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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

March 4, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT ERIC COOPER,

COMMANDING OFFICER, MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

“Nonprofit organizations are at work everyday in our communities, and their work is evident in the people they are serving.”

—Grace King

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NAVY HERITAGE

On March 3, 1883 the Navy Appropriation Act authorized construction of four Steel Ships that would be equipped with modern breech loading guns. The new design would transition from wood and sail to steel and steam. They were; USS Altanta, USS Boston, USS Chicago and USS Dolphin aka the “ABCD Ships”.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Council we have begun this year on a strong note. Both January and February were eventful months where we participated in various award recognitions and connected with several organizations to reinvigorate our relationships with potential partners and affiliates. I want to thank all the volunteers and chairs, for all their hard work and hours spent in supporting our mission during these last two months. Including Jay Rindler, Bob Berman, Marty Magana, Nil Ng, Tracy Owens and Ernie Belmares in manning the booth during the three day AFCEA West Convention.



On our last breakfast event we were honored to have DESRON 23, Commodore Steven R. McDowell as our guest speaker and recognized several squadron Sailors for outstanding service. Please come join us for our next scheduled breakfast event on Friday, March 4th where we will have CAPT Eric Cooper, Commanding Officer Maritime Security Response Team West as our guest speaker and we will also have an opportunity to recognize some of the men and women of his organization for their outstanding performance.

Lastly, I would like to bring awareness to several events that we are currently planning and request everyone’s full participation and support. For our April 8th breakfast we are planning to combine it with a CPO Celebration to highlight the CPO Birthday, including a charity event where proceeds will go in support of the Awards Recognition and Youth Programs. Another event to look forward to down the line is our annual Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for July.

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 support of these events.

Ed Naranjo, President.

2022 AFCEA West Convention

Special thank you to Dave Grundies, CAPT, USN(Ret), Business Owner of Due Regard Consulting, Inc., in sponsoring the San Diego Council’s booth this year. This opportunity allowed members from the council to provide awareness on how it supports its sea services and build relationships with local Businesses and Government Agencies in the San Diego Metro area. Dave was instrumental in having the Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM Karl Schultz visit the booth and spend time with its volunteers. (Cont’d page 3).



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank you to the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in sponsoring U.S. Coast Guard Awards Recognition for our Council's March Breakfast Event. In particular to its Representatives; David Dearie, Command Master Chief, U.S. Navy (Retired) and Tim Haney, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired) who serve as Military Affairs Representative in San Diego.



USAA was founded in 1922 in San Antonio, Texas by a group of 25 U.S. Army Officers as a mechanism for mutual self-insurance when they were unable to secure auto insurance because of the perception that they, as military officers, were a high-risk group. USAA has since expanded to offer banking and insurance services to past and present members of the Armed Forces, officers and enlisted, and their families. The company ranked number 1 and 2 for auto and housing insurance in the 2021 Investor's Business Daily 25 Most Trusted Financial Companies, and number 87 on the 2021 Fortune 500 list of the largest United States corporations by total revenue. USAA is a strong supporter of the military, military families, and veterans in the San Diego area and has a long time presence in the community. Navy League San Diego is honored to being part of USAA and appreciates their support.

RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Council recognizes Destroyer Squadron 23 Sailor of the Years; Senior Sailor of the Year; CS1(SW/AW) Chino Bacani, Junior Sailor of the Year; QM3(SW) Javasia Pittman and Bluejacket Sailor of the Year; RSSN(SW) Felicia Claudia. Awards sponsored by Club 22.

Captain Steve McDowell provides awareness on Destroyer Squadron 23 history and its role in serves the fleet and how it applies to meeting its mission with national tasking.



Navy League National Senior Vice President of Field Operations; Gerald Saunders and Regional Director/Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps; LCDR Valencia Jones received a warm welcome in attending February's Breakfast Event.

Sea Service Chair Marty Magana visits on board USS San Diego (LPD 22) to presents awards to; Senior Sailor of the Quarter to HM1(SW/AW) Adam Larson, Sailor of the Quarter; EN2(SW) Jacob Keatts and Junior Sailor of the Quarter; IC3 Payton Harrington for professional excellence. Awards sponsored by Club 22.



Council's Vice President Tracy Owens and Sea Service Chair Marty Magana visits Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to present 22 awards to Marine and Sailor of the Quarter and Year awards attached to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Executive Director Ernie Belmares meets with Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego, Second District in support of the Council's Legislative Committee and provide awareness of its programs it supports with our Maritime Forces in the San Diego Metro area.

Council President Ed Naranjo visits with the Coast Guard's Commanding Officer, Captain Eric Cooper and Command Master Chief Nathan Davis of Maritime Security Response Team West in preparation for the Council upcoming awards presentation.

2022 AFCEA West (Cont)

Other visitors included; James Foggo, ADM, USN(Ret) Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy, C3F VADM Stephen Koehler, NRSW RDML Stephen Barnett, STEP CEO Tony Teravainen and many CMCs and SgtMajs from the Sea Services. Special thank you to the Council's Volunteers; Jay Rindler, Bob Berman, Marty Magana, Nil Ng and Tracy Owens.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

MARCH 4TH

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

San Diego Corporate Members & Community Affiliates

Captain Eric Cooper assumed command of Maritime Security Response Team West (MSRTW) in June 2019. MSRTW is the Coast Guard's west coast Short-Notice Maritime Response/ counter-terrorism unit, which includes Direct Action Sections, Tactical Delivery Teams, and command of all operational divers across the three Regional Dive Lockers in Honolulu, HI, San Diego, CA, and Portsmouth, VA.



Prior to assuming command, Captain Cooper was the Pacific Area Chief of Current Operations, Deployable Specialized Forces, and Shore Forces and was responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the waters off the East Coast of Africa. Captain Cooper also served at the White House as the Director for Maritime Security and the Director for Arctic Region Policy for the National Security Council from 2013 to 2015. Captain Cooper's previous assignments include: Deputy Sector Commander in San Diego, where he was responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions in San Diego and Imperial Counties out to 200 nautical miles offshore, as well as Arizona, southern Utah, and southern Nevada; Commanding Officer at Maritime Safety and Security Team San Diego; United States Northern Command, where he served as a maritime planner and Crisis Action Team member in the Operations directorate; Executive Officer of Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston (91110); US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he served in the Naval Architecture Division of the Marine Safety Engineering and Standards Department and as a U.S. delegate to the International Maritime Organization; Operations Officer aboard the USCGC WILLOW (WLB 202); and as the Navigator aboard the USCGC CHASE, where he enforced UN sanctions in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

Captain Cooper joined the United States Coast Guard in 1992 and is the third generation in his family to serve as a United States Coast Guard officer. He is a 1996 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington. Captain Cooper was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he received a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2008. He was the senior U.S. Coast Guard Fellow at RAND Corporation from 2017 to 2018.

Captain Cooper's personal awards and honors include the Presidential Service Badge, advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia, Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Coast Guard Overseas Service Ribbon and various service and unit awards.

Captain Cooper married Kimberly in 1996 and they have three children.

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USAA

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 & RETURNING MEMBERS

- Damon English
- Angelica Mendez-Reynoso
- Jennifer Givens
- Shantea Johnson
- Michael Sweeney
- Linda Bertelsen
- Roland Hughes
- Monique Belmares
- Linda Salazar
- Shakiesha Terrell
- Tim Haney
- Ralph Ribaya
- Anibal Picazo
- Paul Twilegar
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- Jaime Garcia
- Deisi Martinez
- John Chae
- Terry Forde
- Rob Anablo
- Eric Davidson
- Damien West
- Anthony Catanzaro
- Nadia Rahman
- Robert Sanchez
- Ami Jangana
- Shandrieka McNabb
- Jasmine Jasper
- Tony Joiner
- Octavio Navarro
- Nubia Ashley
- Mohammed Islam
- Ramel Troy
- Jonathan Landry
- Roberto Jau
- Lisa McKinnon-Munde
- Sebastian Pedraza
- Chancir Saintamour

San Diego Sockers are hosting military appreciation night on Sunday, March 20th, at 5:05 pm. There's an extended buy one get one free offer to all Navy League San Diego Council Members. You can join our Navy League San Diego Council Membership today by visiting this link here:

<https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/individual-membership/join> ;
Then go to the San Diego Sockers link at;
<https://military-night-3-20-22.cheddarup.com>



U.S. Navy CPO Birthday Celebration

The Council will be honoring Chief Petty Officers Birthday at our April 8th Breakfast Event. There will be a cake cutting ceremony that will include door prizes.

Gift donations will be accepted on line or at the door in helping us meet our mission towards supporting our awards recognition for our sea services and youth program for sea cadets.

You can make as many donations you would like. Each donation will provide you a ticket at the door. Suggested minimum donation of \$5 gets you a ticket. A 'BONUS' Ticket will be provided to any person bringing a guest.

This Charity Opportunity is the first for the Council in 2022. ALL Chief Petty Officers past and present are invited in helping us with our cause to continue to support our Sea Services. Retired Chiefs on the roles ready to lend a hand, your assistance is needed!

Attire:

Military: Service Khaki (w/Combo Cover) for CPO & above and Service Uniform for E6 & Below. Other Services are welcome with service uniform equivalent.

Civilian: Business/Business Casual. CPO Retirees are encouraged to display their Anchor on person with pride.

Registration for the Breakfast Event will be available at the door. All attending are encouraged to register on line at;
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/breakfast-event-march-4-2022/>

Donations (separate entry) can be made on line at;
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>



2022 Sea Service Member of the Year (SSMoY) Awards

The San Diego Council is holding its 2nd Annual SSMoY Award. All Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard members in the San Diego Metro area are eligible. Categories for the awards for enlisted paygrades are; Junior SSMoY; E1-E4, SSMoY; E5 and Senior SSMoY; E6. Nomination packages are due no later than Friday, April 8, 2022 via PDF to executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com. Announcement will be held at the Council's Breakfast Event on May 6, 2022 at 7:30am.



2022/2023 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship Program

This Scholarship is good for up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 years. Packages are due no later than April 30, 2022.

- Eligibility for students to apply;
 - Dependent child of active duty, retired, or deceased Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident in the state of California
 - Graduating senior in the top 10% of high school graduating class if school ranks or 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher (unweighted grades).
 - Evidence of acceptance by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States
 - Proof of financial need

Selected Applicants by the Selection Board will be Announced and Presented at our June 3rd Breakfast Event.

To apply for application is at:
<https://navyleague-sd.com/scholarship-program/>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE APRIL 8, 2022

NEW TIME IS 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M
CAPT KEVIN W. RALSTON
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22)

May 6	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

SUPPORT THE NAVY LEAGUE

You Can Make A Difference!

SPONSOR A SERVICE MEMBER

\$50 - 1 Service Member at Military Base
\$100 - 1 Service Member at Breakfast Meeting

Your gift donation will help Sea Service Members and their families in the San Diego Metro Area and may qualify for a charitable tax deduction. Consult your Tax Advisor.

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

BECOME A MEMBER

\$25-Individual /Yr | \$460 Community Affiliate / Yr | \$1500 - Small Business /Yr | \$2k Business Associate /Yr | \$5K Corporate /Yr | \$15K Corporate GOLD / Yr

<https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/individual-membership/join?ga=2.19190072.1412165758.1639691117-529058976.1637104855>

VOLUNTEER

Communication Chair, Fundraising Chair and Membership Chair

ASSIST A COMMITTEE

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

On Sponsorship, joining as a Member, Volunteering call our Executive Director, Ernie Belmares, CMDCM, USN(Ret) at (619) 230-0301.