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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello members! Well, we are still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, which is keeping the council from having our routine events such as our monthly breakfasts. However, there is some great news to report. Suzie Johnson, our Scholarship Chairperson, led a committee to select the new Kreiglowa Scholarship awardees for 2020. Three were selected. Congratulations to Justin Rader from San Diego, CA, Ashley Boomer of San Jose, CA, and Logan Schmidt of La Mesa, CA. Well done to them all and their families, as well as Suzie for executing a flawless process to pick the best candidates available.



I also want to congratulate Cadet Aodhan MacLochlainn (pronounced Aiden McLocklin) of our Ramona Navy Junior Recruit Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) unit for being awarded the Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for outstanding service to his unit. Well Done Aodhan! You can find more details about these wonderful young people on our website under our youth program page.

Speaking of our website and social media tools, I am starting to see more interaction in that environment. Please keep it up and I challenge you to invite ten of your friends, family members or both to connect and discover what the council is doing during this unique time of crisis.

In closing, continue to play it safe and sway on the side of caution when it comes to staying protected from COVID 19. We may be through the worst as the experts say, but by no means are we out of the woods just yet. Stay well and Happy 4th of July!

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 flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history.”

—Woodrow Wilson

“ In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.”

— President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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RECOGNITIONS



(I) Council President Tony Johnson presents a \$4000.00 check Tim Ney, Executive Director of Armed Services YMCA to support service members and their in the San Diego area.



Ramona NJROTC had a virtual awards ceremony on May 26, 2020 and Council President Tony Johnson presented the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to Cadet Aodhan MacLochlainn.



ON THIS DATE IN...

JULY

July 1, 1850 – Naval School at Annapolis renamed Naval Academy.

July 3, 2002 – The first of the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Teams was commissioned in Seattle, WA.

July 4 – HAPPY 244th BIRTHDAY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!!

July 6, 1911 – The first naval aviation base is established at Annapolis, MD.

July 6, 1976 – Women enter the Naval Academy.

July 9, 1943 – Coast Guard-manned ships land the first Allied troops in Sicily.

July 11, 1941 – Congress reconfirmed the military "status" of the Coast Guard.

July 12, 1862 – The Medal of Honor is created.

July 12, 1957 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower takes the first presidential ride in a helicopter.

July 12, 1990 – Commander Rosemary B. Mariner becomes the first woman to command an operational aviation squadron.

July 14, 1813 – Lt. John M. Gamble, the first marine to command a ship in battle.

July 14, 1952 – Laying of keel of USS *Forrestal*, the first 59,900-ton aircraft carrier.

July 17, 1994 - USCGC *Polar Sea* (WAGB-11), became the first U.S. surface vessel to reach the North Pole.

July 20, 1960 – In the first launch of Polaris missiles, USS *George Washington* (SSBN 598) successfully first 2 operational Polaris missiles while submerged of Florida.

July 20, 1969 – Former Navy pilot Neil Armstrong is the first man to set foot on the moon. While taking the first step, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

July 23, 1993 – Sarah Deal becomes the first woman selected for naval aviation training.

July 25, 1947 – The Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserve (SPARS) was disestablished.

July 26, 1947 – The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy.

July 26, 1948 – President Harry S. Truman orders desegregation of the Armed Services.

July 27, 1953 – Korean War armistice signed at Panmunjon, Korea and the Korean cease-fire went into effect at 10:00 pm.

July 28, 1918 – BGen John A. Lejeune USMC, assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized.

July 29, 1846 – Sailors and Marines from U.S. sloop *Cyane* capture San Diego, CA.

God Bless the U.S.A.

By Lee Greenwood



If tomorrow all the things were gone
I worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife

I thank my lucky stars
To be living here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea

From Detroit down to Houston
And New York to L.A.
Where's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say

That I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A

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Membership

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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.**

July 10, 2020* **CANCELLED**

August 7, 2020 **CANCELLED**

September 11, 2020*

October 2, 2020

November 6, 2020

December 4, 2020

** Denotes 2nd Friday of the month

NEW MEMBERS

Ramon Alvarez
Benita Bonnette
Jeffrey Cruz
Andy Dieujuste
Keara Gillam
Alfie Gladney
Curtis Halpin
Lawrence Ibelegbu
Kara Million
Dritan Nerhati
Tyriss Nix
Amy Raposa
William Reed
Bradley Rose
Kimberly Smith
William Solorzano
Raoul Tchatchouang
Matt Toney

* 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

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Have you moved? Changed your phone number, or Email Address?

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