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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

April 8, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT KEVIN RALSTON ,

COMMANDING OFFICER,

USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22)

“Even when obstacles may seem overwhelming, the great leader will improvise, adapt, and overcome.” These are the ‘bow waves’ of what a Chief does, to create that ‘endearing wake’.

— GMCM Delbert Black,
1st Master Chief of the Navy

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NAVY HERITAGE

On April 1, 1893, President Benjamin Harrison signed General Order 409 in establishing the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. The first nine ratings (occupational specialties) as Chief Petty Officers were:

Apothecary, Band Master, Boatswain's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Machinist's Mate, Master-At-Arms, Quartermaster, and Yeoman. Chief Petty Officer is the first Navy rank that comes with vastly expanded powers and responsibilities over those of that below it. In addition to their rating's duties, a Chief Petty Officer is responsible for training junior officers and leading their division of Sailors and Petty Officers.

Today the Navy has expanded its Chief occupational specialties and its rank with Senior Chief and Master Chief. One thing that has not change, is Chiefs are recognized for exemplary technical expertise within their rating, superior administrative skills, and strong leadership ability. Most importantly, Chiefs bridge the gap between officers and enlisted personnel, acting as supervisors as well as advocates for their Sailors. 129 Years of Deck Plate Leadership.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League (SDNL). March has been a very busy month for us, aside from visiting some of our newest community partners and sea services organizations to recognize our outstanding sea service men and women, we also had the opportunity to attend the AFCEA West event held at the San Diego Convention Center. I would like to thank the SDNL Team composed of Tracy Owens (VP), Ernie Belmares (ED), Marty Magana (Sea Services Chairman), Jay Rindler (Homecoming Rep) Bob Berman (Social Media Photographer) and Nil Ng (Sea Services Mbr) who manned our booth and connected with the various organizations that attended AFCEA. In addition, I can't stop thanking all the individuals both volunteers and chairs, for all their hard work and hours spent in supporting the SDNL's mission!



On our last breakfast event we were honored to host CAPT Eric Cooper, Commanding Officer, Maritime Security Response Team West as our guest speaker and we also had the opportunity to recognize some of the men and women of his organization for their outstanding hard work and dedication to duty. For our April breakfast event, we are very excited to have CAPT Kevin W. Ralson, Commanding Officer of USS San Diego (LPD 22) as our guest speaker and also to recognize some of his Sailors for the outstanding work they are doing aboard ship. Including MCRD San Diego's Drill Instructors and Recruiters for professional excellence. Coupled with our April breakfast event, we are also having a CPO Birthday celebration, including a charity event where proceeds will go in support of our awards recognition and youth programs. So, please join us for breakfast and the festivities starting at 0730, April 8th at the Admiral Baker Golf Course.

Lastly, events to look forward to are our annual Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for July 21st at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and the Miramar Air Show which will be held at MCAS Miramar on September 24, 2022.

Please be on the lookout for more information for those events on our website. I look forward to seeing as many of you in participation and in support of our current and future events.

Ed Naranjo, President.

Special Thank You

Froilan "Rolan" Patzi, Navy Veteran and Business Owner of LC Embroidery & Cleaners in donating \$5k to the San Diego Council's in support of meeting its mission towards its sea services in the San Diego Community.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank you to TRIADA Tactical Inc, a Bronze Community Partner in sponsoring the Award Recognition at our April's Breakfast Event. In particular to its Owner and CEO; Nil Ng, LCDR, USN(Ret) who serves on the Sea Service and USS FITZGERALD Alumni Committees.

TRIADA Tactical Inc, was founded in August of 2021, where the company offers training to Military, Law Enforcement and Civilians. TRIADA provides a comprehensive training plan based on a systematic approach to training and allows students from beginner to advanced levels the fundamentals and safety to handling firearms and solutions to protect themselves. The business was established to create and bring reality based training to the modern day gun fighter, Law Enforcement Officer and to those wanting to learn how to keep themselves or their family safe. TRIADA Tactical Inc., specializes in mindset, marksmanship, tactics and building progressive training plans for unit or individual needs. TRIADA Tactical Inc., is a strong supporter of the military, military families, and veterans and is a Community Affiliate with the San Diego Council. Navy League San Diego is honored to being part of TRIADA Tactical Inc., and appreciates their support.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

APRIL 8TH

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 U.S. SEVENTH FLEET's 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.



RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Council recognizes Maritime Security Response Team West 2021 Enlisted Person of the Year; ME1 Sawyard Mundford and Enlisted Person of the Quarter; YN2 Katelyn Yang for professional excellence. Awards sponsored by USAA.



CAPT Eric Cooper provides awareness on the wide range his command responsibilities has with Law Enforcement, Environmental Protection and Saving Lives at sea. Council President Ed Naranjo and Vietnam Prisoner of War Hero Jim Bedinger present CAPT Cooper his autograph book, "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" for serving as Guest Speaker.



VP Tracy Owens visits Navy Talent Acquisition Group Southwest to present awards to Senior Sailor of the Quarter; NC1 Jacob Hackfeld and Junior Sailor of the Quarter; CE2 Emily Starnes for professional excellence during the first Quarter of 2022. Awards sponsored by Club 22.



Expeditionary Strike Group THREE Command Master Chief Matthew Danforth meets with Executive Director Ernie Belmares to get insight on the Council's upcoming programs with the Sea Service Member of the Year Awards & Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship available for his Sailors and their families.



Council President Ed Naranjo visits with Navy Recruiting's Command Master Chief Rob Venegas at Navy Talent Acquisition Group Southwest to discuss the many programs available to his command and the upcoming Chief Birthday Celebration and Charity Event.

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Council's members; Jay Rindler, Bob Berman, Marty Magana, Ed Naranjo and Ernie Belmares were recognized by County of San Diego Supervisor Joel Anderson Representative; Mrs. Eileen Henot for their volunteer service in the San Diego Community.



State Assembly District 76 Candidate June Cutter attends March's Breakfast Event to gain insight and an understanding on the Council's mission and the community it serves in the San Diego metro area.



Council's VP; Tracy Owens and Homecoming & Field Operations Chair; Jay Rindler attended the San Diego Military Advisory Council's March Breakfast Event. During this event, they met with many business leaders in the community and SDMAC's New Board President and the Navy and Marine Corps Base Installation Leaders; SDMAC Board President, RDML Paul Pearigen, MD (retired), Col Marty Bedell, MCAS Miramar, Capt Tim Barelli, Coast Guard Sector San Diego, BrigGen Jason Morris, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Capt Ted Carlson, Naval Base San Diego, Capt Kenneth Franklin, Naval Base Point Loma and Capt Dwight "Woody" Clemons, Naval Base Coronado.



MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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Dmitry Damatskly
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Malik Mulino
Samuel Abel
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Lou Chavez
Andre Patane
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Anthony Uniewski
Chantal Fazio
CJ Jackson
Bruce Rice
Fawcett Fawcett
Jeanette Perez
Tunde Ojo
Concerte Emil
Lakeisha Joseph
Lukman Jaiyeola
David Williams III

April 11 is National Submarine Day

On April 11, 1900, the United States procured its first submarine; USS Holland (SS-1). Sir Winston Churchill once famously stated, "Of all the branches of the men in the forces there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners." Happy Birthday Submariners!



U.S. Navy CPO Birthday Celebration

Update to RSVP & Registration for Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30am.

Due to popular demand, we highly encourage everyone to prepay for the Breakfast Event, as we need to give an exact headcount for the food. Please visit our link below to register and prepay for your breakfast:

<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/breakfast-event/>

Online pre-payment will ensure your reservation and eliminate any wait time you may experience at the door.

This Charity Event consists of a breakfast buffet, guest speaker, award recognitions, cake cutting ceremony, as well as multiple exciting door prizes.

Your generous gift donation will provide you one ticket for the door prizes. You will also receive one BONUS ticket, if you bring a guest with you. (The guest must also register and prepay for their breakfast using the link provided above).

The suggested minimum donation is \$5 for one ticket. You can get your door prize tickets at the door or pre-pay using the link below:

<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>

Donating online will also eliminate wait time at the door. Door prize tickets will be provided at the event.

Your attendance will help the Navy League San Diego's mission in supporting our awards recognition for the Sea Services and Youth Programs. Please RSVP by registering on-line today! RSVP deadline is NLT Friday, 1800, 1 Apr 2022.

POC is Ernie Belmares at executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com or (619) 981-0366.



2022 Sea Service Member of the Year Awards

All Maritime Forces in the San Diego Metro area are eligible. Three paygrade categories - E1-4; E5; and E6. Packages due Apr 8, 2022 via PDF to executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.

Award Winners will be announced at May 6th Breakfast Event.

Complimentary Breakfast to all nominees attending. Command Leadership are encouraged to attend.

2022/2023 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship Program

Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 years. Packages are due NLT Apr 30, 2022. Selected Applicants will be Announced at June 3rd Breakfast Event.

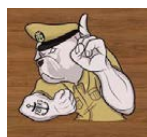
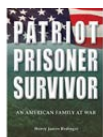
Application is available at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/scholarship-program/>

Navy League members are needed for the selection board. If you are interested contact our Scholarship Chair Suzi Johnson NLT April 30 via email at: johnson.suzie@outlook.com



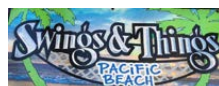
Special Thank You to Sponsor's Door Prizes for April's Charity Event

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE May 6, 2022

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

CDR MICHELLE FONTENOT
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS O'KANE (DDG 77)

Jun 3	USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001)
Jul 8	Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN
Aug 5	U.S. Coast Guard San Diego Sector
Sep 9	Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (Chief of Staff)
Oct 7	USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)
Nov 4	Headquarters & HQs Squadron MCAS
Dec 9	Fleet Logistics Squadron 30

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\$50 - 1 Service Member at Military Base
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Screening Scholarships, Presenting Awards, Welcome Homecomings, Representative at SNA Symposium, Miramar Air Show and Navy Ball setup.

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