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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

July 7, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT BRIAN RIBOTA, USN

COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCES,
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF TRAINING &
READINESS (N7)

*"America was
not built on fear.
America was built
on courage, on
imagination and
an unbeatable
determination
to do the job at
hand."*

—President Harry S. Truman

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NAVY HERITAGE

United States Ships named in honor of United States of America and its Independence. On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, which led to the formation of the United States of America. Its first six frigates were named; United States, Constellation, Constitution, Chesapeake, Congress, and President. Independence would take its namesake place aboard six different classes of ships; Sloop of War, Ship of the Line, Steamer, Light Aircraft Carrier (CVL 22), Aircraft Carrier (CV 62) and Littoral Combat Ship (LCS 2) that was decommissioned in 2021. Today, USS Constitution, (aka Old Ironsides) is one of the six original frigates still serving in the U.S. Navy and the world's oldest ship, homeported in Newport, RI. USS Constellation (FFG 62) will be the lead ship of its Guided Missile Class Frigate and the fifth ship to bear the namesake scheduled to be commissioned in 2026. However, nothing compares to the namesake - AMERICA. There has been five different ships that have bear the name; Ship of the Line, a Racing Yacht during the Civil War, an Ocean Liner, Troop Transport and an Aircraft Carrier (CV 66) from 1965 to 1996. The Aircraft Carrier America was the only supercarrier to be used as a target for training and the largest warship to ever to be sunk. Today AMERICA's name lives on; USS AMERICA (LHA 6), the first of its amphibious assault class ships, commissioned in 2014. Her mission is to act as the flagship of an Expeditionary Strike Group, carrying part of a Marine expeditionary unit into battle and putting them ashore with helicopters and V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, supported by F-35B Lightning II aircraft and helicopters. AMERICA's original homeport was San Diego, California, until in 2019 it was changed to Sasebo, Japan.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting friends and family of our San Diego Navy League Council, our June's Breakfast event was a huge success, we had over 65 guests in attendance. I want to especially thank USAA for sponsoring our breakfast event. We were honored to have the Commanding Officer of Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific, CDR Christjan C. Gaudio, USCG as our guest speaker and we recognized the command's Enlisted Person of the Quarter. Our Council was also honored to receive a \$1,500K donation from USAA in support of our awards recognition program. This month our Homecoming and Youth Programs Committees had the opportunity to welcome USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8) and its Amphibious Ready Group and attend local High Schools to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals to Navy and Marine Corps Cadets at Fall Brook, Oceanside and Ramona High Schools. Additionally, I want to thank our Scholarship Selection Board Committee Members for taking the time out of their very busy schedules holding this year's board and selecting the scholarship recipients for 2023. Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to attend our August 4th breakfast event where we will be celebrating the U.S. Coast Guard's Birthday. Don't forget to visit our website and check out our upcoming events; our 3rd annual Sea Service Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, July 20th at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and the Miramar Air Show will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 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.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Community Partnership Appreciation Award was presented to CMDCM David Dearie, USN(Ret) for USAA's strong support of the council's sea service programs. An additional thank you for their generous donation of \$1,500 in support of the council's breakfast event recognitions for Coast Guard, Marine Corps and ship sponsorship of USS TRIPOLI (LHA 7). Including, support with the upcoming September's OMBUDSMAN Appreciation.



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Captain Brian A. Ribota hails from Tracy, CA, where where he enlisted in the Navy in 1991. Following Basic Submarine School and Machinist Mate "A" school, he reported to USS TUNNY (SSN 682) in 1992 as a member of Auxiliary Division until her decommissioning in 1998.

In 1998, he was selected for the Seaman to Admiral Program and commissioned in Pensacola, FL, at Officer Candidate School. In 2005 Captain Ribota graduated cum laude from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

At sea, Ribota served on USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG 56), USS KINGFISHER (MHC 56), USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106), and as executive officer aboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. During these tours he deployed to the Pacific and Central Command areas of responsibility. He served as the first commanding officer of USS RAFAEL PERALTA (DDG 115). CAPT Ribota recently served as the Commodore of Destroyer Squadron Two One where he served as the Sea Combat Commander for the Abraham Lincoln Strike Group deployed to the C7F AOR.

Ashore, he served as the surface enlisted community manager at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS-3) in Millington, TN. He served in the J3 as a Joint Operations Center Team Chief as well as assistant Secretary for the Joint Staff at United States Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), as well as various personal, campaign, and service decorations.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the spirit of honoring our Maritime Forces in celebration of our independence month, July's Breakfast Event will have multiple sponsors supporting our awards recognition for Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard service members. Our San Diego Council values our relationships with our community affiliates that are derived from various organizations amongst private, public and nonprofit organizations, with many being family veteran owned or veteran operated businesses, A special thank you goes out to our community partners sponsoring July's breakfast event;



COMMUNITY & NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Well done to the Youth Programs Committee to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to MCJROTC Cadet Private First Class Robert Johnson at Oceanside High School on May 5, 2023, MCJROTC Cadet Sergeant Daniel Wilson at Fall Brook High School on May 15, 2023 and NJROTC Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Sabrina Carey at Ramona High School on May 21, 2023, Well done to Youth Programs Chairman; Shane Steinfeld and his team; Board of Directors; Jay Rindler, Jeff Wylie and Marty Magana.

Well done to San Diego Council Member & National Secretary; Pam Ammerman speaking at the Navy League National Conference in Dallas, TX on June 9, 2023.



RECOGNITIONS



San Diego Council recognized USCG Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific 2023 Enlisted Person of the Quarter; ME1Cody McLendon for his professional excellence. Awards sponsored and presented by the USAA Military Representative; David Dearie.



Guest Speaker; CDR Christjan Gaudio provided insight on Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific's role on how it serves the fleet and readiness in today's modern era. He was presented an autograph book of "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor Jim Bedinger and Ed Naranjo.



Congratulations to Hannah Sanchez as the 2023/2024 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship recipient. Hannah is one of three selected amongst 9 competitive applications. She will receive up to \$15k towards her college education. Well done to our Scholarship Selection Board Committee; Suzie Johnson, Austin Krivanec, Gregory Seepersad, Ira Heide, Jay Rindler, Jeff Wylie, Mireyda Trueba, Marty Magana, Rosa Wilson, and Derek Barksdale for volunteering in selecting this year's winners.



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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>

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Golf Sign ups & Sponsorship still available!

July 20, 2023
ADM Baker Golf Course
0700
\$75 - single
\$300 - foursome.
For more info; chris.
catania@fairwaymc.com



OMB Appreciation Friday, Sept 8, 0730-0900.
First 50 OMB receive complimentary breakfast.
Registration; July 7 - August 21.
TRIAD's to attend & register; August 4th.
For more info;
executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



MCAS Miramar Air Show

Tickets and sponsorships still available at:
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/airshow/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2023 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

AUGUST 4, 2023

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

CAPT JAMES SPITLER, USCG
COMMANDING OFFICER,
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SECTOR
SAN DIEGO

Sep 8	Commander, Naval Information Forces Technical Director for Information Warfare Readiness
Oct 6	Commander, Naval Air Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet (N433) Force Air Systems Officer
Nov 3	12th Marine Corps District, MCRD SD
Dec 8	Naval Service Training Command Director of Operations

2024 DATES

Feb 2	USCG
Mar 1	USMC
Apr 5	USN CPO Bday
May 3	USN SSMoY
Jun 7	USMC
Jul 12	USN Independence
Aug 9	USCG Bday
Sep 6	USN OMBUDSMAN Appreciation
Oct 4	USN Bday
Nov 1	USMC Bday
Dec 6	USN EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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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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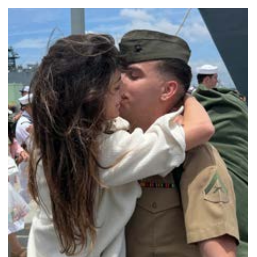
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San Diego Council attended the Battle of Midway 81st Anniversary Reception aboard Midway Museum on Jun 3rd. Over 100 guests in attendance, guest speaker was CNAF VADM Kenneth Whitesell that also included WWII Veterans; AOCs Ervin Wendt and GMC Henry Kudzick.



Homecoming Committee Welcomed

USS MAKIN ISLAND Amphibious Ready Group return to homeport, that included USS ANCHORAGE, USS JOHN P. MURTHA, Marine Corps 2nd Battalion, Combat Logistics Battalion 12, TACRON 11 and HSC 11 Detachments on June 8, 2023.



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