



# Blue & Gold

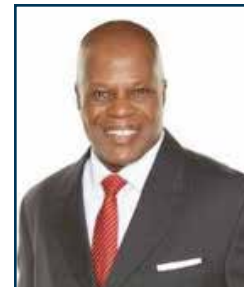
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## BREAKFAST MEETING

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 Members! I want to thank all who participated in the election of our board of director's. It worked well, especially in this time of crisis dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. We were able to continue the work of the council in the virtual environment that may also be a way of implementing other interactions with council membership going forward.

Dave Grundies, Phyllis Barber and Ed Naranjo were all elected to serve on the board of director's for a three-year term. During our January meeting, we will be electing our new officers and chairpersons (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of programs, etc...). The results will be in our February newsletter.

Well, 2020 is almost in the history books. It has been a truly extraordinary year that will be remembered for generations. The New Year will bring new challenges and a renewed commitment for the board to do some amazing things. The council is working to start a monthly podcast that will reach more of our membership as well as potential new members. This will better inform you on the maritime forces' policies and operations within the San Diego region. So, standby for more of these types of initiatives as the council brings in new talent with fresh ideas and energy that will transform the council to new heights.

Although this year's holiday season will be like no other, we really need you to think about being more involved in your council. Not much is said about what our military members and their families are going through during the pandemic, but this crisis has affected them as well. Therefore, next year, I hope more members will be more active within the council to support our maritime forces and families whenever the need arises.

The council has the honor and privilege of supporting the commissioning of the USS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB 5) in May of 2021. Please click on the link on our website to find out more information on sponsoring or donating to the event.

In closing, every year during this month, we should always reflect on what took place on December 7, 1941. We lost over 2300 lives that day which propelled our nation into World War II and consequently interjecting our maritime forces into numerous battles throughout the Western Pacific. Without the bravery of so many patriots during that era, we as Americans would not enjoy the freedom we have today. We will never forget!

I hope you all have joyous holiday season and continue to do the things that will keep you safe and healthy. All the best!

Tony Johnson  
President

*No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.*

—President Ronald Reagan

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**To All Our Members and Their Families Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Holiday Season.**

# RECOGNITIONS

The Council had to honor to show our appreciation to the below listed Marines and Sailors for their individual achievements. **WELL DONE!!!**

## MCAS Miramar

LSSN Thomas J. Baker	Bluejacket of the Quarter
RP2 Cameron J. Curell	Junior Sailor of the Quarter
Sgt Maggie J. Farson	Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
LCpl Malcom J. Hutchinson Jr.	Marine of the Quarter
Sgt Cassius C. Miller, Jr.	Single Marine of the Quarter
LS1 Thomas J. Pulkoski	Senior Sailor of the Quarter

## 3d Marine Aircraft Wing

RPSA Riis S. Cortes	Bluejacket of the Quarter
LCpl Elisabeth S. Follman	Marine of the Quarter
Sgt David R. Guidry	Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
HM2 Kelli J. Oldham	Junior Sailor of the Quarter
HM1 Sjmoya N. Sims	Senior Sailor of the Quarter

# YEAR IN REIVEW 2020



# ON THIS DATE IN...

## DECEMBER

**Dec 1, 1947** – The Marine Corps' first helicopter squadron HMX-1 was commissioned at Quantico, VA.

**Dec 2, 1965** – USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) and USS *Banbridge* (DLGN-25) become the first nuclear-powered task unit used in combat operations with the launch of air strikes near Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

**Dec 7, 1941** – The Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise aerial attack on Pearl Harbor and surrounding Army Air Force airfields in Hawaii. "A day that will live in infamy..."

**Dec 7, 1988** - The Coast Guard hosted an international summit between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, President Ronald Reagan, and President-elect and then-Vice President George H. W. Bush on Governors Island.

**Dec 8, 1933** – Secretary of the Navy establishes Fleet Marine Force, integrating a ready-to-deploy a Marine force with their own aircraft into Fleet organization.

**Dec 8, 1992** – Marines participated in Operation Restore Hope, Mogadishu, Somalia.

### Dec 10 – Hanukkah begins at sunset!!!

**Dec 10, 1941** – A PBY piloted by LT. Utter of VP-101 shoots down Japanese ZERO in the first Navy air-to-air kill during World War II.

**Dec 10, 1979** – The first Poseidon submarine configured with Trident missiles, USS *Francis Scott Key* (SSBN-657), completes initial deterrent patrol.

**Dec 11, 1954** – First supercarrier of 59,630 tons, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59), launched at Newport News, VA.

**Dec 15, 1948** – The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

**Dec 17, 1942** – The Navy credited the CGC *Ingham* with attacking and sinking the submerged U-boat U-626 south of Greenland.

**Dec 18, 1965** – River Patrol Force is established in Vietnam.

**Dec 20, 1989** – Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

### Dec 21 – The first day of Winter!!!

**Dec 21, 1861** – Congress authorizes the Medal of Honor, the Nation's highest military award, for Naval personnel.

**Dec 22, 1942** – Sue Dauser takes oath of office as Superintendent of Navy Nurse Corps, becoming the first woman with the relative rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy.

### Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

**Dec 26, 2004** – The CGC *Munro*, deployed as part of Expeditionary Strike Group 5 to assist after a massive tsunami and tremors struck Indonesia and southern Thailand.

### Dec 31, 2020 – New Year's Eve!!! Goodbye 2020!!!

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## Sea Cadets Doing Construction

The USNSCC offers cadets unique experiences both with and without military affiliations. The last 2 months, cadets from Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia have been building an observation dock at our drill site, Chet F. Harritt Elementary School. Last month, the cadets with a very rough sketch, brought the drawing to life. They flattened out the area where the dock would be built. They then used geometry to frame the desired area. Cadets played “Tetris” with chunks of rock to fill in the shape.

This month, the cadets completed Phase II of the science observation dock creation—filling it in with concrete. Though we cannot do any “group PT”, the cadets definitely got their exercise. The cadets used thirty, 90-lb bags of Quikrete. The cadets, ranging in age from 10 -17, learned how to balance a wheelbarrow as they transported the bags from the truck to the work area. The Chief offered some instruction on how to properly and efficiently open the concrete bags, add water and mix the concrete. The cadets worked all day to fill in the dock. They took turns mixing the Quikrete with water and spreading the mixture into the form. They planned for drainage, so the dock would not breed mosquitos or have puddles for the students to have to stand in. The cadets worked as a team to get the job done.

They took great pride in their finished product. Even more gratifying is the notion that their hard work will benefit the students at the school. The students will be able to use the dock to conduct science experiments year-round. The cadets worked extremely hard and I’m sure they slept well that night.

Bravo Zulu Challenger Div/TS Columbia Cadets!



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Educate national  
leaders and the nation.

Support the men and  
women of the sea  
services.

Provide assistance to  
sea service families.

Support youth  
programs.

## NEW MEMBERS

Sharon Cloy  
Shenise Daniel  
Essohanam Edjeou-Bah  
Steven Gantt  
Kenneth Gates  
Belinda Gonzalez  
Bobby Hamby  
Stephanie Irby  
Nick Lam  
Kendra Lyles  
Jose Mazzotti  
Sergei Rabaev  
Donnie Ryan  
Kiran Samuel  
Shawn Sims  
Derick Smith  
Jamal Tate  
Tremayne Williams

\* 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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