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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

53-03 | March 2023

BREAKFAST EVENT

March 3, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

LCDR CORINNE A. SIMS
USN COMMANDING OFFICER,
CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
MAINTENANCE UNIT 303

*"The difficult
we do at once,
the impossible
takes a little
bit longer."*

— The Seabees

NAVY HERITAGE

Can do is a motto of the U.S. Navy, Naval Construction Battalions, popularly known as the Seabees. Since March 5, 1942, the Seabees have provided numerous construction work and services, in Navy facilities and operations around the world. Their official motto is "We build, we fight". However, the motto "can do" has also been adopted as a motto. It has appeared in numerous works pertaining to the Seabees, including official documents, official naval histories, official government websites for the Navy, and websites for related cultural institutions.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting friends and family of the San Diego Council, we have begun this year on a strong note in recently electing our new 2023 Officers and added a few more Board of Directors and Chairs. Our February's Breakfast event was eventful and included, the SDNL Council receiving \$3k in donations which will be applied to support our mission. In addition, we had the honor of having Master Chief Jay Galazin, Officer in Charge of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sea Otter as our Guest Speaker and recognize his Coasties of the quarter and the year. Please come join us for our next scheduled breakfast event on Friday, March 3rd, where we will have LCDR Corinne Sims, Commanding Officer, Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 as our guest speaker and we will also have an opportunity to recognize some of the men and women of her organization for their outstanding performance. Our Sea Services Committee had the opportunity to pay personal visits to several units and recognize outstanding service members attached to Submarine Squadron 11, USS PRINCETON (CG 59), Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. I would like to invite everyone to attend the following events we have on our calendar: On April 7th - Breakfast event will be combined with our 2nd Annual CPO Celebration to highlight the CPO Birthday, including a charity event where proceeds will go in support of our mission and in support of our Awards Recognition and Youth Programs; and on July 13th we will hold our 3rd Annual Sea Service Golf Tournament, this will be a fun event where we will have sponsored holes, goodie bags for each golfer, raffles and much more, so come join the fun! Our website has all the details on all the events we are planning, check it out and sign up. Ed Naranjo, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

President Ed Naranjo and VP Tracy Owens presented the Community Partnership Appreciation Award to Mr. Jonathan Greene, of the San Diego Sockers for their strong support of the council's sea service programs.



Special Thank You to the Beverly J. Gepfer & Kirk R. Martens Foundation for their generous donation of \$2,000 to support the Council's sea service programs. Our VP, Tracy Owens presented an additional \$1,000 check made by two donors, who wished to remain anonymous. Their generous donation was accepted to support the Council in meeting its mission.



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Lieutenant Commander Sims was born and raised in Hamburg, New York. She enlisted in the Navy after high school in 1999. In 2010, she received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Old Dominion University and commissioned into the Civil Engineer Corps through Seaman to Admiral - 21. She also holds a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary.

LCDR Sims' operational tours include USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); USS Ashland (LSD 48); Platoon Commander and Embark Officer, Amphibious Construction Battalion Two (PHIBCB2); Team Engineer, Provincial Reconstruction Team - Ghazni, Afghanistan; and Training Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE.

Her shore assignments include Further Fleet Transfer Division Leading Petty Officer, Transient Personnel Unit Norfolk, VA; Construction Manager, Facilities, Acquisition and Engineering Division, Public Works Department Norfolk, VA; Ship Support Officer/Waterfront Assistant Public Works Officer, Public Works Department Norfolk, VA; Current Operations and Contingency Engineer, Naval Facilities Command Atlantic; and Plans and Readiness Officer, Naval Construction Group TWO.

LCDR Sims assumed command of CBMU 303 in San Diego, Ca on 24 June 2022.

LCDR Sims is a registered Professional Engineer (Civil/Construction) in the state of Arizona and is qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warrior and Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. She is Public Works Level II and Level II Contracting certified. She has also completed Naval War College, Joint Professional Military Education level ONE. Her personal decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) among other personal, service, and unit awards.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council's newly elected officers and Board of Directors and Chairs sworn in and appointed for 2023. Congratulations to President, Ed Naranjo; Vice President, Tracy Owens; Secretary, Gregory Seepersad; and Chief Financial Officer, Sheldon Margolis; Leading Chairs - Communications, Austin Krivanec; Sea Services, Marty Magana; Youth Programs, Shane Steinfeld; Homecoming & Field Operations, Jay Rindler; and Membership, Sheri Arnold.



President Ed Naranjo recognized the Council's volunteers who serve as Board of Directors, members and sponsors for their outstanding support. Certificate of Appreciations was presented to Membership Chair; Sheri Arnold, Breakfast Event Assist. Manager; ENS Jennifer Givens, USNR, Scholarship Chair; Suzie Johnson and Community Partner; Military Mutual Real Estate Services Business Owner; Derek Barksdale.



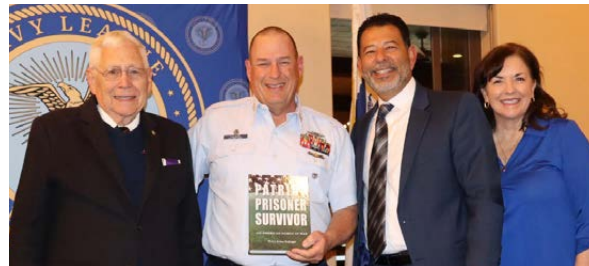
RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council recognized USCG SEA OTTER 2022 Enlisted Person of the Year, MK3 Daniel Dellinder; Coast Guard San Diego Station, BM2 Dylan Edwards; Coast Guard Navigation Team San Diego, BM2 Nicholas Pollara; and USCG Coast Guard Prevention Branch, MST1 Sean Jette for professional excellence.

Awards sponsored and presented by the San Diego Sockers Community Engagement, Communications & Creative Services Manager; Mr. Jonathan Greene.



USCG SEA OTTER Officer In Charge; Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Jay Galazin provides awareness on his command responsibilities and the role it plays with Search & Rescue, Illegal Immigration and Environmental Protection while saving lives at sea. Vietnam Prisoner of War Hero Jim Bedinger presented Master Chief Galazin his autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" for serving as Guest Speaker.



San Diego Council collaborates with the Santa Barbara Council in welcoming USS SANTA BARBARA (LCS 32) to Naval Base San Diego on Jan 17, 2023. During its arrival the Homecoming Committee participated in the meet and greet with over 70 family and friends of the crew. SANTA BARBARA is tentatively scheduled to be commissioned on Apr 1, 2023 in Ventura, CA. Santa Barbara Council Commissioning Chair; Kevin McTague and Ship's Sponsor; Lolita Zinke were on hand to meet the ship. Bravo Zulu to Homecoming & Field Operations Chair Jay Rindler and Bob Berman for their support and leadership of this special event.



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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>

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Robert Harrison
Michael Finch
Catherine Pierce
Thomas Goode
Paul Zimmer
Jamarr Grace
Stephanie Peck-Wheeler
Jim Wheeler
Ira Heide
Ella Volfson
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Frank Martin
Stanley Bishop
Pam Ammerman BoD Mbr
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Derek Barksdale BoD Mbr
Bob Berman BoD Mbr
Chris Catania BoD Mbr
Dave Grundies BoD Mbr
Suzie Johnson BoD Mbr
Austin Krivanec BoD Mbr
Melanie Lang BoD Mbr
Marty Magana BoD Mbr
Sheldon Margolis BoD Mbr
Rick Mitrovich BoD Mbr
Ed Naranjo BoD Mbr
Octavio Navarro BoD Mbr
Tracy Owens BoD Mbr
Jay Rindler BoD Mbr
Gregory Seepersad BoD Mbr
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Mireyda Trueba BoD Mbr
Jeff Weston BoD Mbr



The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, 1973, which was the last US combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. Your support is needed to help offset the costs of POW's to attend the reunion at Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California, 22-25 May, 2023. Use the QR Code to donate today!



Mt. Soledad 2nd annual Women's History Brunch will be held on March 23, from 1100 - 1300. All military service women, past and present, are invited to this free event, but you must RSVP. Please submit your request by March 15 to ENS Givens at jennifergivens@soledadmemorial.com For more information, their phone # is 858-384-2405

Sea Service Member of the Year Award Ceremony will be held on Friday, 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. ALL nominees attending the breakfast are covered at no charge. All command leadership and chain of command are encouraged to attend and register and pre-pay online prior to April 28, 2023. For more information contact the Executive Director via email.



Come join us - U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers Birthday Celebration & Charity Event. During this Charity Event, we will have a breakfast buffet, guest speaker, award recognitions, cake cutting ceremony, as well as multiple exciting door prizes. To purchase tickets for the exciting door prizes, you can purchase them in advance at <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/cpo-birthday-charity-event-april-7-2023/>



This will reduce your wait time at the door. Tickets from the on-line donation can be picked up upon your arrival or presented to the service member attending at your request. The suggested minimum donation is \$5 for one ticket or five tickets for \$20. You will receive a BONUS ticket, if you bring a guest with you who registers and prepays for their breakfast.

Everyone is invited to attend to help the San Diego Council meet its mission. ALL Chief Petty Officers past and present are encouraged to attend. Retired Chiefs on the roles ready to lend a hand, your assistance is needed!

Attire: Military: Service Khaki (w/Combo Cover) for CPO & above and Service Uniform for E6 & Below. Other Services are welcome with service uniform equivalent.

Civilian; Business/Business Casual. CPO Retirees are encouraged to display their Anchor on person with pride.

Donation helps the Navy League San Diego meet its mission to support our Sea Services in the San Diego Metro area. Point of contact is Ernie Belmares at executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com or (619) 981-0366.

The breakfast buffet is \$25 for ALL Military, and can be prepaid at; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/breakfast-event/>



2023 Alexander Kreiglwa 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

APRIL 7, 2023

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

**CDR DAVID J. CATTERALL
COMMANDING OFFICER,
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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\$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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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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