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BREAKFAST EVENT

June 3, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPT GARRETT MILLER
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS MICHAEL MONSOOR
(DDG 1001)

*"The meaning
of life is to
find your gift.
The purpose
of life, it is to
give it away"*

—Pablo Picasso

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NAVY HERITAGE

124 Years of Naval Medical Excellence - In 1799, an act of Congress stipulated: "A convenient place shall be set apart for the sick and hurt men, to which they are to be removed, and some of the crew shall be appointed to attend them." On June 17, 1898, President William McKinley approved the establishment of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps that consisted of three ratings: hospital steward, hospital apprentice first class and hospital apprentice. The rating system has been updated several times throughout the past century to the modern Navy Hospital Corpsman "HM" rating as we know today. The Hospital Corpsman remains the largest rate in the Navy, with more than 30,000 active duty and reserve Corpsmen serving within our units across the naval force. It is also the most decorated rating in the Navy and in the military, earning 22 Medals of Honor, 179 Navy Crosses, 959 Silver Stars and more than 1,600 Bronze Stars. 20 ships have been named in honor of Navy Hospital Corps personnel. The Navy Hospital Corps serves as the combat medics for the Marines and can earn their Fleet Marine Force insignia. Including, the honor to call themselves a Marine. These elite service members are sometimes called "devil docs." Today, the Hospital Corpsman still serve as medical professionals on submarines, warships and out in the field alongside Sailors and Marines.



Happy Birthday Hospital Corps!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League (SDNL). May was one of our busiest months thus far, we were honored to attend and be part of Sailor of the Year announcements hosted by CNSF, CNAF, C3F and CSP, and I have to tell you what an honor it was for us to attend each ceremony and recognize each and every one of those Sailors. We also had the opportunity to host our May breakfast event, we had over 108 guests in attendance, our best in attendance thus far! We had the honor of announcing and recognizing our very own Enlisted Servicemember of the Year and had the privilege of having the CO of USS O'Kane, CDR Michele Fontenot as our guest speaker, and recognize her top Sailors for all the hard work they do onboard ship. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for Friday, 0730, June 3rd at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse, we are very excited to have the CO of USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001), CAPT Garrett Miller as our guest speaker, where he will be delivering a command brief and we will also be recognizing his top Sailors for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty. Lastly, I want to thank the Admiral Baker Catering Team for providing great service on all our breakfast events and also, I want to thank all the volunteers and chairs, for all the hard work they do in support of the SDNL's mission! A Big HooYah! to everyone!



Ed Naranjo, President.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank You to Raytheon's Mike Fabel and Jeff Weston for donating \$5k to the San Diego Council in support of its Sea Services Programs.



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BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank you to LC Embroidery in sponsoring the June's Award Recognition at our Breakfast Event. In particular to its Owner and CEO Froilan "Rolan" Patzi.

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BREAKFAST SPEAKER

JUNE 3RD

Captain Garrett H. Miller, a native of Daytona Beach, Florida, enlisted in the United States Navy as a Quartermaster in 1991 and was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of USS SHILOH (CG 67). He was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1996, attended San Diego State University, and commissioned in December 1997.



Captain Miller's sea duty assignments include: Commanding Officer of USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) from August 2017 to January 2020; Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of USS DECATUR (DDG 73) 2013 to 2016; Combat Systems Officer and Weapons Officer in USS LABOON (DDG 58), one of three ships in the first Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Sea Swap experiment; commissioning Fire Control Officer on USS MCCAMPBELL (DDG 85); and Gunnery Officer and Damage Control Assistant in USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980).

Ashore, he completed a joint tour at United States Central Command, serving as the Secretary of Joint Staff Director. He also served as an Exercise Planner in U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. Fourth Fleet in Mayport, Florida. His most recent shore assignment was the Commanding Officer of Regional Support Organization, Pacific Northwest, serving as COMNAVSURFPAC's Regional Executive Agent for the Pacific Northwest Region.

Currently, CAPT Miller serves as the Commanding Officer in USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001).

CAPT Miller holds a Masters of Business Administration degree (Financial Management subspecialty) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

CAPT Miller's personal awards include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards).

RECOGNITIONS



May's Guest Speaker USS O'Kane Commanding Officer; Commander Michelle Fontenot provided awareness of her ship's heritage and warfare capabilities. Including, insight on her crew's success during its recent eight month deployment to the western pacific and middle east and the role it played as the Ballistic Missile Defense ship with Carrier Strike Group 1. USS O'Kane FY2021 Sailor of the Year Award Winners Bluejacket Sailor of the Year; GSM3(SW) Shifu Hou, Junior Sailor of the Year; LS2(SW) Alexander Kiernan and Sailor of the Year; NC1(SW/FMF) David Butler were recognized for their professional excellence. CDR Fontenot was presented a ball cap by the Council President Ed Naranjo and autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Vietnam Prisoner of War Hero and former Navy League President Jim Bederger for serving as the Council's Guest Speaker. Awards for USS O'Kane Sailors were sponsored by RCP Block & Brick. RCP's Owner Kathy Olsen was on hand to present the awards and say a few words about her company and the customers they serve in the San Diego Metro Area. RCP Block & Brick is a Community Partner Affiliate that strongly supports our military, veterans, and their families. We are honored to have their support.



Southwest Regional Maintenance Center Machinery Repair Shop Leading Chief Petty Officer; MRC Charles Gross-Ruiz and his Division Leading Petty Officers; MR1 Bartels, MR1 Hinojosa, MR1 Pundoh, MR2 Walker and MR2 Byrd presents the Council's 1960 Bell after completing repairs and restoration to its original look 62 years ago and having the bell back in operation.

Council Member Jennifer Givens was recognized by County of San Diego Supervisor Joel Anderson Representative; Mrs. Eileen Henot for her performance in organizing April's Mt. Soledad's Women Veterans Ceremony and her volunteer service in the San Diego Community.



Council's Homecoming & Field Operations Chair Jay Rindler and Board Member Bob Berman visited Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to present 11 awards to Marine and Sailor of the Quarter attached to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

San Diego Council held its 2nd Annual Sea Service Member of the Year Award that hosted 108 guests in attendance that included business leaders from the community and the service members Chain of Command.



Congratulations to our 2022 Award Winners; Junior Sea Service Member; HN (SW) Edward Johnson (Fleet Surgical Team THREE), Sea Service Member; HM2(SW/AW) Eric Johnson (Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit FIVE) and Senior Sea Service Member; ABF1(SW/EXW) John-Paul Candelaria (USS ANCHORAGE (LPD-23). Including all our nominees; BM3(SW) Andrea Rodriguezlopez (USS PINCKNEY (DDG-91)), BM3 Luis Ruiz (USS MOBILE GOLD (LCS-26)), HM3(SW) Eugene T. Hawks II, USS Anchorage (LSD 23), OS3(SW) Diamon McKinney, USN - CPR5, Cpl Matthew Labosky, MALS-11, AN Eleanor Everett, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight, ET3 Abigail C. Bitzer, USS Lake Erie (CG 70), HM2(SW/AW) Angelina Mangram (Fleet Surgical Team THREE), HT2(SW/EXW) Jonathan Jimmerson (USS MOBILE GOLD (LCS-26), MK2 Zachary R. Lill, USCGC HADDOCK (WPB 87347), MC2 Chelsea Meiller, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, YN2 Jacoby Mayweather, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30, Sgt Brian Peterson, HMH-465, PS2(AW/SW) Emari Barber, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight, CS2 Mata, USN - USS Essex (LHD 2), PS1(SW/AW) Tylere Gonzalez (USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53)), OS1(SW) Felicia Ward (USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD-52)), HM1 Patrick Whalen, Fleet Surgical Team THREE, ABF1 Wilmon Michal Davies, USS Essex (LHA 2), CS1 Phyllis D. Amaraz, USCGC HADDOCK (WPB 87347), IT1(SW/AW/IW) Joshua Johnson, USS Mobile (LCS 26) GOLD, HM1 Jenna Willard, Commander Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, IS1 (IW/SW) Demetrius Bruce, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE, YN1 Olmar Aguilus, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30, and AWS1 Vincent Meza, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight. Special thank you to our Sea Service Committee Chairman; Marty Magana and his Award Selection Board Committee; Tracy Owens, LCDR, USN(Ret), Shay Fortson, CMDCM, USN(Ret), Rosa Wilson, CMDCM, USN(Ret), Kevin Rogers, Sgt, USMC(Veteran) and Shane Steinfeld, FC2, USN(Veteran).

Including, our sponsorship with Raytheon for the awards certificates and LC Embroidery for breakfast for all nominees.



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 Minso Kang
 Kelly Simpson
 Nickino Harris
 David Horrigan

FY2021 TYCOM Sailor of the Year Awards

San Diego Council collaborated with Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and Boeing in sponsorship with the recognition of SOY Award Winners. Congratulations to Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; (Sea) AD1(AW/SW) Alexandra M. King and (Shore) AWS1(NAC/AW/EXW/IW) Evan L. Morrow, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; (Sea) ABH1(AW/SW/IW) Landon D. Jamison and (Shore) EM1(SW) Raymond F. Madera, Commander, THIRD Fleet, (Sea) LN1(SW/AW) Felicia A. Allen and (Shore) LS1(SW/AW) Felix Leyba and Commander, Submarine Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; (Sea) LSS1(SS) Aubrey Prereyra and (Shore) NC1(AW/IUSS) Gabriella Oldham. Special thank you to our Sponsors, Lockheed Martin's; David Steindl, Al Worthy and Fred Becker, Raytheon's; Mike Fabel and Jeff Weston, Boeing's; Lori Iversen and Ward Wilson.



San Diego Council's United States Youth Medal Awards Winners

San Diego Council President Ed Naranjo presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Jonathan Lee, Sea Cadet Corps attached to Chief MCM 14 Division at Naval Base San Diego on May 7th and Sea Service Chair Marty Magana presented the Youth Medal Award to Cadet Chief Petty Officer Armando De Los Cabos, Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Ramona High School on May 21st. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Sea Services Golf Tournament

Come join us on Thurs, July 21, 2022 at Admiral Baker Golf Course. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, Longest Drive, Closest to pin, Door Prizes and Cocktail hour. Check-in starts at 6:30am; Opening Announcement at 7:30am and Shotgun at 8:00am. \$75 - Single and \$300 - Foursome. FREE Green Fee for the first 32 Active Duty Players to sign up. To register go to; <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-tickets/> For more information contact Jason Surya at jrsurya@firstcommand.com.



The San Diego Council thanks all our Sponsors for our May's Breakfast Event.



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**2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
 AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
 JULY 8, 2022**

**DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL NETWORK
 & REGISTRATION FROM 7-7:30AM
 EVENT 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M
 RDML CHRISTOPHER J. SWEENEY
 COMMANDER,
 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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 - Breakfast for Members; \$25

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