



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

May 5, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

COL THOMAS M. BEDELL, USMC

COMMANDING OFFICER,

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

## NAVY HERITAGE

U.S. Naval Aviation was born 8 May 1911, with a purchase request made by Captain Washington Chambers for the Navy's first aircraft. In the years leading up to World War I, pioneer aviators pushed the development of hydroaeroplanes and flying boats, turning them into effective tools for warfare and working to integrate Naval Aviation into the Navy's mission to protect and control the seas. From the United States Navy's first aircraft carrier USS Langley (CV1) to its most modern nuclear super aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), aircraft carriers have been the Navy's preeminent power projection platform and have served the nation's interest in times of war and peace. With an unequalled ability to provide warfighting capabilities across the full spectrum of conflict, and to adapt in an ever-changing world, aircraft carriers, their air wings, and associated strike groups are the foundation of US maritime strategy. Today, aircraft carriers from two classes of nuclear-powered ships (Nimitz-class and Ford-class carriers) lead the modern-day fleet forces as they provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, deter aggression and assure national security. USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) is currently under construction and scheduled to be commission in June 2024. Congress mandates the U.S. Navy to operate 11 aircraft carriers throughout the world to maintain security, economic freedom and enduring commitments around the world. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NAVAL AVIATION!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting friends and family of our San Diego Navy League Council, our April's Breakfast event was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without the support of our sponsors and donors. I want to take the time to personally thank our breakfast sponsors; LC Embroidery, Navy League's Jim Bedinger and Sheri Arnold, Midway Museum, San Diego Wave, Mt. Soledad Veterans Museum, STEP, Imagine, Design & Graphic, Portside Pier Brigantine & Oyster Bar, North Island Credit Union, San Diego Sockers, Lifer Dog Creations, Buffalo Reclaimed Flag Company, TRIADA, First Command, San Diego Padres, and Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel who made it possible for us to hold our 2nd Annual CPO Birthday Celebration & Charity Event. We had over 90 guests in attendance that joined us for the celebration and we were honored to have the Commanding Officer, USS FITZGERALD, CDR David Catterall, as our guest speaker. We also had the opportunity to recognize FITZGERALD's Sailor of the Quarter & Year award winners, and also recognize the ship's Culinary Specialists and Supply Team for baking an outstanding cake in honor of the CPO Birthday. Last but not least, during our breakfast event the Council received \$4k in donations from Boeing to be applied to our Annual CNAP, CNSP, SUBPAC, NSWC & C3F Sailor of the Year Awards presentations. In addition, the council received \$3500 donation from First Command in support of our awards recognition program and upcoming golf tournament. Speaking of awards recognition, our Sea Service Committee and Youth Programs had an opportunity to pay visits to USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001), the 12th Marine Corps District to present awards to deserving Sailors and Marines, and Michael Monsoor Battalion U.S. Sea Cadets to present recognition Youth Medal Awards onboard MCB Camp Pendleton. Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to attend our May 5th breakfast event where we will be announcing our Sea Service Members of the Year Award Winners. Please visit our website and take advantage of our "Early Bird Ticket Sales" for our 3rd annual Sea Service Golf Tournament scheduled for Thurs, July 20th at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and also the Miramar Air Show scheduled for Sat, Sept 23, 2023 which will be held at MCAS Miramar. As always, I want to thank the entire SDNL Council, Executive Team, Chairs and BOD members for their everyday selfless contribution to our Council. - Ed Naranjo, President.



*"Our nuclear powered aircraft carriers remain the most survivable and versatile airfields in the world, and provide our national leaders valuable options across the competition continuum"*

—Admiral Michael M. Gilday,  
Chief of Naval Operations

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Vice President Tracy Owens presented the Community Partnership Appreciation Award to Mr. Rolan Patzi, Owner of LC Embroidery & Cleaners for his strong support of the council's sea service programs.



Special Thank You to First Command's Principal & District Advisor of Southern California; Mr. Jason Surya and his TEAM for their generous donation of \$3,500 in support of the Council's sea service and awards recognition programs. Additionally, our Sea Service Chairman, Marty Magana presented a \$4,000 check on behalf of Boeing's donation towards support of the 2022 Type Commander Sailor of the Year Awards. Their generous donation was accepted to support the Council in meeting its mission.



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Colonel Thomas M. Bedell graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1993 with degrees in English Literature and Sociology, and from the University of Manchester, UK in 1994 with a Master's in Economic and Social Studies. He then spent two years fighting forest fires with the US Forest Service.

Colonel Bedell completed The Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course in 1997, primary flight training in 1998, jet training in 1999, and AV8B training in 2001. From 2002 to 2005 Colonel Bedell served with VMA-214 "The World Famous Blacksheep" as Logistics Officer, Powerline Officer, and Airframes Officer. He deployed to Al Jaber, Kuwait in 2003 in support of Iraqi Freedom, and to Al Asad, Iraq in 2004 as part of the 11th MEU. After attending the Expeditionary Warfare School he joined VMA-211 "The Wake Island Avengers" from 2006 to 2009 where he served as Quality Assurance Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Maintenance Officer. He deployed with the Avengers to Iraq in 2006, and to Japan in 2009 as part of the 31st MEU.

From 2009 to 2011 Colonel Bedell served as Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commandant for Aviation and as Harrier Requirements Officer. He then attended the Naval War College earning an M.A. in National Strategic Studies. He then completed a Joint tour serving as the Operations Officer for the United States Special Operations Command Wargame Center from 2012-2014.

Colonel Bedell commanded VMR-1, "The Roadrunners", from 2014 to 2016 followed by a year as the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Current Operations Officer. He attended the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies as a CMC Fellow, earning a Master's of International Public Policy. He was then assigned to Marine Forces Korea where he served as the Liaison to the 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, South Korea. He previously served as the Director of the CMC Safety Division before taking the command of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Colonel Bedell has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 14, Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards



## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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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 leads the development of the F-35 Lightning II and the international supply chain 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. Lockheed Martin has a long history of benefitting the community through the sponsorship of many local organizations and is a strong supporter of the military and veterans. The Navy League, San Diego Council, is honored to have their support as a Community Affiliate.

## COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

Council's Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman; Jay Rindler participated in the three day Sea-Air-Space Convention that was held in National Harbor, Maryland, April 3-5, 2023. It's the Navy League's largest Global Maritime Exposition, that attracts Top Navy officials as guest speakers in providing informative educational sessions, important policy discussions and numerous military stakeholders from around the world that includes, 400 exhibitors displaying their newest innovations designed to improve and streamline Navy ships, submarines and other equipment. Well done Jay in volunteering to attend this special event and connecting with the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy James Honea and U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief James "Smitty" Toczorcz and providing them awareness on how we support our sea services in the San Diego metro area.



Well done to Council Member Jennifer Givens in leading the 2nd Annual Women's History Brunch at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, CA on March 23, 2023. Over 140 servicewomen attended, representing all Armed Forces, spanning 80+ years of service. Guest of Honor was 101 years old Randy Tidmore, WWII, USMC (Veteran), Guest Speaker; SgtMaj Rosalia Scifo and Foundation for Women Warriors CEO; Jodie Grenier, USMC(Veteran). Well done Jennifer!





## RECOGNITIONS

Council recognized USS FITZGERALD Sailor of the Quarter & Year Award Winners; BSOQ (1st Qtr FY23); FN Harrison Platt, JSOQ (4th Qtr FY22); LS2(SW) Markala Thomas, JSOQ (1st Qtr FY23); GSM3(SW) Nathaniel Alvarez-Rodarte, SOQ (4th Qtr FY22); FC1(SW) Stephen Zou, JSOY FY22; LS2(SW) Rhose Swanigan and SOY FY22; IT1(SW) Kayla Minnick. Awardees received certificates, ball caps, coins, and \$50 gift cards. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery & USS FITZGERALD Alumni's. Awardees also received "gift swag bags" presented by the San Diego Sockers Community Manager, Mr. Jonathan Greene. Additional recognition was given to FITZGERALD Culinary Specialists; CS2 Marina Rankins and CS1(SW) Rodolph Rocabela for their outstanding presentation of the CPO Birthday Cake. Special thank you to Imperial Valley Council President Ted Galenit, former San Diego Council President Phyllis Barber, FITZ Plankowner STG3 James Meeks and FITZ Alumni HTCS William Ray in support of sponsoring additional two breakfast tables for FITZ Sailors. Bravo Zulu to all award winners and sponsors.



Guest Speaker; CDR David Catterall provided insight on FITZGERALD's role it served while deployed in the 5th & 7th Fleets area of responsibility and how its supports National Tasking in today's modern era. He was presented an autograph book; "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by former Council President and Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret). CDR Catterall audience included numerous USS FITZGERALD Plankowners and Alumni's who have served aboard FITZGERALD. Including, former Commanding Officers; CAPT Garrett Miller, USN and VADM Charlie Martoglio, USN(Ret). Hooyah "Fighting FITZ"!



Sea Service Chair; Marty Magana visited 12th Marine Corps District to present Marine of the Quarter Award to Lcpl Joseph Maus at Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Apr 12, 2023. Homecoming Chair & Field Ops Chair; Jay Rindler visited USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001) to present Sailor of the Quarter Awards (1st Qtr FY23) to JSOQ; LS2(SW) Moses Tan and SOQ; HT1(SW) Ryan Haddock on Apr 11, 2023. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.

Youth Programs Committee Member and Board of Director Jeff Wylie visited Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award to Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Elyor Muhammadyev attached to Michael Monsoor Battalion, U.S. Sea Cadets on Apr 8, 2023.



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Happy Birthday Chiefs & Congrats to the door prize winners. Special thanks to ALL Sponsors!

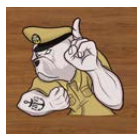


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JUNE 2, 2023

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7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M

CDR CHRISTIAN C. GAUDIO, USCG

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- 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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