



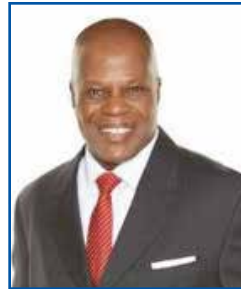
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Navy League Of The United States San Diego Council 50-08 | August 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONY JOHNSON

Hello Members! I hope you all are well and remaining safe as COVID-19 continues to affect our daily lives, especially in our region. This year continues to bring some huge challenges and sacrifices for us all. We are unable to do what we do normally. Ships leave for and return from deployments on a regular basis, but because of the coronavirus we are unable to welcome the warriors home after a long deployment.



Behind the scenes, many board members are continuing to work to keep the Council moving forward. One area is our new website: [www.navyleague-sd.com](http://www.navyleague-sd.com). Please check it out! It is being updated constantly.

Good news. We are producing a new tri-fold pamphlet, which is close to being finalized. A few months ago, the National headquarters launched a new Navy League logo and we have until April 2021 to implement it, but we have recently implemented the change throughout all our media components. We are also developing new correspondence products with the new logo. We will, of course, continue to use up our current stockpile of items to save waste until April 2021!

It saddens me to tell you that we are in the process of making a decision in conjunction with the Commander, Navy Region Southwest to cancel the Navy Birthday Ball this year because of the COVID -19 pandemic. We have decided to cancel our Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon for 2020 in November as well. These are tough decisions, but in all good consciousness, we cannot commit to these events in this time of crisis.

On another thoughtful note, I do want to say that Imperial Valley County is having a tough time with COVID-19 with an infection rate way above the state average and hospitalizations that are at full capacity. So let us keep the Imperial Valley Council in our thoughts, as their county deals with the worst infection outbreak in the state.

Calling for new board of director members! We need energetic members who are willing to actively serve and take on the challenge of supporting our service members and families by giving your time and drive for optimizing this council to reach its full potential. Any new board members will serve on the board for a three-year term. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, or is able to nominate someone, please do not hesitate to contact Jay Lott at [jay@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:jay@navyleague-sd.com) or myself at [president@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:president@navyleague-sd.com) so that we can connect you with the nominating committee chair. Come and join a great team, and make a difference in the lives of so many youth, service members, and families.

In closing, as we get closer to the fall, I want to let you know that the board is strategizing on how the council can get better going forward. We would love you all to be part of having this council succeed for when we hit the deck running. Stay safe and healthy!

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 U.S. Guard is a shining example of how well a Federal agency can perform with its flexibility, speed, expertise.”

—Rep. Russ Carnahan

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## 5 Things to Love About the Coast Guard Birthday

Happy Birthday, Coast Guard! We've all watched "The Guardian" and have watched the "Coast Guard Alaska" show on The Weather Channel, right?

So, we totally all know rescue swimmers are the most amazing thing ever and Alaska is the best place to live if you want to have a successful Coastie career, right?

Quite possibly. But for those of us who don't get to star in our own show or live in Alaska, allow me to share five things to love about the Coast Guard on their birthday August 4.



### 1. The Coast Guard comes to the rescue.

In 2012 the Coast Guard responded to 19,790 Search and Rescue cases and saved 3,560 lives and more than \$77 million in property.

They removed 107 metric tons of cocaine bound for the United States via the Transit Zone. They continued the deployment of six Patrol Boats and 400 personnel to protect Iraqi critical maritime oil infrastructure and train Iraqi naval forces.

They conducted 25,500 container inspections, 5,000 facility safety and marine pollution related inspections, and 1,195 cargo transfer monitors to ensure security, safety, and environmental stewardship of the maritime domain.

They did a ton more, but you get the point – they're a busy branch of the armed forces...and quite truthfully they continue to rock it out keeping our country safe.

### 2. The Coast Guard is the nation's oldest continuous maritime service.

In 1790, Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. (In the 19th and early 20th centuries the Coast Guard was known as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service).

The Coast Guard is the hard nucleus about which the Navy forms in times of war, right? We kid...we love our Navy family, too.

### 3. The Coast Guard has 11 missions.

The missions of the Coast Guard include:

Ports, waterways, and coastal security. Drug interdiction Aids to navigation Search and rescue. Living marine resources. Marine safety. Defense readiness. Migrant interdiction. Marine environmental protection. Ice operations and other law enforcement

### 4. The Coast Guard is part of Homeland Security.

In 2003, the Coast Guard began operating as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing our laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and the nation's vast coastline and ports, and saving lives.

Random side note: in times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves under the Navy Department.

## ON THIS DATE IN...

**AUGUST**

**Aug 3, 1942** - Mildred McAfee becomes the first woman officer commissioned into the Naval Reserve.

**Aug 3, 1950** - The first Marine Corps aviation mission against North Korea by VMF-214, from USS *Sicily*.

**Aug 3, 1950** - The first helicopter evacuation in Korea by VMO-6.

**Aug 4, 1846** - Sailors and Marines from USS Congress capture Santa Barbara.

**Aug 4 - HAPPY 73rd BIRTHDAY**

**MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS!!!**

**Aug 4, 1790 - HAPPY 230th BIRTHDAY**

**U.S. COAST GUARD!!!**

**Aug 6, 1847** - LtCol S.E. Watson's Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma."

**Aug 6, 1990** - President George Bush orders Operation Desert Shield, the largest overseas deployment since Vietnam, to protect Saudi Arabia after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

**Aug 7, 1782** - Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) is established.

**Aug 8, 1972** - Women are authorized for sea duty as regular ship's company.

**Aug 9, 1949** - First use of pilot-ejection seat for emergency escape in the U.S. was made by Lt Jack Fruin of VF-171 near Walterboro, SC.

**Aug 9, 1950** - Congress enacted Public Law 679, which charged the Coast Guard with the function of port security.

**Aug 11, 1921** - Carrier arresting gear first tested at Hampton Roads, VA.

**Aug 12, 1918** - SECNAV approves acceptance of women as yeoman in the U.S. Navy.

**Aug 13, 1918** - Opha Mae Johnson enlisted, becoming the first woman Marine.

**Aug 15, 1845** - U.S. Naval Academy established at Annapolis, MD of former site of Ft. Severn.

**Aug 17, 1942** - Submarines USS *Nautilus* and USS *Argonaut* land 222 Marines on Makin Island. It was the first amphibious attack made from submarines.

**Aug 18, 1911** - The first Navy Nurse Corps superintendent, Esther Voorhees Hasson, is appointed.

**Aug 21, 1968** - The first Medal of Honor for an African-American Marine, was posthumously awarded to the parents of PFC James Anderson, Jr.

**Aug 22 HAPPY 108th BIRTHDAY**

**NAVY DENTAL CORPS!!!**

**Aug 24, 1948** - Frederick C. Branch of Charlotte, NC, becomes the first African-American to be commissioned as a regular Marine Corps officer.

**Aug 29, 1916** - The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.

**5. The Coast Guard is always prepared.**

Semper Paratus is the motto of the Coast Guard and it means “always prepared.” The Coast Guard’s core values are honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

So today I toast to the Coast Guard. I thank the men and women who spend their careers dedicated to ensuring the safety, security, and stewardship of our waters.

I applaud your law enforcement efforts, incident responses, and disaster management in times of need in the maritime environment in addition to your support of all the nation’s defense efforts.

As a wife of a Coastie, I know the sacrifices required to protect our country and I see you lead daily with honor, respect and an extreme devotion to duty for our great nation!

**Happy birthday to all our Coasties!**

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# Welcome Home

**Carrier Strike Group 9 returned from deployment.**

**USS Theodore ROOSEVELT (CVN-71),**

**USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52), USS RUSSELL (DDG-59),**

**USS PICKNEY, USS RAPHAEL PERALTA (first deployment)**

**and USS P. HAMILTON.**

**Embarked with this Strike Group was**

**CVW-11; VFA-31; VFA-87; VFA-146; VFA-154; VAW-115,**

**VAQ-142; HSC-8; HSM-75; and VRC-30 Det. A.**

**Due to COVID-19, we were not allowed on the pier.**

*I want to make sure that the  
Coast Guard people in Vietnam know that  
I am hearing about them often and that I  
and please with what I hear.*

— General Wallace Greene, Jr.  
USMC Commandant of the Marine Corps, Aug 1967

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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.**

**August 7, 2020 CANCELLED**

**September 11, 2020\***

**October 2, 2020**

**November 6, 2020**

**December 4, 2020**

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

### NEW MEMBERS

Pauline Adala  
Ibukun Akingbolagun  
Allan Butler  
Donovan Castro  
Tierre Crummie  
Stephanie Debnam  
Ruby Dumesh  
Cody Graska  
Jason Hall  
Akasha Jackson  
Luis Lemus  
Sobia Malik  
Kenneth Manuel  
Mary Pender  
Herby Pierre  
Tennyson Smith  
Frank Veltri

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### 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.

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