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BREAKFAST MEETING

September 10, 2021

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Guest Speaker

**Captain Kevin W. Ralston
Commanding Officer
USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22)**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all Navy Leaguers! It was great to have our first in person breakfast in 17 months in August as we celebrated the Coast Guard birthday with Captain Timothy Barelli Coast Guard Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego who provided a great presentation on what the Coast Guard is doing in San Diego. As part of the Birthday celebration, we honored AST2 William Arrison, Enlisted Person of the Year and AET2 Cody Speck Enlisted Person of the Quarter, plus presented the Coast Guard a birthday cake to celebrate their day.

We also had the honor to recognize in person our Navy League San Diego Senior Enlisted Person of the Year GYSgt Carlito Pigao who is stationed at MACS-1 Det A Camp Pendleton.

September is the month the Navy League celebrate our Youth programs, in particular our Sea Cadet Program. In case you have missed any messages here is a little history and information about the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC).

The Navy League of the United States founded the USNSCC in 1958 at the request of the United States Navy. It is divided among six field areas, regions and sub-regions. The Pacific Field Area is composed of Region 11. Our Council has proudly supported the Sea Cadets for many years.

On August 11, 2021 we honored the following Marines and Sailors of the Quarter.

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

- Cpl Milton Flores – Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
- LCpl Araceli Candelaria – Marine of the Quarter
- PO1 Alexandria Martinez – Senior Sailor of the Quarter
- SN David Chinski – Bluejacket of the Quarter
- Cpl Omar Diazgomez – Single Marine of the Quarter

3D Marine Corps Aircraft Wing

- Sgt Emerenciana Reyes – Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
- LCpl Tyrone Robinson – Marine of the Quarter
- HM1 Daniel Kemp – Senior Sailor of the Quarter
- HM2 John Colasito – Junior Sailor of the Quarter
- HN Jordan Lucas – Bluejacket of the Quarter

Congratulations to all of the above honorees.

In September we will kick-off our second in person breakfast with Captain Kevin W. Ralston the Commanding Officer of the USS San Diego (LPD 22). We will also be recognizing their Sailors of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year during their last deployment. The USS San Diego is one of the units which has been adopted by the council. Please come out and help recognize the command the sailors which provides the ship life.

The current Bylaws have been reviewed by the Bylaws committee led by our Vice President Ed Naranjo for accuracy, procedural correctness, in accordance with National Navy League requirements, California Corporations Code and Robert's Rules of Order. Once approved, our secretary, will certify them and sign them to complete the process.

Please don't forget to attend the Breakfast Meeting on September 10th.

Phyllis Barber | President

“Happy Birthday to the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Thank you for 59 years of youth development. Keep up the good work!”

—LT Shannon Ward, NSCC Former Commanding Officer, Challenger Division/T.S. Columbia

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**HAPPY 59th BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES SEA CADET CORPS**

The Sea Cadets was established by the Navy League of the United States at the request of the Department of the Navy in 1962 to "create a favorable image of the Navy on the part of American youth". The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character.



Today the Sea Cadets continue to further the image of our maritime services by:

- *Developing an interest and ability in seamanship and seagoing skills
- *Instilling virtues of good citizenship and strong moral principles in each cadet
- *Demonstrating the value of an alcohol-free, drug-free and gang-free lifestyle

Exposing cadets to the prestige of public service and a variety of career paths through hands-on training with our nation's armed services. The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character by imbuing in our cadets the highest ideals of honor, respect, commitment, and service.

There are 380 plus total units in 47 states, Guam and Puerto Rico with 9,000 plus ages 10-18 annually serving. 3000 plus volunteers spending over 278,000 hours volunteering each year. Our volunteers hail from diverse backgrounds. Many of our volunteers are active duty, reserve, or retired servicemembers.

In a typical year 1,000 cadets finish high school and graduate from the USNSCC. These remarkable young men and women often choose to serve in the military, attend universities and trade schools, or serve their local communities through frontline careers.

Leadership opportunities and learning valuable skills open a wide variety of career paths for our cadets. Examples include public service, medicine, and law enforcement. Many pursue higher education. While there is no requirement for military service, many cadets join the armed forces.

A recent poll showed that 65% of cadets were interested in joining the military. According to the U.S. Navy, more than 500 former Sea Cadets join the United States Navy in a typical year 10% to 12% of graduating Sea Cadets will enter each incoming U.S. Naval Academy Class.

For more information on the Sea Cadet program please go to www.navyleague.org.



Sept 1, 1977 – Bobby C. Wilks becomes the first African American in the Coast Guard to reach the rank of Captain. He was also the first African American Coast Guard aviator and would later become the first African American to command a Coast Guard air station.

Sept 2, 1945 – Japan signs surrender documents on board USS *Missouri* (BB-63) in Tokyo Bay.

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

Sept 7, 1942 – First air evacuation of casualties to hospital ships off shore occurs at Guadalcanal.

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 British squadron and says: "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Sept 11, 2001 -American Flight 77 hijacked by terrorists struck the Pentagon. Casualties include 33 sailors, 6 Department of the Navy civilians, and 3 Navy Civilian contractors reported missing. Two commercial airliners also struck the World Trade Center in New York City, NY, destroying both towers. A fourth aircraft crashed around Shanksville, PA, when passengers on board tried to regain control of the aircraft from the terrorists.

Sept 13, 1847 – A Marine brigade leads U.S. forces that storm Chapultepec Castle near Mexico City, inspiring a line in the Marines' Hymn.

Sept 14, 1814 – British bombardment of Fort McHenry inspires Frances Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner.

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

**Sept 18 – HAPPY 74th BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE!!!**

Sept 18, 1990 – A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, NC, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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

Sept 23, 1931 – Lt. Alfred Pride pilots Navy's first rotary wing aircraft in landings and takeoffs on board USS *Langley* while underway.

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

Sept 27, 1942 – Douglas A. Munro Signalman 1/C, USCG gave his life evacuating Marines of the 1st Bn. 7th Marines, at Matanikau Point, Guadalcanal.

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

Sept 30, 1954 – Commissioning at Groton, Ctr, of USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571), the worlds first nuclear-powered submarine.

**International Frigate Working Group (IFWG)
has been postponed to March 21-25, 2022.**

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Captain Kevin W. Ralston Commanding Officer USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22)



CAPT Kevin Ralston is a native of Gardiner, Montana. He is a 1995 graduate of the University of Montana and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1997.

CAPT Ralston's operational assignments include Division Officer tours as Electrical Officer and Auxiliaries Officer in USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) and as Officer-in-Charge of an 11 meter Rigid hull Inflatable Boat Detachment at Special Boat Team TWELVE (SBT 12). He served consecutive Department Head tours as Operations Officer in USS SHOUP (DDG 86) and Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY ONE (CDS 21). CAPT Ralston served as Executive Officer in the U.S. Seventh Fleet command ship, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19). He commanded USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG 48) and USS MILWAUKEE (LCS 5).

Ashore, CAPT Ralston attended Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master of Business Administration; filled a Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment at U.S. European Command; served as an Action Officer and Deputy Branch Chief in the Global Operations Directorate, U. S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, served as an Action Officer in OPNAV N51, was the Surface Placement Branch Head in PERS-41 at Navy Personnel Command and most recently served as Deputy Director of Current Operations at Commander, Naval Forces Europe/Africa and Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various unit, campaign and service medals.

On September 8 and 9, the Honolulu Council is holding a virtual Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Exchange event, which is action packed. The speakers over the two days is impressive and are indeed experts from across the Pacific in regards to IUU fishing. For more information, please contact Jane Ferreira Executive Director, ExecutiveDirector@NavyLeagueHonolulu.org.

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AGENDA

- What Constitutes Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing?
- Status of Global Fisheries
- Regional Perspectives
- Issues with the Rule of Law
- Maritime Law Enforcement Challenges
- Political Issues and Conflict Resolution
- Shining a Light on a Dark Ocean
- Integrating and Analyzing Disparate Data
- Attacking a Universal Problem - Sharing Data
- Solutions Beyond Detection and Enforcement

KEYNOTES

- ADM Linda Fagan, Vice Commandant United States Coast Guard
- RADM Matthew Sibley, USCG District 14 Commander
- RADM Blake Converse, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Pacific Fleet



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

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