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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST MEETING

December 3, 2021

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Annual Membership Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a great year this has been!!!. There are so many individuals to thank for making this a great and rewarding year. The most important consideration is the ability and the feelings we all must have for the great privilege to be able to serve our great men and women and their families of the Maritime Services.

I want to say a special thanks to the individuals who made up our Board of Directors. These Navy League members have fulfilled their responsibilities and duties, and in many cases, have gone above and beyond the call of duty when you consider all of them as volunteers and are managing full time jobs.

I want to thank all of our Corporate and Community Affiliates for all of your financial support. With your support we were able to accomplish some of our events as we slowly come out of COVID-19 to support our sea services in 2022. Some of the events include the first ever Senior and Junior Sea Service Member of the Year in May, our first golf tournament in many years sponsored by First Command and led by our board member Jason Suyra, and honoring our Marines, Sailors and Coast Guardsman of the Quarter and of the Year chaired by Ernest Belmares. Again, thank all of our Corporate and individuals for your financial support and the support personnel volunteering, that helped to make these programs a success.

My most rewarding accomplishment is working with all of you and a big thank to our Executive Director, Jay Lott for his guidance. Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as your President for in 2021.

On another note: Please join us December 3rd breakfast meeting, as the membership votes on our new board members. After the January breakfast meeting, the board will vote on the new leadership to take the council into 2022. Also, at the December meeting will be recognizing our Navy Leaguer of the Year, Community Affiliate of the Year and Certificates of Appreciation to others. Please join me to see who they are.

Be Well and Stay Safe

Phyllis Barber

“Freedom is never given, it is won.”

—A. Philip Randolph

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



RECOGNITIONS



Phyllis Barber, Council President (l) stands with Commander James J. Light Executive Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30 as he is presented an autographed book *Patriot Prisoner Survivor* by author Jim Bedinger for being our November breakfast speaker.



Lockheed Martin's, award sponsor, Al Worthy and Sea Service Chair Ernest Belmares were on hand to congratulate the Marines and Sailors of the Quarter from MCAS Miramar and 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.



Ernest Belmares, Sea Services Chair congratulates the Sailors of the Quarter from Naval Medical Center San Diego.

International Frigate Working Group (IFWG)
has been postponed to Sept 12-16, 2022.

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ON THIS DATE IN...

DECEMBER

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

Dec 3, 1775 – Lt. John Paul Jones raises the Grand Union flag on Alfred. The first American flag raised over an American Naval vessel.

Dec 7, 1941 – Japanese carrier aircraft attack U.S. Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, HI.

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 the Fleet Marine Force, integrating a ready-to-deploy Marine force with its own aircraft in the Fleet organization.

Dec 8, 1941 – US declares war on Japan. "A day that will live in infamy..!"

Dec 8, 1983 – Four Coast Guard cutters arrived off of the island of Grenada to replace U.S. Navy surface forces conducting surveillance operations after the U.S. invaded the island earlier in the year.

Dec 10, 1941 – Lt Utter of VP-101 shoots down the first Japanese ZERO in air-to-air combat during WWII.

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

Dec 12, 1951 – The first flight of a helicopter with a gas-turbine engine demonstrates its adaptability at Windsor Locks, CT.

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 18, 1965 – The 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, 1861 – Congress authorizes the Medal of Honor, the Nation's highest military award, for Naval personnel.

Dec 22, 1944 – The first African-American WAVES officers are commissioned.

Dec 23, 1910 – Lt Theodore G. Ellyson becomes the first naval officer sent to flight training.

Dec 25, - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Dec 26, 2004 – The CGC *Munro*, deployed as part of Expeditionary Strike Group 5 to, along with other units, to assist in humanitarian relief efforts after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Sumatra.

Dec 31 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Goodbye

EDUCATORS TO THE SEA

BY: DIANN MOYER
& SHERRIE FERNS

On November 10, 2021, we had the opportunity to tour the USS Abraham Lincoln while it was out at sea as part of Educators at Sea. We are truly indebted to the Navy League for this opportunity. Our adventure began when we were greeted Wednesday morning at North Island Naval Base and given a quick history lesson of the Navy, its aircraft carriers and planes. We were then given the safety speech, put on our gear and got ready for our departure on board an Osprey. We climbed into our seats and were off to spend about 24 hours on board a working aircraft carrier.



Once there, we started our tour. Our first stop was to meet Emily and her team that would lead us on our tour. They took us to the flight deck and watching the jets take off and land was definitely a highlight of the trip. It was truly amazing to see the teamwork that goes into making sure everything runs safely and accurately.

We then went down below and took a look at all the inner workings of the ship. We visited the barber shop, medical office, dental office, library, worship center, trash room, hangar, the brig, and many other places. We got a chance to talk with the sailors working in each of these unique situations that allow for the aircraft carrier to be self sufficient. I had really never been aware of all the opportunities available to these young men and women who choose to take this career path. It really does get them ready for either a career in the military if they choose, but also for a career outside the military.

We had dinner with the XO and other people that keep the ship running. I was seated near a lawyer, a psychologist, and a supply chief. They talked with us and answered all of our questions that we had about the daily working of ship life and how it affects their personal lives as well.

After dinner we got to go up to the observation deck and watch the night operations on the flight deck. Again, truly amazing how everyone can do their jobs so efficiently, even in the dark. Finally, it was time for bed. Not sure how I did it with so much still going on around me, including flight operations overhead, but I managed to sleep very well.

The next day was a full morning. Breakfast with officers in training then off to the bridge. Captain Amy Baurenschmidt really took the time to talk with us about the ship, and her path to where she is now - the first female commanding officer of an aircraft carrier in the US Navy. One teacher in the group asked her the question of what message she would give to students today. Her answer was truly inspiring, luckily one teacher was quick enough to get it on video and shared it with the rest of us.

Finally, it was time to get back to San Diego. We cannot wait to share what we have learned about the Navy with our students. We are truly honored that we were given this chance to see in real time what goes into creating and maintaining such a critical part of our national defense.



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leaders and the nation.

Support the men and
women of the sea
services.

Provide assistance to
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Support youth
programs.

NEW MEMBERS

Alexander Berdy
Herbert Blunt
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Michelle Jackson
Christina Moore
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James Townsend

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