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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

51-10 | October 2021

BREAKFAST MEETING

October 8, 2021

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Guest Speaker

**CDR Scott Wilbur
Commanding Officer,
USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62).**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



October 13, 2021 will mark the 246th Birthday of the United States Navy and the theme for this year is "Resilient and Ready". Unfortunately, again this year we are unable to hold a Navy Birthday Ball celebration. Hopefully, next we will be able to have a 2022 Navy Birthday Ball, so please mark either 8 or 15 October on your calendar.

Also, again this year we were not be able to have a chalet at the Miramar Airshow, as it was canceled. Hopefully this will not happen again next year. Depending on scheduling, we hope to enjoy the Blue Angels at our chalet next year in late September or early October.

Last month we had the pleasure of having the Commanding Officer of the USS San Diego, Captain Kevin Ralston as our breakfast speaker. We had the pleasure of recognizing:

Sailors of the Year:

SSOY - HM1 Jenkins, Taibeous V.; SOY - HM1 Callarman, Kyle T.
JSOY - RS2 Martin, Diamond L.; BJOY - OS3 Tran, Long D.

Sailors of the Quarter

1st Quarter

SSOQ -BM1 Hernandez, Kyle W.; SOQ - HM2 Rolley, Devin D.; JSOQ - YN2 Williams, Simeon A.; BJOQ - CSSN Citizen, Najah L.

2nd Quarter

SSOQ - ET1 Wiberg, Erikson L.; SOQ - CTM2 Day, Nichole M.; JSOQ - CTR3 Porter, John R.; BJOQ - RSSN Bolton II, Kelvin

3rd Quarter

SSOQ - BM1 Iaccarino, Robert T.; SOQ - ET2 Wood, Remington S.
JSOQ - BM3 Marshall, Isaiah S.; BJOQ - CSSN Carrasco, David from USS San Diego. What an honor it was to recognize these sailors in front of their Commanding Officer and council members. Congratulations to all the honorees.

This month on October 8th we will have the pleasure of having the Commanding Officer of USS Fitzgerald, Commander Scott T. Wilbur as our guest speaker and we will honor sailors from the ship.

I want to thank Jay Lott for handling the breakfast for me in September and Ed Naranjo in October, as I am taking a long-awaited vacation traveling across the United States and back and taking the opportunity to see what adventures this country has to offer.

I will see all of you at the November Breakfast as we celebrate the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday.

Be Well and Stay safe

Phyllis Barber

"There are no words to properly express our outrage and I think the outrage of all Americans at the despicable act."

—President Ronald Reagan on the Beirut bombing

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RECOGNITIONS



Council member and National Corporate Secretary Pamela Ammerman presents Captain Kevin Ralston, CO USS San Diego a USS SAN DIEGO pin to give to his wife. The pin was sponsored by ButtonsUp by Joanee.



Council member and author Jim Bedinger presents a copy of his autographed book, "Patriot Prisoner Survivor" to the September breakfast speaker, Captain Kevin Ralston, CO of the USS San Diego.



Captain Kevin Ralston, CO of the USS San Diego and council member Pamela Ammerman, the National Corporate Secretary are surrounded by those who were the honored Sailors of the Year and of the Quarter at the September breakfast meeting.

ON THIS DATE IN...

OCTOBER

Oct 1, 1880 – John Phillip Sousa becomes the leader of the Marine Corps Band.

Oct 1, 1997 – The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps Was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

Oct 5, 1938 – The first members were enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Oct 6, 1884 – Department of the Navy establishes the Naval War College at Newport, RI.

Oct 6, 1990 – NASA astronaut and Coast Guard CDR Bruce Melnick made his first space flight when he served as a Mission Specialist aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

Oct 7, 1975 – President Gerald Ford signs law allowing admission of women into service academies.

Oct 10, 1845 – Naval School, later the Naval Academy, opens in Annapolis, MD.

Oct 11, 1951 – A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

Oct 13 – **HAPPY 246th BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES NAVY!!!**

Oct 16, 1943 – Navy accepts its first helicopter, a Sikorsky YR-4B (HNS-1) at Bridgeport, CT.

Oct 17, 1922 – LCDR Virgil C. Griffin in Vought VE-7SF makes the first takeoff from U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, USS Langley (CV-1) anchored in York River, VA.

Oct 19, 1915 – Submarine Base at New London, CT is established.

Oct 21, 1944 – Many Coast Guard units participated in landings on Leyte, Philippine Islands, which marked the fulfillment of General Douglas MacArthur's promise to Filipino people that he would return to liberate them from the Japanese.

Oct 22, 1962 – President John F. Kennedy orders surface blockade of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Oct 23, 1983 – At 0622 a suicide truck bomber attacks the Marine barracks at Beirut airport Lebanon killing 241 (220 Marines, 18 Sailors and 3 Soldier).

Oct 25, 1983 – U.S. Marines and U.S Army troops land on the island of Grenada to evacuate U.S. citizens threatened by the island's unstable political situation.

Oct 27, 1943 – The first women Marines report for duty on the West Coast at Camp Pendleton.

Oct 30, 1799 – William Balch becomes the Navy's first commissioned Chaplain.

BREAKFAST SPEAKER

OCTOBER 8TH

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CDR Scott Wilbur Commanding Officer, USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)



CDR Scott Wilbur, a native of Cape Cod, MA, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 2001 with a B.S. in Economics. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. His afloat assignments include USS STETHEM (DDG 63) as the Auxiliaries Officer, USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) as Training Officer, and USS HOWARD (DDG 83) and USS PRINCETON (CG 59) as Chief Engineer. During these tours, he deployed to the Pacific, Southern, and Central Command areas of responsibility.

Ashore, he served as an Operations Research Analyst on the Navy Staff Assessments Division (OPNAV N81), and as Deputy Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (OPNAV N9). His most recent tour was on the Joint Staff, J-5 in the Joint Operational War Plans Division. CDR Wilbur served as the Executive Officer on USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) from June 2018 to December 2019.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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United States Navy

October 13, 2021

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246th Birthday!

For the second year in a row COVID-19 has prevented us from having a Navy Ball. We are looking forward, with your help, to having a grand ball in 2022. Be well and safe. Get vaccinated."

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

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