



Blue & Gold

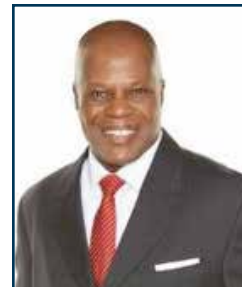
Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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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 and pray that all of you are continuing to stay safe and healthy!

I have to inform you that because of the COVID -19 crisis and how this pandemic has impacted our community, both in the civic and military populations, your leadership team in collaboration with the Navy leadership in the region have decided not to have Navy Birthday Ball event in October. We also have decided to cancel our Marine Corps Birthday luncheon in November. We cannot in good consciousness put people at risk in a situation whereby there is a small chance of being infected from the Coronavirus.

The council is in the process of nominating new Directors to the board, and as usual, they will be advertised in our Blue and Gold newsletter, social media platforms and on our website prior to the voting day. Since I do not foresee us having a traditional annual meeting to vote our new directors onto the board, we are working to have a voting process to accommodate achieving the requirement of selecting our new council directors for 2021.

We had the privilege of receiving a great donation of ten thousand dollars from the retail giant Walmart in Kearney Mesa, California to support the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) explosion and fire disaster relief effort. Thank you so much Walmart for your contribution to support the sailors of the ship in their time of need.

As we continue to support the maritime forces, it is vital that we as a council stay engaged even more so during this era of uncertainty and hardship for Coast Guardsmen, Marines, Merchant Seamen and Sailors. As we go forward, I would ask all who could to get more involved in the council to do so. With your support and energy, this council will thrive to make a difference in the lives of many! So, stay safe and healthy and we hope this crisis will end soon.

Tony Johnson
President

By joining the Sea Cadets, I started on my road to career development as a citizen and as a leader..."

—MCPOCG Vince Patton,
USCG (Ret.) Former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

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Member's I am sure you noticed the changes in the **Blue & Gold**. Please let us know you impression.

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.

RECOGNITIONS



Council President Tony Johnson (left rear) accepts a \$10,000.00 check from Kearny Mesa Walmart store Manager Art Gladue. Also in the photo are Lorena O'Donnell, store Co-Manager (l) and Kyle Mattus, Assist Store Manager(r). The funds will be given to assist the Sailors of the USS Bonhomme Richard. Thank you Art and Walmart for your generous donation.



The council recognized the below listed Marines and Sailors for their accomplishments.



MCAS Miramar:

Sgt Kevin Kurz – Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
LCpl Austin Johnson – Marine of the Quarter
LS1 Thomas Pulkoski – Senior Sailor of the Quarter
PS2 Jesus Thompson – Junior Sailor of the Quarter
LSSA Jennifer Venegas – Bluejacket of the Quarter

3d Marine Aircraft Wing:

Cpl Anderson Dibble – Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
LCpl Sean Roby – Marine of the Quarter
HM1 Martha Stamp – Senior Sailor of the Quarter
HM2 Catherine Kulak – Junior Sailor of the Quarter
HN Jason Perezvargas – Bluejacket of the Quarter

Naval Medical Center San Diego:

HM1 Anthony A. Killings – Senior Sailor of the Quarter
HM3 Andrea D. Wilmot – Junior Sailor of the Quarter
HN Irish J. Cacho – Blue Jacket of the Quarter
HM2 Glen T. Williams – Sailor of the Quarter

ON THIS DATE IN...

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1, 1942 – The first Seabee unit to serve in a combat area, 6th Naval Construction Battalion, arrives on Guadalcanal.

Sept 1, 1977 – Bobby C. Wilks became the first African American in the Coast Guard to reach the rank of Captain.

Sept 2, 1945 – Japanese officials signed articles of surrender aboard USS *Missouri* (BB-63) at anchor in Tokyo Bay, officially ending World War II.

Sept 5, 1990 – USS *Acadia* (AD-42) departs San Diego for the first war-time deployment of male-female crew on a combat vessel.

Sept 7 – LABOR DAY!!!

Sept 9, 1945 – A “computer bug” is first identified and named by LT Grace Murray Hopper while she was on Navy active duty.

Sept 10, 1813 – In the Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, flying his “*Don’t give up the ship*” flag, defeats a British Squadron and says: “*We have met the enemy and they are ours...*”

Sept 11, 2001 – Terrorists hijacked four commercial U.S. aircraft, crashing two into the World Trade Center in New York and one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth aircraft crashed around Shanksville, PA. when passengers on board tried to regain control of the aircraft from the terrorists.

Sept 11 – PATRIOT’S DAY!!!

Sept 14, 1814 – British bombardment of Fort McHenry inspires Frances Scott Key, a 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet, to write the Star-Spangled Banner.

Sept 15, 1950 – The First Marine Division under the command of MajGen Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

Sept 16, 1854 – CDR David G. Farragut takes possession of Mare Island, the first U.S. Navy Yard on the Pacific.

Sept 18 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset.

Sept 18 – HAPPY 73rd BIRTHDAY U.S. AIR FORCE!!!

Sept 18 – POW/MIA DAY!!!

Sept 20, 1951 – In Operation Summit, the first combat helicopter landing in history, U.S. Marines were landed in Korea.

Sept 24, 1960 – The first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65), is launched at Newport News, VA.

Sept 25 – HAPPY 58th BIRTHDAY U. S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS!!!

Sept 26, 1931 – Keel laying at Newport News, VA of USS *Ranger* (CV-4), the first ship designed and constructed as an aircraft carrier.

Sept 27 – Yom Kippur begins at sunset.

Sept 27, 1942 – Douglas A. Munro, Signalman 1/c, USCG gave his life evacuating Marines of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, at Matanikau Point, Guadalcanal. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Sept 27, 1950 – The First Marine Division captures Seoul, South Korea.

Sept 28, 1850 – Congress outlaws flogging on Navy ships.

Sept 30, 1954 – The commissioning of USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571), the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine at Groton, CT.

USNSCC...Sea Cadets...League Cadets...you may have heard these before. Maybe you have seen young men and women, some as young as ten, around town in modified Navy uniforms. These are members of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Created in 1962, the Navy League of the United States established the USNSCC to “create a favorable image of the Navy on the part of American youth”. Today’s U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps continues to further the image of our maritime services by adhering to a standardized training program designed to:



1. Develop an interest and ability in seamanship and seagoing skills
2. Instill virtues of good citizenship and strong moral principles in each cadet
3. Demonstrate the value of an alcohol-free, drug-free and gang-free lifestyle
4. Expose cadets to the prestige of public service and a variety of career paths through hands-on training with our nation’s armed services



The USNSCC is comprised of two programs. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program is for young people ages 13 through the completion of high school. Also included under the USNSCC umbrella is our junior program the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), for young people ages 10 through 13.

With this being a “military town,” there are several sea cadet units that call San Diego “home.” At the local level, units are run by volunteers. These dedicated individuals help guide and mentor the cadets to be successful individuals, whether it be in a future military or civilian career.

Sea Cadets participate in many activities to honor those who came before us. You can find the Sea Cadets marching in parades, placing flags during Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day ceremonies or laying wreaths with the Wreaths Across America program. They work diligently to make sure veterans participate in the Spirit of ’45 Ceremony. Cadets are honored to provide color guards for various civil and armed forces functions.

Besides these activities, what truly sets the Sea Cadet Corps apart from other youth organizations is the opportunity to train with active duty or retired military personnel on military installations. Cadets use their school vacation to spend 1-2 weeks away from home learning what life is like in the military. Trainings cover a wide range of topics encompassing the vastness of opportunities afforded an individual in the military.

Through participation in the USNSCC cadets may be eligible for an advance enlistment rank. The USNSCC also has a scholarship program.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sea Cadets or volunteering your time, please visit seacadets.org.

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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

Lawrence Allen
Nicholas Bills
India Braswell
Constance Dunn
Lorenzo Hurt
Olajuwan Johnson
Kevin Jones
Elizabeth Keliiholokai
Rashid Mahmood
Liyakathali Patan
Monica Payne
James Phelps
Toni Price
Mark Richardson
Heather Schroll
Jennifer Stahlin
Delta Thompson
John Tucker

* 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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