 2018

** Denotes 2nd Friday of the month*

NEW MEMBERS

Robin Alvarez	Richard McDowell
Kevin Clevenger	James Mclemore
Meredith Dearborn	Shannon
Kareem Elbey	Rundquist
Helen Gordon	Stephen Ryan
David Huie	Nicol Scheetz
Yong Jo	Mara Sidlo
Garwyne Jones	Lisa St Brice
Cynthia Knott	Tonya Williams
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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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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WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

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