



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

November 4, 2022

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

LtCOL MICHAEL W. WHITE, USMC

COMMANDING OFFICER,

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS

SQUADRON,

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

*"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, but the Marines don't have that problem."*

—President Ronald Reagan

## NAVY HERITAGE

Marines across the globe will recognize and acknowledge 247 years of service to their country, the sacrifices made to defend democracy, and the Marine Corps' enduring legacy as America's premier fighting force. The Marines are responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations with the United States Navy as well as the Army and Air Force.

The Marine Corps annual tradition celebrates the establishment of the organization on November 10, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress. Following their role in the American Revolution, the Marines were abolished following the Treaty of Paris in April 1783. Then, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Marine Corps signed by President John Adams and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy.

The birthday, also known as Marine Corps Day, was originally celebrated on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when Major General Lejeune issued an order Number 47 to formalize the tradition and establish the official day to its original birthdate on November 10th to honor the birthday of the Marine Corps. The ceremony traditionally includes a guest of honor, a reading of Gen. Lejeune's birthday message and the current Commandant's message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and a cake cutting ceremony.

While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937. Major General Thomas Holcomb, the Commandant, presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers, including the cutting of a huge cake in the shape of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Marine Corps.

Today the Marine Corps Birthday celebration has expanded by various organizations in the community in celebrating and recognizing Marines and its birthday through many special events, exhibits and parades, such as ours on November 4th, but on November 10th, regardless of where Marines are stationed, or deployed, whether they are still on Active Duty, Reserve, or Retired, you will always hear "Happy Birthday, Marine."



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League, we kicked off the month of October with the celebration of the U.S. Navy's 247th Birthday at our monthly breakfast. We had over 100+ guests in attendance and also had the privilege of having CAPT Kenneth Douglas, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 as our guest speaker to help us celebrate the U.S. Navy's Birthday. We finished off the month by celebrating the U.S. Navy Ball at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in beautiful San Diego, California with over 500+ guests in attendance. We had the distinct privilege of having RADM Robert Chadwick II, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine as our guest speaker and he delivered a phenomenal presentation that everyone in attendance enjoyed. On our next breakfast event scheduled for November 4th, we are celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday and we are having LtCol Michael W. White, USMC, Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar as our guest speaker, so come on over and join us for breakfast at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and enjoy the festivities. As always, I want to thank the entire NLSO Team, our Chairs, Board of Directors, Councilmembers and let's not forget our Sponsors for all the hard work and support they provide to our mission!

Ed Naranjo, President.



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## SAN DIEGO COUNCIL - NATIONAL EXCELLENCE

San Diego Council wins the National Navy League 2021 Outstanding Council Award for its outstanding performance in support of its sea service. Including the coveted 2021 Donald M. Mackie Awards for Excellence; Platinum for Social Media, Gold for Website and Silver for Newsletter. On behalf of the National Navy League, San Diego Council Youth Programs Chairman Shane Steinfeld presented the awards to President Ed Naranjo & VP Tracy Owens.



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank You to North Island Credit Union Military Representatives Dino Santo and Nancy Banuelos in donating \$5,000 to the San Diego Council in support of meeting its mission to its Sea Services in the local community. NICU is a Corporate Sponsor and Gold Community Partner.



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LtCol White is a native of Orange, Texas and earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the United States Naval Academy. He commissioned as a 2ndLt where he completed initial training at The Basic School in Quantico, VA, he was assigned to Field Artillery Officer Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and earned the designation as class Master Gunner and the Field Artillery Officer MOS. In July 2005, LtCol White received orders to 2nd Battalion 11th Marines in Camp Pendleton, CA where he served as the Artillery Liaison Officer for Battery K. In November, that same year, he executed orders to 2nd Battalion 5th Marines and deployed to Japan as part of the 31st MEU's Battalion Landing Team serving as the Artillery Liaison Officer, Fire Direction Officer, and 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander. Deploying again in February 2007 to Ar Ramadi, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and serving as the Battalion Fire Support Coordinator, Information Operations Officer, Civil Affairs Officer, and Headquarters and Service Company Executive Officer. LtCol White received follow on orders to 1st ANGLICO in Camp Pendleton, CA where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer and Fire Control Power Team Leader from January 2008 to March 2009. During this time he earned his designation as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller and was selected on the FY09 Field Accession Board to become a Naval Aviator.



He completed the Naval Aviator training syllabus and earned his wings in October of 2011.

LtCol White completed initial AV-8B Harrier training with the "Hawks" of VMAT-203 in MCAS Cherry Point in 2012, and reported to the "Tigers" of VMA-542. While with the Tigers, he served as the Daily and Weekly Operations Scheduling Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, and Aviation Maintenance Officer. During this tour he completed two deployments, both to Japan in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, in 2014 and 2016.

In June 2017, LtCol White again joined the "Hawks" of VMAT-203 to serve as the Aviation Maintenance Officer and Executive Officer. While with VMAT-203, he was certified as a Low Altitude Tactics Instructor, MAG-14 Functional Check Flight Standards Officer, Early, Late Stage Familiarization Flight Instructor and completed Air Force Distance Command and Staff Collage in. While at VMAT-203 he executed 11 total Deployments for Training and Hurricane Evacuations.

From 2020-2022, LtCol White was assigned to OPNAV N98 in the Pentagon where he served as an F-35 Requirements Officer for the Department of the Navy. While at OPNAV he was responsible for coordinating funding, requirements, and balancing warfighter inputs on the Joint Strike Fighter program of record.

In July 2022 LtCol White became the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with (2) Gold Stars, Army Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. LtCol White is married to Jenna and they have two children Clara and Aspen.

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Special Thank You to Lockheed Martin in sponsoring the Award Recognition for our November Breakfast Event. In particular to its Military Representatives; RDML Dave Steidl, USN(Ret), CAPT Al Worthy, USN(Ret), and Fred Becker III. Lockheed Martin Corporation is an American aerospace, arms, defense, information security, and technology corporation with worldwide interests. It was formed by the merger of Lockheed Corporation with Martin Marietta in March 1995. It is headquartered in North Bethesda, Maryland, in the Washington, D.C. area. Lockheed Martin employs approximately 115,000 employees worldwide, including about 60,000 engineers and scientists as of January 2022. Lockheed Martin is one of the largest companies in the aerospace, military support, security, and technologies industry. It is the world's largest defense contractor by revenue for fiscal year 2014. In 2013, 78% of Lockheed Martin's revenues came from military sales; it topped the list of US federal government contractors and received nearly 10% of the funds paid out by the Pentagon. In 2009, US government contracts accounted for \$38.4 billion (85%), foreign government contracts for \$5.8 billion (13%), and commercial and other contracts for \$900 million (2%). Half of the corporation's annual sales are to the U.S. Department of Defense. Lockheed Martin is also a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Lockheed Martin operates in four business segments: Aeronautics, Missiles and Fire Control (MFC), Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS), and Space. The company has received the Collier Trophy six times, including in 2001 for being part of developing the X-35/F-35B LiftFan Propulsion System and most recently in 2018 for the Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System (Auto-GCAS). Lockheed Martin is currently developing the F-35 Lightning II and leads the international supply chain, leads the team for the development and implementation of technology solutions for the new USAF Space Fence (AFSSS replacement), and is the primary contractor for the development of the Orion command module. The company also invests in healthcare systems, renewable energy systems, intelligent energy distribution, and compact nuclear fusion.



## RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Coast Guard City Representative, CAPT Ted Parsons, USN(Ret) presented an Appreciation Gift to Council President Ed Naranjo and VP Tracy Owens for its outstanding support to the United States Coast Guard in the San Diego community.



San Diego Council's VP Tracy Owens, Executive Director Ernie Belmares and Board Members; Derek Barksdale, Jay Rindler, Charles Clark, Jiah and Catherine Montanez attended the San Diego's Premier Chief Petty Officer's Pride Day on Friday, October 14, 2022 in celebration on the soon-to-be-promoted Chief Selectees. More than 2500 Navy Chief and Chief Selectees attend this one day event to network and receive leadership lessons. The event not only serves to promote mentorship and community support, but heritage and tradition of the Navy Chief. All proceeds from this event go towards program support and business operations for the following year. Special thank you to the Enlisted Leadership Foundation President David Dearie for the special invite and Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman Jay Rindler in leading the committee.





Special Thank you to Raytheon's Mike Fabel in sponsoring the Sailor of the Quarter Awards and Breakfast to 44 Chiefs and Chief Selectees at our October's Breakfast Event in celebration of the Navy's 247th Birthday. Well done to the ETN3(SS) Bruce Morgan and MC1(SW) Thomas Gooley for their outstanding performance during this 4th Quarter. Access to all photos at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/recognition-support/>



Guest Speaker Commander, Submarine Squadron 11, CAPT Douglas provided insight on his command's role in the fleet and how it supports its Submarines in the region. He received an autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Prisoner of War Survivor and former San Diego Council President Jim Bedinger.

San Diego Council celebrated the Navy's 247th Birthday during its October's Breakfast Event hosting 100 guests in attendance with Sailors from destroyers assigned to Destroyer Squadron 1, Carrier Strike Group 9 and USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22) who were able to meet with Prisoner of War Survivors; CAPT Jack Ensich, USN(Ret) and CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret). Access to all photos at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/recognition-support/>



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Active Duty Service Members now eligible to join the Navy League at:  
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# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Serena Brown  
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Gwen Purdy  
Susan Naranjo  
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Manuela Steuerwald  
Kyle Caldwell  
Tiffany Taylor  
Robert Butler  
Jose Gutierrez  
Joseph Jimenez  
Gabriel Quiroz  
Jason English  
Russell Sherman  
Teresa Williams  
Maggie Ramier  
Dave Berrier

The San Diego Council hosted the Navy's 247th Birthday at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel with over 500 guests in attendance.

Special thank you to Navy Region Southwest Committee; LT Hal Jones and LNC Maria Bryant, Guest Speaker; Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9 Rear Admiral Robert Chadwick and Sponsors;

Manchester Grand Hyatt; Rich Mitrovich, Gregory Seepersad, and Molly Dimas, USAA; David Dearie, Flower Island Chula Vista; Dani Moser and Minutemen Press Kearny Mesa; Elaine Bertoni.

Access to all photos at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-gallery/>



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SAN DIEGO



Our San Diego Council will be participating in its first Toys for Tots Drive this year and will be collecting toys at our Fri, Dec 9th breakfast event. We are requesting ALL guests to bring a brand new unwrapped toy for children up to age 12. Toys must be consider age appropriate, suggestions for pre-teens but not limited to; sporting equipment/bags/balls; books; backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/walet gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners and hair dryers. Gifts not acceptable is realistic looking weapons and gifts with food. Toys for Tots is a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children who parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.



### 12th Marine Corps District hosting its Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Hardrock Hotel downtown Gaslamp;  
5:00pm-10:30pm.

Ticket purchases; \$140.

Navy League Support Sponsorship  
Table; \$1k contact; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com)

For more information contact;  
GySgt Catledge at (619) 316-0666.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2022 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

DECEMBER 9, 2022

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

CAPT TOM CHEKOURAS  
COMMANDER,  
DESTROYER SQUADRON 1

#### Jan 2023 No Event

Feb 3 USCG Cutter Haddock (WPB 87347)  
Mar 3 Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303  
Apr 7 USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)  
May 5 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar  
Jun 2 Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific  
Jul 7 Independence Celebration  
Aug 4 Maritime Security Response Team West  
Sep 8 Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD SD  
Oct 6 United States Navy Birthday  
Nov 3 12th Marine Corps District, MCRD SD  
Dec 8 End of Year Recognition

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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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