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BREAKFAST EVENT

July 8, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

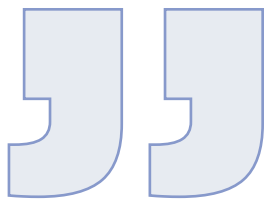
RDML CHRISTOPHER J. SWEENEY

COMMANDER,

CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ELEVEN

*“United we
fought, and
united we
prevail.”*

—Chester W. Nimitz



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NAVY HERITAGE

United States Ships named in honor of United States of America and its Independence.

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, which led to the formation of the United States of America. Its first six frigates were named; United States, Constellation, Constitution, Chesapeake, Congress, and President. Independence would take its namesake place aboard six different classes of ships; Sloop of War, Ship of the Line, Steamer, Light Aircraft Carrier (CVL 22), Aircraft Carrier (CV 62) and Littoral Combat Ship (LCS 2) that was decommissioned in 2021. Today, USS Constitution, (aka Old Ironsides) is one of the six original frigates still serving in the U.S. Navy and the world's oldest ship, homeported in Newport, RI. USS Constellation (FFG 62) will be the lead ship of its Guided Missile Class Frigate and the fifth ship to bear the namesake scheduled to be commissioned in 2026. However, nothing compares to the namesake - AMERICA. There has been five different ships that have bear the name; Ship of the Line, a Racing Yacht during the Civil War, an Ocean Liner, Troop Transport and an Aircraft Carrier (CV 66) from 1965 to 1996, The Aircraft Carrier America was the only supercarrier to be used as a target for training and the largest warship to ever to be sunk. Today AMERICA's name lives on; USS AMERICA (LHA 6), the first of its amphibious assault class ships, commissioned in 2014. Her mission is to act as the flagship of an Expeditionary Strike Group, carrying part of a Marine expeditionary unit into battle and putting them ashore with helicopters and V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, supported by F-35B Lightning II aircraft and helicopters. AMERICA's original homeport was San Diego, California, until in 2019 it was changed to Sasebo, Japan.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of Navy League San Diego (NLSD). July has arrived and we are picking up steam and heading to true North! Your NLSD has been engaged in events with both our Sea Services men and women but also with our San Diego community. On our June breakfast event, we had the honor of having CAPT Garret Miller, CO of USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) as our guest speaker and we also had the pleasure of recognizing his top Sailors for all the hard work they do onboard ship. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for Friday, 0730, July 8th at Admiral Baker Golf Course, we are very excited to have Commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN as our guest speaker. We are also very excited for all our upcoming events starting with our Golf Tournament to honor our Sea Service personnel, which will be held on 21 July at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and we are gearing up for the International Frigate Working Group from 12-16 September at the Island Club, NAS North Island, the MCAS Miramar Air Show 23-25 September onboard MCAS Miramar and the U.S. Navy Ball in October 15 which will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. So, check out our website for ticket sales for all these events and come out and support these events. Lastly and as always, I want to thank the entire NLSD Team for all the hard work they do in support of our mission!



Ed Naranjo, President.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank you to Military Mutual Real Estate Services - Derek Barksdale in donating \$500 to the San Diego Council in support of meeting its mission to its Sea Services in the local community.



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BREAKFAST SPEAKER

JULY 8TH

Rear Admiral Christopher Sweeney is a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and also a graduate of the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, with a master's degree in International Policy and Practice.

Sweeney has served in a diverse range of sea and shore assignments. As a surface warfare officer, he commanded Destroyer Squadron 15 (CDS 15) from 2015 to 2016 in the Western Pacific and the Destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73) from 2009 to 2010, deploying twice to the Arabian Gulf in support of U.S. and Coalition Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His service at sea since 1992 includes assignments aboard USS Russell (DDG 59), USS Port Royal (CG 73), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Cyclone (PC 1) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56) deployed to the Middle East, Western Pacific, Mediterranean and South America.

His shore tours included deputy for Combat Systems and Warfighting Integration, responsible for future surface combatant force requirements and integration of warfighting investments for the Director of Surface Warfare (N-96). He has also served as the branch head for Integrated Air & Missile Defense for the Director of Surface Warfare (N-96) and as a strategic and political-military planner on the staffs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-5) and the Chief of Naval Operations.

His first Flag Tour was as the Deputy Director for Policy, Plans, Strategy, Capabilities and Resources (J-5/8), U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal and various personal, unit, service and campaign awards



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank you to the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in sponsoring Carrier, Strike Group ELEVEN, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego Awards Recognition for July's 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.



RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Council recognizes USS MICHAEL MONSOOR's Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) Award Winners; Junior SOQ; BMSN(SW) Jartavious Jackson, SOQ; RS2(SW/AW) Cody Province and Senior SOQ; GM1(SW) Steven Heim. Awards were sponsored by LC Embroidery Rolan Patzi. Special Thank you to GEICO Military Rep Jenny De La Serna for providing additional gift bags for the award winners. During the Breakfast Event, CAPT Miller provided awareness on his ship's role in the fleet and how it meets its mission with national tasking. Including, his Sailors winning attitude and the standard they set aboard ship. CAPT Miller was presented an autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Prisoner of War Survivor Jim Bedinger for serving as the Council's Guest Speaker



San Diego Council Excellence, Presidents Past & Present; Ed Naranjo, Tony Johnson, Dave Grundies and Jim Bedinger,

President Ed Naranjo presented the Council's Community Partnership Appreciation Award to LC Embroidery Business Owner Rolan Patzi for his outstanding support of the Council's Sea Services programs; Awards Recognition, Ship Sponsorship and Youth Programs. LC Embroidery is a Platinum Community Partner and strong supporter of the San Diego Council.



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USAA



Congratulations to Katy Hall as the 2022/2023 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship recipient. Katy is one of four selected amongst 39 competitive applications. She will receive up to \$15k towards her college education. Well done to Scholarship Chair Suzie Johnson and the Scholarship Committee; Rosa Wilson, CMDCM, USN(Ret), Shay Fortson, CMDCM, USN(Ret), Angelica Reynoso, Michael Sweeney, Curt Angle, Renee Kinder, and Jennifer Givens for volunteering in assisting with this year's selection.



Youth Programs Chairman; Shane Steinfeld and President Ed Naranjo publicly announced the Youth Medal Award Winner for the Sea Cadet Corps Michael Monsoor Battalion; Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Jonathan Lee for his outstanding performance. Michael Monsoor's Battalion Commanding Officer; LCDR Valencia Jones accepted the award on his behalf. Youth Medal Award was sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Youth Programs Committee Member Jeff Weston, CAPT, USN(Ret) presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Leslie Castaneda, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Fall Brook Union High School on May 21. Youth Medal Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Youth Programs Chairman; Shane Steinfeld presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Ana Lice Cipriano, Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Pt.Loma High School on base at MCRD San Diego on June 7th. Youth Medal Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.

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>

MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Alexander Bangos
Channin Green
'Miles Harvey
Sangmin Lee
Nadisias Lindsay
Tavalas Drummer
Javier Garcia
Joaquin Martinez
Andres Quiroz
Donovan Selman
Ramonte Stephens
Jamario Davis
Stacey Sierra
James Bryant
Rodney Byrd
Damaris Bell
Angela Phillips
Djunissa Denis
Erin Skipper

Sea Service Chairman; Marty Magana and Executive Director; Ernie Belmares visited Fleet Surgical Team THREE to present the Junior Sea Service Member of the Year Award to HN(SW) Edward Johnson and runner's up; HM2(SW/AW) Angelina Mangram, and HM1 Patrick Whalen. SSMoY Award was sponsored by Raytheon.



Youth Programs Chairman; Shane Steinfeld presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Rayan Matin, Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, at Westview High School on June 6th. Youth Medal Award sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Council Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman Jay Rindler, SHC, USN(Ret) presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Private First Class Makenzie R. Clearwater, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Oceanside High School on May 26. Youth Medal Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Sea Services Golf Tournament
Thurs, July 21, 2022
Admiral Baker Golf Course

FREE Green Fee for the first 32 Active Duty Players to sign up.

\$75 - Single and \$300 - Foursome.
To register; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/golf-scrabble/>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
AUGUST 5, 2022

DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL NETWORK & REGISTRATION FROM 7-7:30AM
EVENT 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M
CAPT JIM W. SPITLER
COMMANDING OFFICER,
U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR SAN DIEGO

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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BREAKFAST MEMBERSHIP PROMO

\$40 - Includes Breakfast, 1 YR Membership and an additional complimentary breakfast.

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

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Community Partnership includes; Business Advertisement, Awards Sponsorship, Social Media Marketing, numerous Complimentary Breakfast, Youth Programs Contribution Complimentary or Discounted tickets to Miramar Air Show, Navy Birthday Ball, Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon, and End of the Year Appreciation.

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IFWG Event, Sept 12-16, 2022 at Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado California "Island Club".

This international forum provides a communicating and sharing information among partner countries. Reps attending from the defense industry and Maritime Forces from various countries will be discussing fascinating topics.

IFWG fosters a networking environment that builds relationships amongst our military and civilian business leaders from the community and is supported by the United States Navy League San Diego Council.

To donate use QR code or go to:
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>

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The International Frigate Working Group (IFWG) is an international forum for communicating and sharing information among partner countries. IFWG has a deliberately informal structure to provide an open forum for unclassified exchange of ideas and information. IFWG collaborates on:

- Increasing FFG platform operational effectiveness and readiness
- Innovative solutions with the objective of preserving the FFG-7 class for partner nations
- Lifecycle management of ship's warfighting capabilities
- Maintenance and modernization
- Obsolescence issues
- Both hull, mechanical and electrical and combat systems
- Collaborative logistics

San Diego, California
12 - 16 September 2022
at the Island Club

Countries Invited:

Bahrain	Saudi Arabia
Bangladesh	Spain
Chile	Sri Lanka
Egypt	Taiwan
Nigeria	Turkey
Pakistan	United States
Philippines	Vietnam
Poland	

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2022 Marine Corps Air Show
September 24 at MCAS Miramar

San Diego Council will be hosting a Chalet with ticket sales to be announced in July.

Gates open at 8:00am, Civilian Performers; 10-11am, Opening Ceremonies; 11-12, Military & Civilian performers; 12-3pm, Blue Angels & Fat Alber; 3-5pm.

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