



Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

February 4, 2022

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Captain McDowell
Commodore

Destroyer Squadron 23

NAVY HERITAGE

On February 23, 1922, "Acting" Secretary of the Navy Teddy Roosevelt Jr., issued General Order 78, establishing Destroyer Base San Diego. Since then, the base has had other names to include; Repair Base San Diego during WWII and Naval Station San Diego from post WWII until the late 1990's. Today it's name is Naval Base San Diego and the second largest naval installation in the United States and the premier base on the west coast, homeport to Naval Surface Forces Pacific Fleet with 57 Navy ships and over 150 tenant commands. The base encompasses 1,600 land and 326 water acres with a combined population of over 35,000 Sailors, civilians and contractors.



"An organization is not truly great, if it can not be great without you."

—Jim Collins

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First and foremost, I want to say what an honor it is for me to take the reins as the new President of the Navy League, San Diego Council and to be part of President Theodore Roosevelt's vision to provide a civilian voice that helps to influence the country and the Congress in recognizing the importance of a strong sea service. I would like to thank Phyllis Barber for her leadership as our past president and leading the council throughout a very turbulent time during this Covid crisis. Thank you, Phyllis! As your new council President my vision is to invest time and continue to promote the Navy League as the most influential nonprofit maritime advocacy, education and support organization. With our remarkable Navy League volunteers, we can all feel confident that we will remain a force of influence for our American sea services for many years to come. As we move forward, focusing on our mission will be our primary goal. We will continue to be the premier organization and innovate to outpace all others, in our education, advocacy and support of the sea services. As we ended the last year and entered into the new one, there was a change to one of our key positions our Executive Director and also new nominations for new officers, committee chairs and additions to our Board of Directors. I am excited and honored to have the following outstanding leaders as part of my team: Executive Director - Ernie Belmares, Vice President - Tracy Owens, Secretary - Tamara Marks, and Treasurer - Sheldon Margolis. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to fill these positions. I am so excited about this group's potential to take the San Diego council to yet another level. We are still in need to have other positions filled so if anyone is interested please contact our Executive Director - Ernie Belmares at executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com or myself at president@navyleague-sd.com. As we begin a new year, I would like to reaffirm the council's strategic goals which align with the needs and requirements of Navy League San Diego's mission. These are: To foster and maintain interest in a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine as integral parts of a sound national defense and vital to the freedom of the United States; To serve as a means of educating and informing the American people with regard to the role of sea power in the nuclear age and the problems involved in maintaining strong defenses in that age; To improve the understanding and appreciation of those who wear the uniforms of our armed forces and to better the

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conditions under which they live and serve; To provide support and recognition for the Reserve forces in our communities in order that we may continue to have a capable and responsive Reserve; Enhance the morale of sea service personnel and their families through national and council level programs. In order to support our mission, we must be able to execute our established budget with minimal deviation. We must increase our membership population in order to bring new ideas and energy within the council. This not only means individual membership, but community affiliation as well. Every new member, no matter of previous military exposure or experience, and each sponsor brings vitality and synergy that will enhance our ability to be effective in supporting our maritime forces and their families. Along with membership, participation is vital to maximizing our outreach to the military and local community. Exposing more people to what we do and how we do it, can be a subtle way of petitioning others to become members. Without participation and visibility, this council could not be productive. This is why I want to encourage every member in some way to be involved in the council. With your participation and support this year, 2022 will be fantastic! I am honored and excited to be your new President, so let's lean forward and fulfill the Navy League, San Diego Council's mission.

Ed Naranjo, President.

RECOGNITIONS



Sea Service Chairman Marty Magana presented Sailor of the Quarter Awards to Amphibious Squadron THREE; Senior Sailor of the Quarter to OS1(SW/AW) Marcell Harris and USS San Diego (LPD 22) Bluejacket Sailor of the Quarter to FN Tysen Sparbel. Award Winners received; Navy League Certificates of Appreciation, Coin and \$50 Gift Card sponsored by Club 22.



Captain Henry Kim, Commodore, Amphibious Squadron THREE provides awareness to the council's members and guests on his commands role serves in the fleet and how it applies to meeting its mission with national tasking.

Council President Phyllis Barber and former Council President and Vietnam Prisoner of War Hero Jim Bedinger present CAPT Henry Kim his autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family at War" and the council's ballcap and coin for serving as January's guest speaker.

Navy League Member and USS Fitzgerald Alumni Chairman Shane Steinfeld and Executive Director Ernie Belmares presented USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) Sailor of the Year Awards on board ship at Naval Base San Diego. Congratulations to Senior Sailor of the Year; BM1(SW) Tonia A. Guerin, Sailor of the Year; GM2(SW) Jonathan D. Mota, Junior Sailor of the Year; YN3 Neida M. Castro-Negron and Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year; BMSN Larry McCoy III. Award Winners received; Navy League Certificate of Appreciation and Coin and \$100 Navy Exchange Gift Card sponsored by USS Fitzgerald Alumni's.



Council's Newly Elected Officers sworn in for 2022. Congratulations to President; Ed Naranjo, Vice President; Tracy Owens, Secretary; Tamara Marks and Chief Financial Officer; Sheldon Margolis. Special Thank you to Board of Director and Former National Navy League Secretary Pam Ammerman with initiating the Oath to the President.



Commodore, Destroyer Squadron TWO-THREE (aka Little Beavers) Captain Steven McDowell and Command Master Chief William Coston meet with Council President Ed Naranjo, Sea Service Chairman Marty Magana and Executive Director Ernie Belmares at Naval Base San Diego.



Council President presents certificate of appreciation to Sea Service and FITZ Alumni Committee Members; Nil Ng and Shane Steinfeld for their dedication and service to the San Diego Council.



Meeting with Commander Scott Maloney, Executive Aide to Naval Surface Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet at Naval Base Coronado.



Council President Ed Naranjo, Sea Service Chairman Marty Magana and Executive Director Ernie Belmares visited numerous commands on the waterfront to promote the Council's programs and how it serves the fleet with its Award Recognition, Welcome Homecoming, Scholarship and Youth Programs. During Ed's visit aboard USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001), he met with the Commanding Officer Captain Garrett Miller and was given a tour on the Navy's newest Zumwalt Class Guided Missile Destroyer at Naval Base San Diego.

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BREAKFAST SPEAKER

FEBRUARY 4TH

Captain Steven R. McDowell Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23

A native of Millbrook, NY, Captain McDowell is a 1993 graduate of Brockport University with a bachelor's degree in Communications Studies. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1997 following his initial enlistment as an Intelligence Specialist onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

His at sea assignments include Information Systems Officer in USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20); Fire Control Officer in USS San Jacinto (CG 56); Combat Systems Officer in USS Nicholas (FFG 47) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71); Executive Officer in USS Mobile Bay (CG 53); Commanding Officer in USS Gary (FFG 51), and Deputy Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23.

Captain McDowell's shore tours include Naval Postgraduate School with a master's degree in National Security Affairs; N6 at Destroyer Class Squadron; N5/Assistant Chief of Staff Plans Officer at Expeditionary Strike Group Two, Legislative Fellow to U.S. Senator Susan Collins of Maine; Action Officer and Executive Assistant at Naval Warfare Integration Group (OPNAV N00X); Global Force Management Data Initiative Branch Chief at Joint Staff, J8; and Deputy Director, Naval Surface & Mine Warfighting Development Center, Sea Combat Division.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), as well as various campaign and unit awards.



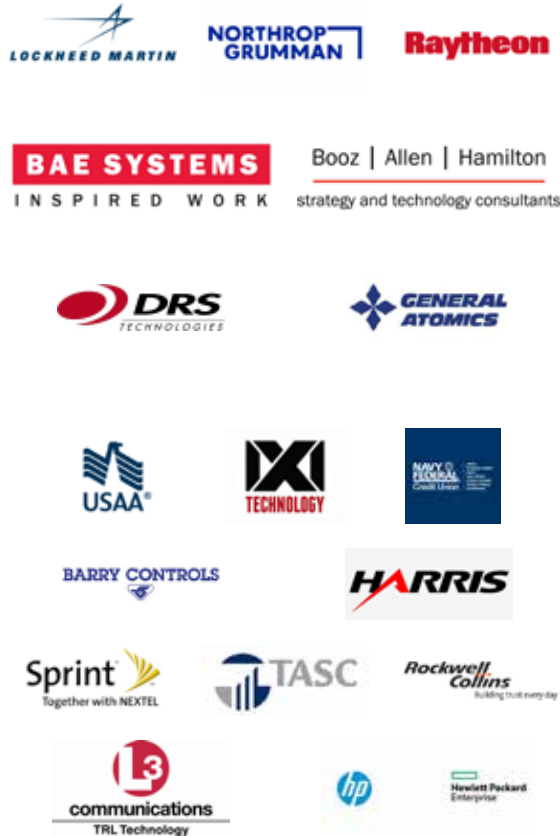
MEMBERSHIP

Navy League Announces Active Duty Membership!
All service members now eligible to join organization.

Join now at: <https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/active-duty-membership/join>

NEW MEMBERS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES

AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

STARTING MARCH 4;

NEW TIME IS 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M

GUEST SPEAKER; CAPT ERIC COOPER,

COMMANDING OFFICER, MARITIME

SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

April 8, 2022

May 6, 2022

June 3, 2022

July 8, 2022

August 5, 2022

September 9, 2022

October 7, 2022

November 4, 2022

December 9, 2022

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Communication Chair, Fundraising Chair and Membership Chair

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Screening Scholarships, Presenting Awards, Welcome Homecomings, Representative at AFCEA Conference, Miramar Air Show and Navy Ball setup.

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