



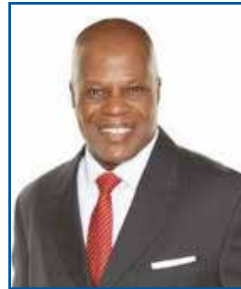
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Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 50-04 | April 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello members! I hope you all are taking care of yourselves and others in regards to the Coronavirus crisis! Unfortunately, if you have not seen or heard, we made the painful decision to cancel our Enlisted Women of the Year luncheon as well as sponsoring and hosting this year's Sailor of the Year announcement ceremonies for Naval Forces within the Pacific Area of Responsibility. We will still select a Senior and Junior Enlisted Woman of the Year, but we just will not have a lunch to announce the winners. We have also cancelled our monthly breakfast meetings until further notice and the International Frigate Working Group conference scheduled for June. The council will continue to keep a very close watch for any information that is publicized from local, state and federal leaders that may affect our Coast Guardsmen, Marines, and Sailors and their families.



We do have some good news. We have completed the development of our new website and it is robust, more informative and user friendly than ever before! We also have established our official Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts in order to interact not with only our membership more, but with the community as a whole. We are excited about the potential of this technology giving us more access to you and the public. Please visit the site, [www.navyleague-sd.com](http://www.navyleague-sd.com), and let us know what you think.

In closing, I cannot stress enough that we are in unique times and we all need to concentrate on getting through this pandemic with resolve and patience. Please take care of yourselves by staying on the side of caution and being considerate to others by staying at home whenever possible. As Americans always do, we will win the fight against this pandemic by improvising and adapting to any situation that may come our way! Stay safe!

Tony Johnson  
President

## Breakfast Meeting

**Due to health concerns and in keeping with the mandates of local and national officials, our breakfast meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

*“ If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. ”*

— Ronald Reagan

## 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.

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# RECOGNITIONS



President Tony Johnson presents Commodore Jennifer Ellinger, USN a copy of the History of the Navy League for being our inspirational guest speaker at our March Breakfast meeting.

## SEA CADET CORPS

By: LTJG SHANNON WARD,  
NSCC COMMANDING OFFICER,  
CHALLENGER DIVISION/T.S. COLUMBIA

### New Uniforms

Like the rest of the country, the USNSCC's priority is the safety of all of our cadets and volunteers. For this reason, all Sea Cadet activities have been suspended till further notice. So, while we cannot share any activities, we can share some good news.



Due to the generosity of the US Navy, the USNSCC is transitioning over to a Sea Cadet version of the Type IIIs. Challenger Division/TS Columbia has received their uniforms and sea cadet insignia, flashes and patches. As soon as activities are able to be resumed, the cadets will be outfitted in their new uniforms and will represent the US Navy with pride.

Cadets nationwide are very excited for this roll-out. This has been a long process and is still on-going.

While we are all dealing with this quarantine, keep your eyes on the future and the stay safe at home.



## ON THIS DATE IN...

APRIL

**Apr 1, 1893** – The rate of Chief Petty Officer is established.

**Apr 1, 1945** – Over 1200 Navy ships, Coast Guard vessels loaded with over 13,000 Marines and Soldiers begin the invasion of Okinawa.

**Apr 2, 1827** – The first Naval hospital construction began at Portsmouth, VA.

**Apr 4, 1977** – The Coast Guard designated its first female Coast Guard aviator.

**Apr 7, 1945** – The first two Navy flight nurses land on an active battlefield (Iwo Jima).

**Apr 7, 1979** – The first Trident submarine, USS *Ohio* (SSBN-726) is launched at Groton, CT.

**Apr 8, 1925** – The first planned night landings on a carrier, USS *Langley*.

**Apr 10, 1959** – LtCol John Glenn was named as one of the first original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training.

**Apr 11, 1900** – Navy accepted its first submarine, USS *Holland*.

**Apr 12, 1911** – Lt. Theodore Ellyson qualifies as the first naval aviator.

**Apr 12, 1975** – Operation Eagle Pull, military evacuation by air of Phnom Penh begins.

**Apr 12, 1979** – LtJg Beverly Kelley assumed command of the CGC *Cape Newagen*, becoming the first woman to command a US warship.

**Apr 14, 1898** – Commissioning of the first Post-Civil War hospital ship, USS *Solace*.

**Apr 14, 1943** – Joseph C. Jenkins graduated as an ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, becoming the first commissioned African-American officer in the Coast Guard.

**Apr 15, 1962** – USS *Princeton* brought the first Marine helicopters (HMM-362) to Vietnam.

**Apr 16, 1947** – Act of Congress gives Navy Nurse Corps members commissioned rank.

**Apr 18, 1942** – USS *Hornet* launches Doolittle's Army bombers for the first attack on Japan.

**Apr 18, 1983** – One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

**Apr 21, 1951** – Marine carrier-based airplanes from VMF-312, made their aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines.

**Apr 27, 1805** – Marines capture Derne, Tripoli and raise the U.S. flag over foreign soil.

**Apr 28, 1993** – SECDEF memo orders Armed Forces to train and assign women on combat aircraft and most combat ships.

**Apr 30, 1798** – Congress establishes the Department of the Navy.

**Apr 30, 1975** – The last few Americans still in South Vietnam were airlifted out of the country as Saigon fell to communist forces.

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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.**

**April will be cancelled**

**May 1, 2020**

**June 5, 2020**

**July 10, 2020\***

**August 7, 2020**

**September 11, 2020\***

**October 2, 2020**

**November 6, 2020**

**December 4, 2020**

**\*\* Denotes 2nd Friday of the month**

### NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Cain  
Barbara Davis  
John Friedman  
Tamikia Gammons  
Reginald Green  
Austin Honorio  
Frank Martin  
Jamila Martinez-VanDien  
David McArthur  
Kamarri Mclean-Ferris  
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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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#### 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.

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