



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

**November 3, 2023**

**7:30 am - 9:00 am**

**Admiral Baker Clubhouse**

**GUEST SPEAKER;**

**COLONEL MICHAEL OGDEN, USMC**

**COMMANDING OFFICER,**

**12TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT**

*“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

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## NAVY HERITAGE

Marines across the globe will recognize and acknowledge 248 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 3rd, but on November 10th, regardless of where Marines are stationed, or deployed, whether they are still on Active Duty, Reserve, Veterans 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 248th Birthday at our monthly breakfast event, where we had 115 guests in attendance and had the privilege of CDR Kyle Caldwell, Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, N433 Air Forces Systems Officer as our guest speaker. During this special event we were honored having two Prisoners of War Survivors join us in a cake cutting ceremony, and recognize Sailors and Marines for their outstanding service. We finished off the month in celebrating the Navy’s 248th Birthday at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel with 785 guests in attendance. We had the distinct privilege of having RADM Yvette, Davids, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet as our guest speaker and she delivered a phenomenal presentation that everyone in attendance enjoyed. As a reminder, on November 1st, we will be having our General Meeting at the Veterans Museum in Balboa Park from 5:00pm to 6:00pm that is open to the public. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for November 3rd, where we will be celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday and we having the Commanding Officer, 12th Marine Corps District; Colonel Michael Ogden as our guest speaker. So come on over and join us for breakfast at the Admiral Baker Golf Course and enjoy the festivities. As a friendly reminder, we will be having our Toys for Tots Drive on December 8th. As always, I want to thank the entire NLSD 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



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank You to North Island Credit Union Military Representatives Dino Santo in donating \$7,250.00 and Raytheon Technologies Representative Mike Fabel in donating \$8k to the San Diego Council in support of meeting its mission to its Sea Services in the local community. Raytheon Technologies also received the Council’s Community Appreciation in support with the most recent IFWG Social Reception and October’s Award Recognition and Breakfast Sponsorship.



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Colonel Ogden is a native of Annapolis, Maryland. In 1992 he graduated from Bryan high school in Bryan, Texas. Prior to graduating High school he enlisted in the Navy under the delayed-entry program. After enlisting in the Navy, he was accepted to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, (NAPS) in Newport, R.I. Upon completion of graduating NAPS in 1994, he was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. In May of 1998, he graduated the Naval Academy and was commissioned a 2ndLt in the Marine Corps.

As a Company Grade Officer Colonel Ogden served as a Rifle Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines; Combined Anti-Armor Team (CAAT) Platoon Commander, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines; Inspector-Instructor, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines; CAAT Platoon Commander, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines; completed USMC Expeditionary Warfare School, and Commanding Officer, Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

As a Field Grade Officer Colonel Ogden was assigned as the Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines; Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station New Jersey; completed USMC Command and Staff College; and served as an Operations and Tactics Instructor at the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group. Colonel Ogden has completed deployments with 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, 24th MEU, 26th MEU, 31st MEU, and 11th MEU.



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Well done to the Navy Region Southwest Navy Birthday Ball Committee in leading the successful 248th Navy Birthday Ball gala that was held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel on Oct 14, 2023. This black tie & formal event had 785 guests in attendance that included dinner, music from the Navy Region Southwest Band and DJ Impressions San Diego with Commander, Naval Surfaces Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Rear Admiral Yvette Davids as guest speaker. BZ to the NBB Committee Lead Officer; LT Felicia Goodell, Assistants; CS1 Julia Murphy and YN1 Gary Caufield, Color Guard; BMSN Rosio Maltos, MA2 Samantha Collura, MA2 Myers Pope, and ABE1 Shandayln Knudson, Public Affairs Photographers; MC3 Kevin Tang and MC2 Sang Kim and Volunteers; YNSN Lewis, YN2 Eve Symonett, IT2 Janice, EM2 Franklin Garcia, NC1 Suarez, IT1 Aquino, IT1 Tony Ignasiak, IT1 Wedel and Alice Robles. Special thank you to Flower Islands Chula Vista; Dani Moser and Hyatt's Rich Mitrovich, Jeff Edwards, Monica Bolt and Nicole Boone.



## THANK YOU NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL SPONSORS, TABLE SUPPORTERS AND TICKET DONORS !





## RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council celebrated the Navy's 248th Birthday during its October Breakfast Event with Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, N433 Air Systems Officer; CDR Kyle Caldwell serving as guest speaker. During this celebration, the Council was honored to have Prisoners of War Survivors; CAPT Jack Ench, USN(Ret) and CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) participating in the cake cutting ceremony with 115 guests in attendance. Special thank you to USS ESSEX (LHD2) CS2 Samuel Babativagallo and COMNAVAIRFOR CS3 Tom Bori in volunteering to present the cake.



Well done to Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet 3rd Qtr; SOQ Award Winners; CTT2 Joshua Auditor and HM1 Joanna Rakes, and Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) North Island SOY and MOQ Award Winners; AM2 Liza Maldonadoirizi, AS1 Mary Macaraig and SSgt Reginald Santifer. Including CNATTU Instructor of the Year Award Winners; Sgt John Edwards, AM1 Leshea Daniels and AEC Matt Eley. Awards were sponsored by Raytheon Technologies. All Service Members received tickets to participate in its opportunity drawing to win door prizes sponsored by; San Diego Wave, ID&G, San Diego Sockers, TRIADA Tactical, Navy Federal Credit Union, Midway Museum, Impressions San Diego and the San Diego Gulls that had a total value of \$1k in door prizes. Additional pictures can be obtained from the QR code or link on page 4.



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## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Paul Denyer  
Matthew Hooper  
Jonas Litonjua  
Peter Sieffert  
William Kane  
Rick Mitrovich,  
Monica Boldt  
Nicole Boone  
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Download Photos from the OCTOBER Breakfast Event  
QR or link here <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-HabxAiHqhg2rgT1bT05B40Tuof-8c6m>



General Meeting OPEN TO THE PUBLIC on Nov 1st at Balboa Veterans Museum from 5-6pm. ALL Board of Directors are to attend to address nominations and voting for elected Officers.

You can support, Marine Corps Birthday Ball by a donating \$150 to help off set the cost for a Marine or sponsoring a table for Marines at \$1k. For more information contact;  
[executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com).



2nd Annual Toys for Tots Drive - Everyone attending our Dec 8th Breakfast Event is encouraged to bring a brand new unwrapped toy for children up to age 12. Those participating will receive, ticket to win door prizes during the opportunity drawing.

Special thank you to our sponsors; San Diego U.S. Navy Mustang Association, USAA, International Auto Logistics, DoD Training Center San Diego, The Manchester Grand Hyatt and all the Table Supporters and Ticket Donations in support of our Navy Birthday Ball. Access to all NBB photos at;  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2023 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

**DECEMBER 8, 2023**

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

**CAPTAIN OMAR G. MARTINEZ, USN  
NAVAL SERVICE TRAINING COMMAND,  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

#### 2024 DATES

Jan - No Event  
Feb 2 - Maritime Security Response Team West  
Mar 1 - 3rd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD  
Apr 5 - OPNAV N95 DCNO Executive Assistant  
May 3 - Vice Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. FIFTH Fleet  
Jun 7 - Marine Corps Air Station Miramar  
Jul 12 - USN Independence  
Aug 9 - USCG Bday  
Sep 6 - USN OMBUDSMAN Appreciation  
Oct 4 - USN Bday  
Nov 1 - 3rd Marine Air Wing  
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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