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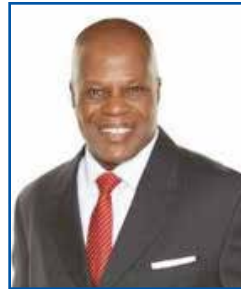
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello Members! As we continue to get through the Pandemic crisis, I want you to know that your council is still working hard supporting the Coast Guardsmen, Marines and Sailors, whenever and wherever possible.

We would like you go to our website and join our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn). Invite your friends and family as well. There, you will have an opportunity to interact more with council members and leaders. We also added links for the most up to date information on COVID 19 from city, county, state and federal organizations responsible for guidance to keep us all healthy.



Last month we had the privilege of recognizing Sailors of the Year from Commanders of Surface and Submarines Forces Pacific. This month we recognize the top Sailors of Naval Air Force Pacific and U.S Third Fleet. Congratulations to AO1(AW/SW/IW) Jason C. Webley, USN who selected as Commander Naval Air Force Pacific Sea Sailor of the Year and LN1(AW/SW) Karen Bobb, USN, who was selected as Shore Sailor of the Year. For Commander U.S. Third Fleet, PS1(SW/AW/IW) Barbara V. Karas was selected as Sea Sailor of the Year and CTN1(IW) Autumn L. Yarbrough as shore Sailor of the Year. We also discovered that AO1 (AW/SW/IW) Jason C. Webley was selected as the top Sea Sailor within the whole Pacific Fleet, which covers every sea command from the Mississippi river all the way to the South West Asia. Well done to these Sailors being selected as the very best in the Pacific! We also recognized the accomplishments of six Marines and Sailors of the Quarter from MCAS Miramar and five Marines and Sailors of the Quarter from Third Marine Aircraft Wing.

We have donated \$4000.00 to Armed Services YMCA, \$4000.00 to STEP (Support The Enlisted Project) and \$2000.00 to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society that directly assist service members and their families.

We still are not sure, when we will be able to have social events such as our breakfast meetings, recognition events, etc. The International Frigate Working Group Conference that we host for Naval Sea System Command here in San Diego has been postpone until March 2021. However, we are still going through the planning process for the Navy Ball in October and the Marine Corps luncheon in November driven by the guidance we receive from military leaders as well as state and county officials. We will keep you updated as the information becomes available through the website.

June brings a host of historical events that we should never forget such as D-Day, June 6; Merchant Marine Birthday, June 12; Flag Day, June 14; Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday, June 23; Sea Cadets Birthday, June 25 and PTSD Awareness Day, June 27.

In closing, as your council President, I hope you stay safe and healthy during this time of crisis. However, during this time, and even afterwards, we really need your support with helping others in need by donating monetarily when you can because without it, we will not be able to have an impact on service members' lives and young people's development in a positive way. PLEASE DONATE WHEN YOU CAN ! Thanks!

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.

“The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American.”

— Thomas Jefferson

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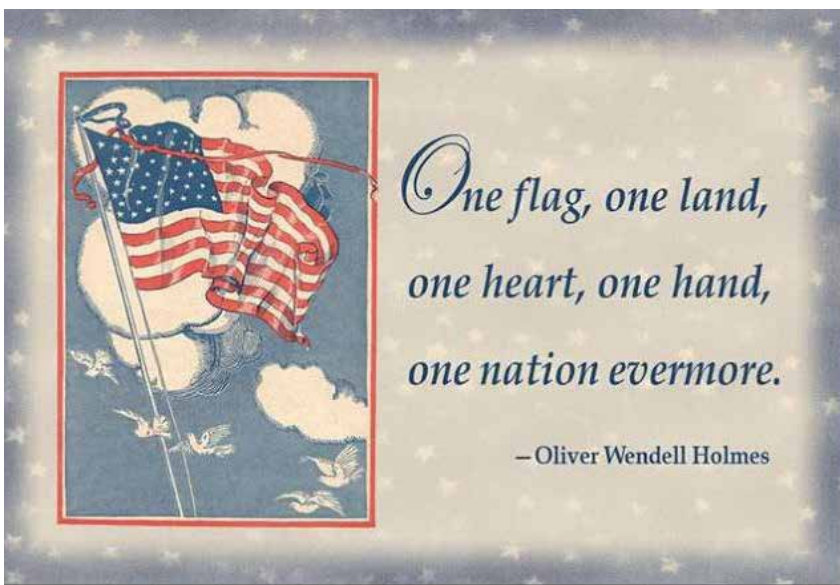
## RECOGNITIONS



Council President Tony Johnson presents a \$4000.00 check to Tony Teravainen, CEO and Co-Founder of Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) to aid in their endeavors in helping our enlisted families.



Council President Tony Johnson presented a \$2000.00 check to Barry White, Director of San Diego Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Rosa Wilson Deputy Director to assist in supporting Marines and Sailors.



## ON THIS DATE IN...

JUNE

**June 1, 1813** – As the mortally wounded Captain Lawrence was carried below, he ordered "Tell the men to fire faster! Don't give up the ship!"

**June 3, 1949** – Wesley A. Brown becomes the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

**June 4, 1934** – USS *Ranger*, first ship designed from the keel up as a carrier, is commissioned at Norfolk, VA.

**June 6, 1944** – In Operation Overlord, Allied invasion fleet (over 2700 ships and craft) land troops on Normandy beaches, the largest amphibious landing in history.

**June 8, 1990** – CDR Rosemary Mariner becomes first Navy women to command a fleet jet aircraft squadron.

**June 8, 1995** – A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS *Kearsarge* rescued downed U.S. pilot Capt Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

**June 9, 1959** – Launching of USS *George Washington* (SSBN-598), first nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, at Groton, CT.

**June 10, 1854** – U.S Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, holds its first formal graduation exercises.

**June 10, 1922** – Congress readjusted pay and allowances of Coast Guard commissioned and enlisted personnel on basis of equality with other services.

**June 11, 1941** – Amendment to act creating Coast Guard provided "The Coast Guard shall be a military service and constitute a branch of the land and naval forces of the United States at all times."

**June 12** – **HAPPY 245th BIRTHDAY MERCHANT MARINES!!!**

**June 12, 1948** – The Women's Armed Forces Integration Act provides for enlistment and appointment of women in the Naval Reserve.

**June 12, 1961** – President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA "at all times."

**June 14, 1774** – **HAPPY 246th BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES ARMY!!!**

**June 14, 1777** – Continental Congress adopts design of present U.S. flag. *Flag Day - display your flag proudly.*

**June 14** – **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!**

**June 17, 1898** – **HAPPY 122nd BIRTHDAY NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS!!!**

**June 21, 1979** – SN Ina J. Toavs was awarded the Coast Guard Medal, for extraordinary heroism, the first woman to receive the award.

The USNSCC is continuing to adapt to these stay at home orders. In preparation for the continued sheltering in place, summer trainings will be done virtually, allowing the cadets to stay safe- at home. There are many options available for cadets encompassing a variety of topics such as cybersecurity, aviation, marine biology, navigation, and history- to name a few. Officers and volunteers at headquarters are still working out the details for “boot camp.” Sea Cadet Recruit Training or Navy League Orientation is the first training cadets attend. This is where they learn the basics about the program, and the Navy: ranks, regulations, courtesies, marching, formations and the like. The majority of the training will be done through online sources. The remainder of the training will still be done, in person, once social distancing has been lifted. In the meantime, while the Sea Cadets are complying with social distancing, Challenger Division and



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Training Ship Columbia cadets and officers are staying connected through the power of the internet. We participated in another zoom drill Saturday 09 May 20. Cadets and officers exercised both inside and outside of their houses. Front yards, back yards, living rooms & bedrooms became exercise grounds. It is a blessing that we can still engage with each other, even if through a computer screen.

We are anxiously awaiting the re-opening of California. But until then, we will continue to engage our cadets through virtual webinars, trainings and videos. All can be found at homeport. [seacadets.org](http://seacadets.org).



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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.**

**June 5, 2020 CANCELLED**

**July 10, 2020\* CANCELLED**

**August 7, 2020**

**September 11, 2020\***

**October 2, 2020**

**November 6, 2020**

**December 4, 2020**

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

### NEW MEMBERS

TaShona Berry  
Opadro Carden  
David Clark  
Bruce Coleman  
Christopher Cross  
Ausheyia Cunningham  
Chasity Dodd  
Kevin Houston  
Tymeka Howard  
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Christine Ruffin  
Khanetha Stokes  
Carlos Thomas  
Garry Tipler  
Iris Walker  
Fredrika Wilson

\* Life Members | @ New Community Affiliate

### 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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