



Blue & Gold

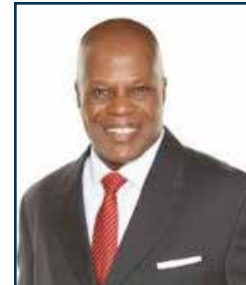
Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello members! I hope you all are staying safe and healthy! As I mentioned last month, we are not having our annual membership meeting in November to elect our new board of director members for 2021 because of the pandemic; however, we have developed an election process for voting. There are three ways of contacting members to afford you the opportunity to vote. One is by email. If we have your email address on file, we will be sending you an email with a link to the voting portal.

The second way is by regular mail if we do not have an email address on file for you. We will mail a postcard to you with the link to the voting portal. Thirdly, you can vote just by going to the website and clicking on the link that will take you to the voting portal. While you are in the portal, you will have the opportunity to update your email address or add one if we do not have one for you. You will also need to have your membership number available so we can validate if your membership is current. The voting period will officially begin 1 October and will continue until 20 November. This gives you the flexibility to vote at your own convenience up until mid-night 20 November. The candidates are listed in this B&G along with a short bio.

Although COVID-19 has forced us to cancel our Navy Birthday Ball event this October, we still want to give a big shout out **"HOOYAH, GO NAVY"** to all the officers and enlisted sailors of the world's finest Naval force, the UNITED STATES NAVY! Thanks to them, as well as the other maritime forces, all of us can sleep very well knowing that they are on the job, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week!

In closing, continue to stay safe, healthy, and positive about the future. The year 2021 is just around the corner!

Tony Johnson
President

It follows then as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious."

—President George Washington,
15 November 1781

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Member's, I am sure you have noticed the change in the **Blue & Gold**. Please let us know how you like it?

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.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no in person annual meeting to vote on new Board of Director's. Instead, you will be afforded the opportunity to vote on the nominees three ways, as outlined in the Presidents Message. All members in good standing are encouraged to vote.

The Nomination Committee has submitted the below recommendations for appointment/reappointment to the Board of Directors. Terms will expire on December 31, 2023.

Dave Grundies - Dave is a native of Newark, Ohio and graduated from Wake Forest University and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. As a Naval Aviator, he piloted aircraft on and off aircraft carriers and Naval Air Stations around the world. He was the Commanding Officer of Fleet Logistics Squadron Three Zero.

In the private sector, Dave built business partnerships in the San Diego defense community, is active in many community and business organizations. Dave is a two-term Past President of the San Diego Council of the Navy League and remains a continued supporter of the council.

Ed Naranjo - Ed entered the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California and graduated from recruit training in May 1983. Ed served aboard numerous ships and in April 1993, he reported onboard the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he was selected as Staff Sailor of the Year, promoted to Chief Petty Officer and Commissioned as a Naval Officer through the Limited Duty Officer Program. As a commissioned officer he has served many staff billets and Commanding Officer billets. Since his retirement Ed has been active in many community organizations.

Phyllis Barber - Phyllis is originally from Vermont, when she enlisted in the United States Navy and retired after almost 23 years of service. After retiring Phyllis became a member of many community organization such as the Downtown Lions Club, Armed Services YMCA and the San Diego Council of the Navy League where she served in many positions. She became the first woman president of the Council, has served as a Vice President and currently as 1st Vice President.

WELCOME HOME

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ON THIS DATE IN...

OCTOBER

Oct 1, 1880 - John Phillip Sousa becomes leader of the Marine Corps band.

Oct 1, 1955 - Commissioning of USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59, the first of postwar supercarriers).

Oct 1, 1997 - The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to the rank at MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

Oct 5, 1938 - The first members were enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Oct 6, 1884 - Department of the Navy establishes the Naval War College at Newport, RI.

Oct 6, 1990 - NASA astronaut and Coast Guard CDR Bruce Melnick made his first space flight.

Oct 7, 1975 - President Gerald Fords signs law allowing admission of women into service academies.

Oct 7, 2001 - Operation Enduring Freedom begins with carrier air strikes, and ship and submarine Tomahawk strikes.

Oct 9, 1942 - First three schools for enlisted WAVES open at Stillwater, OK.

Oct 10, 1845 - Naval School, later the Naval Academy, opens in Annapolis, MD with 50 midshipmen and seven faculty.

Oct 12 - COLUMBUS DAY!!!

Oct 12, 1965 - First group of men commissioned into the Navy Nurse Corps report for one month indoctrination to Naval service.

Oct 12, 2000 - Terrorists in a boat make a suicide attack on USS *Cole* (DDG-67) while the ship refuels in the port of Aden, Yemen. Seventeen sailors are killed.

Oct 13 - HAPPY 245th BIRTHDAY

UNITED STATES NAVY!!!

Oct 13, 1988 - The first U.S. merchant marine World War II veterans received their Coast Guard issued discharge certificates. Congress gave the merchant mariners veterans' status and tasked the Coast Guard with administering the discharges.

Oct 16, 1943 - Navy accepts it first helicopter at Bridgeport, CT.

Oct 17, 1989 - Coast Guard units assisted state and local agencies in rescue and relief operations after a 7.1 earthquake hit Northern California.

Oct 19, 1915 - Establishment of Submarine Base at New London, CT.

Oct 22, 1962 - President John F. Kennedy orders surface blockade of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Oct 23, 1983 - A suicide truck bomber attacks the Marine barracks at Beirut airport, Lebanon killing 241 service members (220 Marines, 18 Sailors, and 3 Soldiers).

Oct 25, 1983 - U.S. Marines and U.S. Army troops land on Grenada to evacuate U.S. citizens.

Oct 26, 1922 - LCDR Godfrey deC. Chevalier makes landing aboard USS *Langley* while underway of Cape Henry, VA.

Oct 27, 1943 - First women Marines report for duty at Camp Pendleton.

Oct 30, 1799 - William Balch becomes the Navy's first commissioned Chaplain.

Oct 31 - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

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As the country is beginning to re-open, the Sea Cadets are also returning to drill, of course with some modifications.

Gunfighter Squad/TS Top Gun joined Challenger Division/TS Columbia for a "Carnival Drill." The cadets, while maintaining social distancing, had the opportunity to get away from computer screens and soak up some sun while also trying their hands at various games. While wearing masks and sanitizing before and after each game, cadets played lawn darts, cornhole, bocci ball and even had a toilet roll toss! Some enjoyed "mask drawing" while others competed in an enormous tic-tac-toe game.



It was not all fun and games- the cadets were tested on their 11 General Orders, naming aircraft silhouettes and identifying ship types.

The cadets and officers enjoyed seeing each other and although we could not hug nor shake hands, it was great to be in each other's presence once again. The USNSCC will continue to adapt to provide amazing experiences for its cadets.

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RECOGNITIONS



Commander Naval Surface Forces held a small recognition ceremony for their sea and shore Sailors of the Year on Thursday, 17 Sept. Council Community Affiliate member Lockheed Martin's awards representative David Steindl was able to participate and presented Sea Sailor of the Year YN1(SW) Vinish Nair (t) and Shore Sailor of the Year NC1(SW/AW) Brenda Lemas (b) a council plaque, Certificate of Appreciation and gift cards for their achievements.

BRAVO ZULU!!!

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MEMBERSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For the rest of the 2020 year, all of the events that we have enjoyed have been cancelled due to the coronavirus. We look forward to rescheduling these events in 2021.

Be Well and Safe!!

NEW MEMBERS

Jessica Brown
Melissa Clarke
Tracy Davis
Aneisha Desouza
Kenneth Gates
Trielle Hart
Stephen Jones
Derace Keller
Neal Kusumoto
Amelia Mcdonald-Aplin
Angela Mcguire
Mylrell Miner
Alex Nguyen
Spencer Scott
Shaquantalia Smothers
Young Sun
Keith Travis
Hector Eliseo Vasquez Lopez
Taneeshia Wigley

* 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?

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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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