



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

**August 5, 2022**

**7:30 am - 9:00 am**

**Admiral Baker Clubhouse**

**GUEST SPEAKER;**

**CAPT JAMES W. SPITLER**

**COMMANDING OFFICER,**

**U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR SAN DIEGO**

*"The Coast Guard has long been known, as the armed service that gets more done for less"*

—Howard Coble

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## NAVY HERITAGE

At the request of Alexander Hamilton, the head of the Revenue-Marine, on August 4, 1790, Congress approved the construction of ten vessels to protect the coast of the United States of America with enforcing tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress. Up until 1798, when the Navy was re-instated, these ten Coast Guard vessels were the only naval force in the U.S. Early Coast Guard crews' duties included transporting government officials and sometimes they even carried mail. The Coast Guard as we know it today was formed in 1915 with the merging of the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. Eventually, the Coast Guard became so essential in protecting the United States, that it was moved from its original place at the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, in order to aid the United States efforts against terrorist attacks. In times of war, the Coast Guard has occasionally operated as a service of the U.S. Navy. The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and the smallest of the six Armed Services. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security. The Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts.



**Happy Birthday U.S. Coast Guard!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League. Where has the year gone, can't believe we are more than halfway through the year. We are deep into the planning stages of all the upcoming events we have scheduled for the rest of the year. To begin the month of July we had a successful breakfast event with 85 guests in attendance and our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament with 92 golfers and 14 sponsors. We were honored to have Carrier Strike Group Eleven, Admiral Sweeney as our guest speaker and also several COs, CMCs and crew members from Strike Group Eleven, Coast Guard CMCs and Chiefs from Sector San Diego and SgtMajs from MCRD San Diego and 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District join us for breakfast. We also had the opportunity to recognize several Sea Service personnel for their sustained, superior performance onboard their commands. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for Friday, 0730, August 5th at Admiral Baker Golf Course, we are very excited to have Captain James W. Spitler, Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Sector, San Diego as our guest speaker, stop by on your way to work and join us for breakfast! Don't forget to check out our website for the following events and come out and support your Sea Services and the NLSD Council: International Frigate Working Group from 12-16 September at the Island Club, NAS North Island, the MCAS Miramar Air Show 24 September onboard MCAS Miramar and the U.S. Navy Ball in October 15 at the Grand Hyatt. Lastly and as always, I want to thank the entire NLSD Team, our Chairs, Board of Directors, Councilmembers and let's not forget our Sponsors for all the hard work and support they give to our mission!



Ed Naranjo, President.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank You to Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel Director of Event Management - Rick Mitrovich and his Team, Senior Sales Manager Gregory Seepersad and Karen Leparula in donating \$950.00 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

AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

Captain James W. Spitler assumed command on July 14, 2022 as Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego, California, where he serves as the Senior Coast Guard Officer in the Southwest region of the United States. He is responsible for leading all maritime operations to ensure the safety, security, law enforcement, and environmental protection from the U.S. – Mexico Maritime Border northward to Dana Point, CA, and east to the Colorado River, and inland navigable lakes of Arizona and southern areas of Utah and Nevada.



Captain Spitler's previous assignments include the Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Directorate of Operations, United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where he led a division comprised of joint military and Department of Defense civilians from various fields of specialized expertise to include operations, plans, personnel, administrative, logistics, and medical to provide support as Joint Enabling Capabilities to National Guard headquarters in the 52 states and territories in the USNORTHCOM area of responsibility. The Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies with distinction; Commanding Officer of Air Station Houston, Texas, where he was responsible for the Coast Guard aviation response during Hurricane Harvey, saving over 1,700 lives; Engineering Officer at Sector Corpus Christi, Texas; Medium Range Surveillance Engineering Branch Chief at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Assistant Engineering Officer and Instructor Pilot at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama; Instructor Pilot at Air Station Miami, Florida; Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida; and Operations Officer aboard the USCGC PLANETREE (WLB-307), a 180-foot seagoing buoy tender homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Captain Spitler is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Purdue University, and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt graduate of the National Graduate School. He has held pilot designations in the Coast Guard's HU-25A/C/D, HC-144A, MH-65D and MH-60T airframes, and holds FAA certifications as an Airline Transport Pilot (FW/RW), Certified Flight Instructor (FW), Airframe & Powerplant mechanic and others. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Commendation and Achievement Medals, as well as various other military decorations. Captain Spitler and his wife Megan have two children, Bri and Keri.

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank You to Raytheon in sponsoring the Award Recognition for our August Breakfast Event. In particular to its Raytheon's Military Representatives; Mike Fabel, and Jeff Weston. Raytheon Technologies Corporation is an American multinational aerospace and defense conglomerate headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts. It is one of the largest aerospace, intelligence services providers, and defense manufacturers in the world by revenue and market capitalization. Raytheon Technologies (RTX) researches, develops, and manufactures advanced technology products in the aerospace and defense industry, including aircraft engines, avionics, aerostructures, cybersecurity, guided missiles, air defense systems, satellites, and drones. The company is also a large military contractor, getting a significant portion of its revenue from the U.S. government. The company has four subsidiaries; Collins Aerospace, Pratt & Whitney, Raytheon Intelligence & Space and Raytheon Missiles & Defense. On June 7, 2022, the company announced plans to move its global headquarters to Arlington, Virginia.



## RECOGNITIONS



Congratulations to Jennifer Givens on her promotion to Ensign in the U.S. Navy on Jun 25, 2022. Jennifer is a member with the San Diego Council, who serves on the Scholarship Committee and volunteers as integral member in helping guests with registration at our Monthly Breakfast Events. Well Done ENS Givens!



Congratulations to Josh Ramon as 2022/2023 Alexander Kreiglawa Scholarship recipient, who is 1 of 4 selected amongst 39 applicants to receive the coveted scholarship. Josh will receive up to \$15k towards his college education. Thank you to our Scholarship Chair Suzie Johnson and committee members; Rosa Wilson, Shay Fortson, Angelica Reynoso, Michael Sweeney, Curt Angle, Renee Kinder and Jennifer Givens in selecting this years recipients.





## WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

San Diego Corporate Members  
& Community Affiliates

San Diego Council celebrates America's Independence in recognizing its Sea Service Members from the community attached to Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN; USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) - NC1 Christopher Somerville, USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) - DC1 Mario Barrera, USS STETHEM (DDG 63) - IT1 Monique Walker, and USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93) - LS1 Jin Zhang. Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; Sgt Fontaine Bray, SSgt Juan C. Rios, SSgt Rolando Neto, and GySgt Anthony Mileham. U.S. Coast Guard; Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific - ME1 Megan Raygor, Maritime Security Response Team West - ME2 Brandon Tobar and USCG Air Station San Diego - AMT2 Martin Andrade. Awards presented by USAA Military Representatives CMDCM David Dearie, USN(Ret), SgtMaj Tim Haney, USMC(Ret) and Arizona Regional Manager CMSgt Rory Wicks, USAF(Ret).

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Trident Coffee



Commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN - Rear Admiral Christopher J. Sweeney provided insight on his command and its role it serves in the fleet in meeting national tasking. RDML Sweeney was presented an autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Vietnam Prisoner of War Hero and former Navy League President Jim Bedinger for serving as the Council's Guest Speaker.



President Ed Naranjo presents First Command's District Advisor, Jason Surya and his team the Council's Community Partnership Appreciation Award for their strong support of the Council's sea service programs.

Thank you to our Golf Committee Chair Chris Catania and his team in leading this year's Sea Services Golf Tournament. Including all our sponsors for supporting our special event.



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

Tim Swann  
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Jeremiah Montanez  
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Ivory Bradford  
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Vanita Kibbe  
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Reginald Gordan  
Clifton Stewart  
Mara Sidlo  
Benjamin Mattox  
Amanda Burd  
Nathan Burd  
Deanna Brown  
Elaine Warren

First 50 OMB to register will receive complimentary breakfast, flowers, and ticket for door prizes. Deadline for CMC & SgtMaj to register their OMB is August 22, 2022.

Extended invite to Command Leadership and, encouraged to attend. Seating is limited, **RSVP** at [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com)



Coming Soon Single Ticket; \$160 to \$220 | Sponsor; \$2,500 - \$10k

Visit: <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-tickets/>

Reserve your ticket or sponsorship via email POC: [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com)



## Operation Welcome Home is up and online!

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Jay Rindler at [karlort@aol.com](mailto:karlort@aol.com)

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September 12-16, 2022, NASNI "Island Club"

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Saturday, September 24, 8am - 5pm.

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Breakfast Event | September 9th  
**OMBUDSMAN APPRECIATION**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES**  
**AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

**DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL NETWORK**  
**& REGISTRATION FROM 7-7:30AM**  
**EVENT 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M**

**CAPT BRIAN J. QUIN**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF,**  
**EXPEDITORY STRIKE GROUP THREE**

Oct 7 Submarine Squadron 11  
Nov 4 Headquarters & HQs Squadron  
MCAS  
Dec 9 Fleet Logistics Squadron 30

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**You Can Make A Difference!**

**BECOME A MEMBER**

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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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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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