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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

51-05 | May 2021



ZOOM MEETING

Virtual Zoom Members Meeting

May 14, 2021 | Noon

Guest Speaker -
Chair, Board of
Supervisors, San Diego
County Nathan Fletcher

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Members, please mark May 14, 2021 on your calendars. Chair, Board of Supervisors, San Diego County Nathan Fletcher will be our next zoom meeting guest speaker. The meeting will start at noon and you must register online at www.navyleague-sd.com to be able to join us.

As Chair, he has been leading the effort to confront COVID-19 and ensuring the county bounces back to what we once knew as normal. He served as a Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Specialist in the Marine Corps and served two combat tours in Iraq. I hope your schedules can allow you to join us on May 14th.

This month we, as a nation, will be celebrating Memorial Day. So many thoughts come to mind as I ponder the meaning of all that goes into this special day. One of the key words that comes to mind is "Commitment". How many men and women over the years, since we became a nation, have made a "commitment" to this great country? As a council, we have made a 'Commitment' to support our men and women of the Maritime Services, and their families...this is what we are about...this is now our duty to them.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184, dated April 17, 1984. Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999. Subsequently, the Department of Defense standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses. This month please take a little extra time to reflect on the contributions, heroics, and extraordinary accomplishments of our spouses.

I would like to introduce and welcome our new Chair of Youth Activities, Tatjana Omanovic. Overcoming many obstacles, she immigrated to America at the age of 16 and enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 20. After 20 years of service to her adopted home, she retired as a Gunnery Sergeant and settled down in Carlsbad to raise her four sons. Please welcome Tatjana to the team.

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Vice Admiral John W. Nyquist, USN (Ret) on April 9, 2021. Admiral Nyquist was a 1955 Naval Academy graduate and retired in 1991 culminating a 36 year career. As a pitcher at the Academy, he was famous for pitching a no-hitter. He passed away on the same day the San Diego Padres, his hometown team, pitched their first ever no-hitter. Admiral Nyquist, a long time Navy League member, had been the Chief of Staff for many ship commissioning's sponsored by the Council. Admiral Nyquist will be interned at the Miramar National Cemetery at a date to be determined and he is survived by his wife Penny, daughter Andrea and son Tom.

Have a Safe and Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Phyllis Barber
President

*The price
of freedom
is eternal
vigilance.*

—President Thomas Jefferson

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On Friday, 4 June 2021 the Navy League San Diego Council will be hosting its first annual Golf Tournament held at

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We are looking forward to meeting again!

ON THIS DATE IN...

MAY

May 1, 1951 - USS Princeton aircraft attack Hwachon Dam using aerial torpedoes, only use of this weapon in the Korean War.

May 2, 1975 - The US Navy departs Vietnamese waters at the end of evacuation.

May 4, 1942 - The Battle of Coral Sea, the first carrier vs. carrier battle, begins.

May 4, 1942 - The Chief of Naval Operations, ordered the Coast Guard Auxiliary to organize into an anti-submarine patrol force, which becomes known as the "Corsair Fleet" for service along the east coast.

May 5, 1950 - Congress approved the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the "government of the armed forces of the United States."

May 8 - HAPPY 110TH BIRTHDAY NAVY AVIATION!!!

May 9 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

May 12, 1975 - SS Mayaguez was seized by Khmer Rouge and escorted to Koh Tang Island.

May 13 - HAPPY 113TH BIRTHDAY

NAVY NURSE CORPS!!!

May 13, 1964 - Organization and deployment of world's first all nuclear-powered task group, USS Enterprise, USS Long Beach, and USS Bainbridge, to Sixth Fleet.

May 14, 1975 - Marine's recapture SS Mayaguez, go ashore on Koh Tang Island and release the crew.

May 15, 1862 - Corporal John Mackie, becomes the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor.

May 15 - ARMED FORCES DAY!!! Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

May 17, 1873 - The first woman to hold a major Navy command, Captain Robin Quigley assumes command of Navy Service School, San Diego, CA.

May 22, 1912 - HAPPY 109TH BIRTHDAY

MARINE CORPS AVIATION!!!

May 23, 1988 - The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, TX, facility.

May 27, 1943 - Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, USCG posthumous Medal of Honor was given to his parents by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a ceremony at the White House.

May 28, 1980 - 55 women become the first women graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy.

May 31, 1948 - The Coast Guard assumed command of the former Navy base at Cape May, NJ, and formally established its east coast recruit training center there the next day.

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Inter-unit Training

Challenger Division, along with USS Chief Division, travelled to MCAS Miramar to join Gunfighter Squadron for a joint-drill day.

The 3 units played various games in the morning. These included “Knock-out” and “Minefield.” For knock-out, cadets need to quickly react to facing orders- about face, left face, ½ right face, etc... One wrong move or hesitation and you are out. This is a cadet favorite made even more competitive with 3 units. They played several rounds. They were then partnered up and had to give their “blind-folded” partners marching orders to avoid the “mines” and reach the safety zone.

We all then moved to the pool where the cadets were put through increasingly difficult swimming tasks to classify them as Basic Swimmer, 3rd class, 2nd class or 1st class Swimmers. The session was ended with a jump from the platform.

The swimming made us hungry, so we proceeded to the park for lunch and the last activity. Cadets had to choose a common household item but create an entire backstory as how it was used as a weapon in ancient times. The cadets did not disappoint. Their imaginative stories made us laugh and truly appreciate their creativity.

All the activities fostered a spirit of teamwork and cooperation. The cadets enjoyed mingling with fellow shipmates from neighboring units. Great fun was had by all.



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