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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

May 6, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

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

"Our nuclear-powered aircraft carriers remain the most survivable and versatile airfields in the world, and provide our national leaders valuable options across the entire competition continuum."

— Admiral Michael M. Gilday,
Chief of Naval Operations

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NAVY HERITAGE

U.S. Naval Aviation was born 8 May 1911, with a purchase request made by Captain Washington Chambers for the Navy's first aircraft. In the years leading up to World War I, pioneer aviators pushed the development of hydroaeroplanes and flying boats, turning them into effective tools for warfare and working to integrate Naval Aviation into the Navy's mission to protect and control the seas.



From the United States Navy's first aircraft carrier USS Langley (CV1) to its most modern nuclear super aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), aircraft carriers have been the Navy's preeminent power projection platform and have served the nation's interest in times of war and peace. With an unequaled ability to provide warfighting capabilities across the full spectrum of conflict, and to adapt in an ever-changing world, aircraft carriers, their air wings, and associated strike groups are the foundation of US maritime strategy.

Today, aircraft carriers from two classes of nuclear-powered ships (Nimitz-class and Ford-class carriers) lead the modern-day fleet forces as they provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, deter aggression and assure national security. Congress mandates the U.S. Navy to operate 11 aircraft carriers throughout the world to maintain security, economic freedom and enduring commitments around the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NAVAL AVIATION!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League (SDNL). April was a fantastic month for the SDNL Council. Our April breakfast event, was eventful, we were honored to have CAPT Kevin W. Ralston, Commanding Officer of USS San Diego (LPD 22) as our guest speaker. In addition, we highlighted the CPO Birthday "NAVY CHIEF - NAVY PRIDE", which included a cake cutting ceremony and charity event where all proceeds went to support our Awards Recognition and Youth Programs. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for 7:30am, May 6th Admiral Baker Golf Course, we are very excited to have the CO of USS O'Kane, CDR Michelle Fontenot as our guest speaker, where she will be delivering a command brief and we will also be recognizing her top Sailors for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty. Lastly, I can't stop thanking all the individuals both volunteers and chairs, for all their hard work and countless hours spent in supporting the SDNL's mission! So, please join us for our May's Breakfast Event.

Ed Naranjo, President.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

First Command Jason Surya and his Team in donating \$1k to the San Diego Council during April's CPO Birthday Celebration & Charity Event in support of its Sea Services Programs in the local community.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank you to RCP Block & Brick, a Community Partner in sponsoring USS O'KANE (DDG 77) Award Recognition for our Council's May Breakfast Event. In particular to its Owner; Kathy Olsen.

RCP Block & Brick is Family owned and operated since 1947. For the past 75 years it has offered the largest available selection of hardscape and masonry supplies in San Diego and the Temecula Valley counties from six convenient retail locations. Professional grade hardscape and masonry products for contractors and homeowners, providing the products and services needed to get any hardscape or masonry projects started off on the right foot. RCP was founded on a dedication to honest business practices, quality products, and friendly service. To this day, RCP Block & Brick continues to adhere to these founding principles and remain committed to its ideals and values as they bring the company into the future. That commitment is seen in RCP's 250 plus employees, many of whom have been with the company for 20 or 30 years and longer. RCP Block & Brick has been awarded many business honors. These include "San Diego County Small Business of the Year" from the State Senate and "Large Family Owned Business of the Year". RCP also works to benefit the community through the sponsorship of many local organizations. RCP Block & Brick is a strong supporter of the military and veterans and is a Community Affiliate with the San Diego Council. Navy League San Diego is honored to being part of RCP Block & Brick and appreciates their support.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

MAY 6TH

Commander Michelle Fontenot, a native of the Philippines, graduated from Florida State University in 2002.

Sea duty assignments include: Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer on USS DECATUR (DDG 73), Assistant DCA on USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), Chief Engineer on USS STERETT (DDG 104), Material Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY ONE (CDS-21), and most recently, Executive Officer on USS O'KANE (DDG-77).

Ashore, she served as Administrative and Weapons Officer for Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron THREE, the Force Readiness Officer for Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific, and Operations Officer for Afloat Training Group San Diego.

Commander Fontenot holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Florida State University and a Master's Degree in Management from University of Phoenix.

Her decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and various individual and unit campaign awards.



RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Council recognized Navy and Marine Corps active duty servicemembers during April's Breakfast Event for their outstanding performances. Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Recruiter and Drill Instructor of the Quarter Award Winners; SSgt Jacques Craven, Sgt Vanessa Crump, Sgt Essozolim Amana and SSgt Eli Goodwin.



Captain Kevin Ralston provided a motivational speech in honoring April's Awardees and his tribute to the Chief Petty Officers and the role they serve in the U.S. Navy during the Breakfast & Charity Event.



Additionally the San Diego Council recognized USS San Diego Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners; YN1 Brianna Slaughter, IT2 Arthur Keilbik, ABF3 John Macdonald, and LSSN Roman Dimapilis and Expeditionary Strike Group THREE, CS1 Alan Yang for his Outstanding Volunteer Service with the San Diego Council.



Special thank you to TRIADA Tactical Inc Veteran Business Owner Nil Ng in sponsoring and presenting awards to the Sailors and Marines at our April's Breakfast.



Congratulations to San Diego Council Member Jennifer Givens in leading the 2022 Inaugural Women's History Brunch at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla on March 23, 2022. Nearly over 100 women representing all branches ages, stages of military service were in attendance. Jennifer served as a Damage Control Second Class (Surface Warrior) in the U.S. Navy with sea duty assignments onboard; USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101), USS HOWARD (DDG 83), and USS MOMSEN (DDG 92). Ashore she served as an Instructor at Southwest Regional Maintenance Center, San Diego. Jennifer has recently been selected for a direct commission as a Restricted Line Officer of the Human Resources Community in the Naval Reserves. Bravo Zulu!



Council Vice President Tracy Owens and Sea Service Committee Member Nil Ng were recognized by County of San Diego Supervisor Joel Anderson Representative; Mrs. Eileen Henot for their volunteer service in the San Diego Community.

Welcome Home - Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352). On April 5, 2022 the San Diego Council's Operation Welcome Home Committee greeted 50 Marines attached to VMGR 352 with over 100 family and friends in attendance. VMGR 352 is a United States Marine Corps KC-130J squadron. They are a part of Marine Aircraft Group 11 (MAG-11), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (3rd MAW) and provide both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aerial refueling capabilities to support Fleet Marine Force (FMF) air operations in addition to assault air transport of personnel, equipment, and supplies. The squadron, known as the "Raiders" is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California. Well done to our Homecoming & Operations Chair; Jay Rindler!

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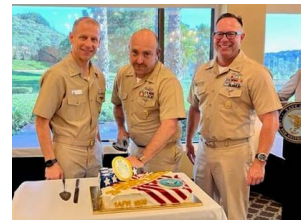
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2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
JUNE 3, 2022

NEW TIME IS 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M
CAPT GARRETT MILLER
COMMANDING OFFICER,
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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\$40 - Includes Breakfast, 1 YR Membership and an additional complimentary breakfast.

- Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30
- Breakfast for Members; \$25

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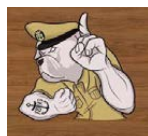
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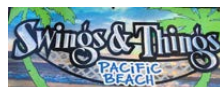
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