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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

February 3, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

LTJG GREGORY BURNHAM, USCG

COMMANDING OFFICER,

COAST GUARD CUTTER HADDOCK

"When storms and floods and tragedy strike, Americans know that they can count on the United States Coast Guard."

—President George W. Bush

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NAVY HERITAGE

On February 3rd, 1976, The Coast Guard Academy first announced the appointments of 50 cadets to enter with the Class of 1980, including three women: Cathryn Lis of Bristol, CT; Susan Kollmeyer of Groton, CT; & Cynthia Snead of Melbourne, FL. The Coast Guard News Release published on 4 February 1976 regarding their announcement noted that: "Of the four largest federal service academies (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard) the Coast Guard Academy is the first to offer an appointment to a woman." (USCG News Release No. 7-76; 4 February 1976).



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League, we are kicking the year off with our first breakfast event, scheduled for Friday, February 3rd, 2023 at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse. We are excited to have LTJG Gregory G. Burnham, Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter HADDOCK for our first Breakfast Event of the Year. We will also be recognizing outstanding sea services leaders that are making an impact at their commands and to the overall mission of our military. Our dates for our upcoming breakfast events are listed on page 4 of this newsletter, so make sure you mark your calendars for all those upcoming breakfast events and come join us. As always, I want to thank the entire NLS Team, our Chairs, Board of Directors, Councilmembers and Sponsors for all the hard work and support to our mission! Ed Naranjo, President.



SUPPORTING OUR POW VIETNAM VETERANS!

Vice President Tracy Owens presents Prisoner of War Vietnam Survivor and former Council President Jim Bedinger \$1,000 donation in support of this year's 50 Year POW Vietnam Reunion being held at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California from 22-25 May, 2023.



This will be the last official reunion for the Vietnam POWs where you can also support this special event and assist with the off set cost for the POWs attending. Points of contacts are POW Vietnam Survivors;



CAPT Jack Ensich, USN(Ret) and CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) who can be reached on the website or you can donate at: <https://nam-pows.org/>

LTJG Gregory G. Burnham is currently the Commanding Officer of the USCGC HADDOCK (WPB 87347) in San Diego, California. A native of Gaithersburg, Maryland, LTJG Burnham graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2019, where he earned his commission as an Officer and a Bachelor of Science degree in Government.

Upon graduation, LTJG Burnham reported aboard USCGC DECISIVE (WMEC 629) homeported in Pensacola, FL, where he served as the Weapons Officer and First Lieutenant during numerous patrols across the Eastern Pacific, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico.

Following his tour on DECISIVE, LTJG Burnham reported aboard USCGC MONOMOY (WPB 1326), homeported in Manama, Bahrain, as the Executive Officer. As the XO, he led the crew through daily operations of the cutter while attached to U.S. Navy Fifth Fleet in support of OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD across the Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.

LTJG Burnham's military awards include a Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Commandant's Letter's of Commendation, and multiple team and unit awards.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The San Diego Sockers are an American professional indoor soccer franchise playing in the Major Arena Soccer League. The Sockers are 16-time indoor soccer champions and are currently back-to-back MASL champions. The team currently plays home games at Pechanga Arena San Diego between December and April. However, they plan on moving into their new home Frontwave Arena in early 2024 once it is built. The venue is located in Oceanside, CA, which will seat 5,500 for sports and 7,000 for concerts, will hosts sporting events, concerts, family entertainment and community events. For more information, please visit SDSockers.com.



"Sockers Community Engagement, Communications & Creative Services Manager; Jon Greene has significantly contributed to the San Diego Council in meeting its mission in supporting our Sea Service Members and their families throughout 2022 with their in-kind donations with Golf Tournament Sponsorship, Gift Bags, Game Tickets and Swagbags for Service Members and their Families during our April's Chief Petty Officers Birthday Celebration & Charity Event, July's Sea Services Golf Tournament, September's OMBUDSMAN (Military Spouses) Appreciation Event and December's Toys for Tots Drive valued at over \$7k. San Diego Council is honored to have the Sockers' Jon Greene sponsor our February's Breakfast Event."



SAN DIEGO COAST GUARD CITY FINEST

United States Coast Guard Cutter HADDOCK is a Marine Protector Class Patrol Boat that is 87ft in length, with a beam of 19.5 ft and a draft of 5.7ft. The Patrol Boat features two 50 caliber M2 Browning machine guns, 1 AN/SPS-73 Surface search radar, an integrated electronic bridge system and a stern-launched Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat for safer, more rapid deployment of boarding crews. There were four Marine Protectors built specifically to protect Navy ballistic missile submarines transiting in and out the harbor. Production was completed in 2009. Missions include combating drug smuggling, illegal immigration, marine fisheries enforcement and search and rescue support. Since the September 11, 2001 attacks many have a homeland security mission in the form of ports waterways and coastal security patrols. The cutters consume approximately 165 gallons of diesel per hour at their maximum speed of 26 knots (48 km/h; 30 mph) with a range of 900 nautical miles with an endurance of 3 days. Like all new U.S. Coast Guard vessels, the Marine Protector class are designed to accommodate crews of mixed gender with five separate small berthing spaces accommodating standard crews of ten with maximum berthing for 12. HADDOCK's motto is; "Coastal Guardian".



Navy League San Diego



OPERATION WELCOME

Our Welcome Home Committee volunteers participate in welcoming our sea services return to homeport from their deployment overseas throughout the year. During this event volunteers meet with many family and friends of the service members and provide welcome home signs and information on our nonprofit organization. If you are interested in joining our Homecoming Committee or a Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or U.S. Flag Merchant Marine command/unit would like to have our volunteers to attend a homecoming, contact our Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman; Jay Rindler, SHC, USN(Ret) at (858) 663-3638 or karlort@aol.com.



SAN DIEGO



COUNCIL



"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"

Donate and help! Whether it's \$25 or \$2500, your contribution matters. You can donate to a specific program, or you can elect to give to the organization as a whole. Either way, your generosity will help the lives of sea service members and their families.

- Awards Recognition; Supports the award recognitions of our Sea Service Members for their outstanding performance!
- Homecomings; Contributes to the joy and reconnections of family and friends with the reuniting of their service members during homecoming from overseas deployment.
- Youth Programs; Helps promote the development of America's future leaders and significantly contributes to the Annual Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Recognition.
- Scholarships; Assists college-bound students to buy books, and pay tuition. Including, scholarship recognition to the recipient and family members at our breakfast event.
- Un-restricted Giving; donation allows the Navy League to use your gift where our sea services need it the most.

Navy League San Diego is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that supports America's Sea Services. Your charitable donation will help local San Diego Sea Service Members and their families and may qualify as a charitable tax deduction. Consult your Tax Advisor and provide our EIN# 95-3864195. To donate you use our QR code on page 4 (bottom right corner) or at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>

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

<https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/active-duty-membership/join>

MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Asia Beans
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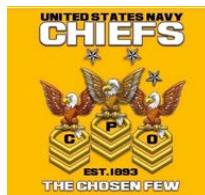


CDR Bedinger's accounts of his life, his service and imprisonment in Laos during the Vietnam War. It's a tale of heroism, endurance, and the shared struggle in the fight for freedom. Jim's book is available on Amazon and can be purchased using the QR Code. You will not be disappointed.



SAVE THE DATE CHIEFS!

Calling on ALL U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers past and present to come join us in celebrating the CPOs Birthday at our April 7th Breakfast Event. There will be a cake cutting ceremony and door prizes.



2023 Blue & Gold Podcast is another great way to promote your business and involvement in the community. Sponsorships are

now available, for more information contact; Communications Chairwoman;

Austin Krivanec at;

akrivanec@aggregateway.com.



2023 Sea Service Member of the Year;



This year's Sea Service Member of the Year Award Ceremony will be held on May 5, 2023 at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse from 7:30am-9:00am. All Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Flag Merchant Marine service members in paygrades E1 to E6 are eligible. All nominee packages are due NLT March 31st to executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com. Nominees attending the breakfast will be covered at no charge. An extended invitation goes out to all command leadership and chain of command and encouraged to register and pre-pay online prior to Apr 28, 2023. For more information contact the Executive Director via email.



2023 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship

Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 yrs. Packages due No Later Than, April 30, 2023.

Eligibility for students to apply;

- Dependent child of active duty, retired, or deceased Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident in the state of California
- Graduating High School Senior in the top 10% of class (if school ranks) or 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher (unweighted grades).
- Evidence of acceptance by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States
- Proof of financial need.

3 Easy Steps

- Step 1; Scan QR Code or visit website; navyleague-sd.com/scholarship-program/
- Step 2; Download & complete application.
- Step 3; Email or Mail application NLT Apr 30th

Email address: scholarships@navyleague-sd.com, cc; vp@navyleague-sd.com, executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com, cfo@navyleague-sd.com.

Selected Applicants by the Selection Board will be announced and presented at June 2nd Breakfast Event. For more information call (619) 230-0301.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2023 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

MARCH 3, 2023

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

LCDR CORINNE A. SIMS

COMMANDING OFFICER,

CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE

UNIT 303

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| 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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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.

SUPPORT & DONATE TODAY!



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On Sponsorship, Membership or Volunteering call us at; (619) 230-0301.

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