



# Blue & Gold

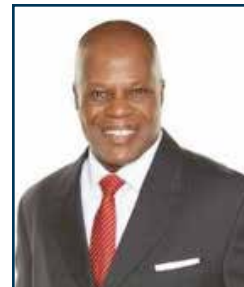
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## BREAKFAST MEETING

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 fellow members! I hope you are well and safe! Only two months to go and we can put 2020 behind us although we can never forget how much this pandemic has affected everyone in some way and everything we do on a daily basis.

Electronic voting for our new Directors for the board is well underway! So far so good! You have up until midnight on 20 November to elect these three very competent and influential leaders to the board. Phyllis Barber and Dave Grundies will continue to bring their vast amount of experience to the council. Ed Naranjo will bring a new prospective about the needs of the military since he just recently retired from the US Navy. So cast your votes! We should have the results out by the next month's edition of the Blue & Gold.

I want to give a big "thank you" to Walmart in Kearny Mesa, California. With their support of \$11,000, the council was able to support the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) sailors with 440 \$25 gifts cards. Some of the sailors lost all of their belongings during the horrific fire at Naval Station San Diego. Some things are irreplaceable because of the sentimental value, but at least Walmart and our council were able to provide the men and women of the ship with a small token of appreciation that may give some relief in their time of need.

Although we don't have the opportunity to welcome home as many units as we have in the past because of COVID-19, Jay Rindler, chairperson of the "Welcome Home" committee was able to welcome back Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Three (MESRON-3), formerly known as Coastal Riverine Squadron 3.

The council is sponsoring the commissioning of USS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB5). If anyone wants to donate to the ship's commissioning at the particular levels listed or the USS BONHOMME RICHARD or just want to donate to support the council, you can go online and do so. Just make sure you designate where you would like your donation to go.

Lastly, I have a give a big shout out for the United States Marine Corps on their 245th birthday! HAPPY BIRTHDAY Devil Dogs! Everyone stay safe, healthy and "Happy Thanksgiving"!

Tony Johnson  
President

Freedom is not free, but the U.S. Marine Corps will pay most of your share.

—Ned Dolan—

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## 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.

**Sea Cadets Doing Construction**

Community Service is an integral part of the US Naval Sea Cadet Program. Being able to give back not only helps others, but it makes you feel good inside as well. October's drill had the cadets from the Challenger Division/TS Columbia construct an observation dock for the science students at Chet F. Harritt Elementary School in Santee. The cadets were given the materials and a general idea of what the completed product should look like. The cadets cleared the area and made the border. Geometry then became integral in the placing of chunks of concrete that all varied in shape and size. It became a true-life game of Tetris! The cadets filled in the area and will pour the concrete next month. Both the principal and science teacher were amazed at the finished product. The science classes will now be able to go to the riverbank and stay dry while they do science experiments. Bravo Zulu cadets!

Cadets finished out the day with some color guard practice, marching and an awards ceremony. The youngest, newest cadet even won the game of Knockout.

During these times, we all are adjusting. The USNSCC is no different. But it was amazing to watch the cadets all work together, valuing each other's opinions and having a fun time getting dirty.



**Nov 1 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!!!  
Turn your clocks back one hour.**

**Nov 1, 1949** - Authority to reestablish the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserves (SPARS), became effective.

**Nov 3 - ELECTION DAY. Your vote counts!!!**

**Nov 4, 1948** - Col Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines.

**Nov 5, 1775** - Commodore Esek Hopkins appointed to Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.

**Nov 5, 1945** - EN Jake C. West makes the first jet landing on board a carrier, USS *Wake Island* (CVE-65).

**Nov 9, 1921** - USS *Olympia* arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Nov 10 - HAPPY 245th BIRTHDAY  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!!!**

**Nov 11 - VETERANS DAY!!!  
Thank a veteran for their service.**

**Nov 13, 1982** - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 58,000 servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

**Nov 17, 1924** - USS *Langley*, the first Navy aircraft carrier, reports for duty.

**Nov 25, 1961** - Commissioning of USS *Enterprise* (CVA(N)-65), the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, at Newport News, VA.

**Nov 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

**Nov 26, 2002** - President George W. Bush signed into law a bill that created the Department of Homeland Security, the largest reorganization of the federal government in fifty years. The Coast Guard was one of a number of agencies that transferred to the new Department.

**Nov 29, 1890** - First Army-Navy football game. Navy won 24-0. The Navy leads the overall match-up 61-52-7. Current win streak: Navy, 1 (2019-present). Longest win streak: Navy, 14 (2002-2015). Largest victory: Navy, 51-0 (1973)



## RECOGNITIONS



Council President Tony Johnson (l) and Kearny Mesa Walmart Store Manager Art Gladue presents CTM1 Robert Dunlap from USS Bonhomme Richard 440, \$25 VISA gift cards, totaling \$11,000.00, to be distributed to the E-6 and below assigned to the ship. Some store employees are looking on. Art contacted the council wanting to know how Walmart could help the young sailors after the devastating fire. BRAVO ZULU to Art and Kearny Mesa Walmart.

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

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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

Hionel Black  
Jamilla Campo  
Brittany Conerly  
Eric Fitzpatrick  
Knyreessa Hardiman  
Jessica Litaker  
Gina Malone  
Derek Moody  
Binh Nguyen  
Samuel Ogunyemi  
Edwina Prosper  
Linda Sanders  
Nadine Short  
Chuckie Stephens  
Kenneth Stuart  
Myee Tillis  
Tanyette Wiggison  
Richard Williams  
Latoya Woodberry

\* 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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