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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



Welcome members to 2021! I am proud to take over the reigns of leadership for the council from Tony Johnson and would like to thank him for his outstanding leadership as our President over the last two years. We were very fortunate to have him steer the course as we had to make adjustments in 2020 due the COVID 19 Pandemic. Thank you Tony!

The 2021 line up of our board. The Board Executive Committee comprises of Ed Naranjo as the 1st Vice President, Tamara Marks as the Secretary, Sheldon Margolis as the Treasurer. The remainder of the board include Father Krulak as our Chaplain, and Committee Chairs are: Jay Rindler-Welcome Home, Suzie Johnson-Scholarships, Donnie Ryan-Communications, Judi Adams-Membership, Ernest Belmares-Sea Services, Gene Pierce-Fundraising and Melanie Lang- Legislative Affairs. Remainder of Board members are Bob Berman, Dave Grundies, George Jones, Rick Mitrovich, and Jason Surya.

I'm looking forward to the month of March when we start our virtual monthly meetings. The first one to be held on March 12, 2021 starting at noon via zoom. We invite everyone to register using this link, <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqduмпjMsGNYeSDD6N8GuRP-BOo8OK1H7>. Our guest speaker will be Captain Troy A. Fendrick, Commanding Officer for the USNS Miguel Keith (ESB-5) MILCREW (BLUE). The ship will be commissioned May 8, 2021, with strict COVID restrictions. Visit our website, www.navyleague-sd.com, to learn more about the commissioning.

Normally in March we would hold our Annual Enlisted Women of the Year Event, but this year we are moving forward and changing the event to the "Sea Service Member of the Year Award" and we are looking to have our first recognition in May 2021, adhering to COVID guidelines. More details to follow.

February is Black History Month and we celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans that have served defending the freedoms we all enjoy.

I am humbled and honored to be your President and with the help of the Board of Director's and our Membership we can do great things in 2021. Let's all move forward to do great things for the council.

Phyllis Barber
President

Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.

—Dr. Mae Jemison,
Astronaut

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MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE

Virtual Zoom Members Meeting 12 March 2021 12p.m.

Guest Speaker - **Captain Troy A. Fendrick**,
Commanding Officer, USNS Miguel Keith (ESB-5)
MILCREW (BLUE)

Login to register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqdumt-pjMsGNYeSDD6N8GuRP-BOo8OK1H7>

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19, 1945: MARINES INVADE IWO JIMA

On this day, Operation Detachment, the U.S. Marines' invasion of Iwo Jima, is launched. Iwo Jima was a barren Pacific island guarded by Japanese artillery, but to American military minds, it was prime real estate on which to build airfields to launch bombing raids against Japan, only 660 miles away.

The Americans began applying pressure to the Japanese defense of the island in February 1944, when B-24 and B-25 bombers raided the island for 74 days. It was the longest pre-invasion bombardment of the war, necessary because of the extent to which the Japanese-21,000 strong-fortified the island, above and below ground, including a network of caves. Underwater demolition teams ("frogmen") were dispatched by the Americans just before the actual invasion. When the Japanese fired on the frogmen, they gave away many of their "secret" gun positions.

The amphibious landings of Marines began the morning of February 19 as the secretary of the navy, James Forrestal, accompanied by journalists, surveyed the scene from a command ship offshore. As the Marines made their way onto the island, seven Japanese battalions opened fire on them.

By evening, more than 550 Marines were dead and more than 1,800 were wounded. The capture of Mount Suribachi, the highest point of the island and bastion of the Japanese defense, took four more days and many more casualties. When the American flag was finally raised on Iwo Jima, the memorable image was captured in a famous photograph that later won the Pulitzer Prize.

Author: History.com Staff URL:<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/marines-invade-iwo-jima>



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ON THIS DATE IN...

FEBRUARY

Feb 2, 1968 – The Tet Offensive began in Vietnam.

Feb 4, 1959 – Keel laying of USS *Enterprise*, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, at Newport News, VA.

Feb 5, 1854 – Dedication of the first chapel built on Navy property, in Annapolis, MD.

Feb 10, 1960 – USS *Sargo* (SSN-583) surfaces at North Pole.

Feb 14 – Happy VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Feb 15 – PRESIDENT'S DAY!!!

Fly your flag proudly!!!

Feb 16, 1926 – Congress authorized the Secretary of Treasury to acquire a site at New London, CT, without cost to United States, and construct thereon buildings for the United States Coast Guard Academy at a total cost not to exceed \$1,750,000.

Feb 16, 1944 – Justo Gonzalez became the first Hispanic-American to make the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday!!!

Feb 18, 1846 – General order is published about the confusion that arises from the use of the words "Larboard" and "Starboard," in the U.S. Navy. Port replaces larboard.

Feb 19, 1941 – The Coast Guard Reserve is established.

Feb 19, 1945 – Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima. The island was secured on 16 March.

Feb 20, 1962 – LtCol John Glenn, USMC becomes the first American to orbit the Earth.

Feb 22, 1974 – LtJG Barbara Ann Allen becomes the first Navy designated female aviator.

Feb 23, 1945 – Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

Feb 25, 1933 – Commissioning of USS *Ranger*, the first true aircraft carrier.

Feb 25, 1942 – Wartime port security delegated to Coast Guard by Executive Order 9074.

Feb 26, 1811 – Congress authorizes the first naval hospital.

Feb 26, 1944 – Sue Sophia Dauser, Superintendent of the Navy's Nurse Corps is the first woman in Navy to receive the rank of Captain.

Feb 28, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm ended.

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Challenger Division/Training Ship Columbia cadets, officers and family members started 2021 by performing community service and continuing to honor those buried at Miramar National Cemetery. Last month, cadets, officers and family members participated in the Wreaths Across America program and placed wreaths on the graves of this country's veterans at Miramar National Cemetery.

This month, we returned to help clean up the wreaths. Along with members of the public, wreaths were gathered and placed on the curbs where volunteers loaded them and transported the wreaths to be recycled.

This was the 1st time the unit has had the opportunity to participate in the clean-up. Many hands make light work was exemplified Sat. 9 Jan 21 as what is normally a 2.5 hour endeavor took less than 1 hour. The cadets worked hard and efficiently. Bravo Zulu!

Next month we will continue our community service by building a fence at our drill site. We pray that this pandemic will end soon and that normal drill operations can resume.

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COMMISSIONING UPDATE

USNS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB - 5)

Due to guidance from USN, we had to revise the plans for donors. Please visit the below site to review the page for donations.

<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/uss-miguel-keith-esb-5-commissioning-sponsorship/>





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**Provide assistance to
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**Support youth
 programs.**

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 for their continued support:

Enlisted Leadership Foundation - 1 year
General Atomics - 11 years
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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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