



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

54-01 | January 2024

## BREAKFAST EVENT

February 2, 2024

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

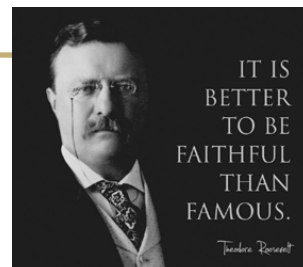
CAPTAIN ROBERT BERRY, USCG

COMMANDING OFFICER,

MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

## NAVY HERITAGE

The Navy League of the United States, commonly referred to as the Navy League, is a national association with nearly 50,000 members who advocate for a strong, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine. It was founded in 1902, by Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League describes itself as "a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families." Seapower magazine, a monthly publisher and the Almanac of Seapower an annual publisher in January are both the official publications of the Navy League.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have officially wrapped up 2023, with our 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Drive at our December's Breakfast Event with 95 guests in attendance. We had the honors in recognizing the 2023 Sailors of the Year Award Winners attached to; USS Tripoli, Navy Acquisition Talent Group Southwest, Southwest Region Maintenance Center San Diego, Naval Base San Diego, Commander, THIRD Fleet and our Sponsors and Volunteers with the End of the Year Awards. Special guests included; Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, IL; LCDR Scott Mowery, USN(Ret) as guest speaker, the 15th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; MCPON Russell Smith, USN(Ret) and the County of San Diego Supervisor Joel Anderson Representative; Morgan Gunning. Well done to our Sea Service and Homecoming Committees visiting Naval Base San Diego to present awards aboard USS FITZGERALD and welcoming home USS PEARL HARBOR from their overseas deployment during the Christmas holidays. We have accomplished 2023 mission and objective in advocating for the Sea Services and fostering a network that built relationships amongst our military and civilians in the community. We are ready for the new year and look forward to our next Breakfast Event on Friday, February 2, 2024. I want to thank our entire San Diego Council, Donors, Sponsors and Volunteers and look forward to seeing you soon. — Ed Naranjo, President



## SAN DIEGO COUNCIL EXCELLENCE

2023 COMMUNITY AFFILIATE & NAVY LEAGUER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS!

Congrats Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel as "Back to Back" Community Affiliate of the Year Award Winners & Jeff Wylie for your outstanding volunteer service!



## SPECIAL THANK YOU



The Council honored former President and Lifetime Member; Jim Bedinger for his outstanding service to the sea services and their families in the community in being recognized with the Achievement Excellence Award. Hooyah Jim!

Thank You Beverly J. Gepfer & Kirk R. Martens Foundation for their generous donation of \$2k in support of the Council's sea services programs. Their generous donation was presented on behalf of Jeff Wylie to President; Ed Naranjo and VP; Tracy Owens.

*"It's Better  
to be  
faithful,  
than  
famous"*

—President  
Theodore Roosevelt

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## RECOGNITIONS

Well done to the 2023 Sailor of the Year & Quarter (4th Qtr) Award Winners! USS TRIPOLI (LHA 7) - BSOQ; AOAN Yadira Garcia, JSOQ; ABF2 Jesus Lozano, BSOY; AN Camille Campos, SOY; EM2 Justin Diniro, and SSOY; ABH1 Paul Salame. Awards sponsored by USAA; David Dearie. Navy Talent Acquisition Group Southwest - SOY; PS2 Mei Zhang and SSOY; EM1 Tyler Porter, Southwest Regional Maintenance Center San Diego - BSOY; MRFN Ethan Lambert, Naval Base San Diego - BSOY; MA3 Mayra Solis, SOY; MA1 Samantha Collura and LS1 Rowena Beckett. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery; Rolan Patzi. Commander, THIRD Fleet - BSOY; IS3 Stephen Speidel, JSOY; CS1 John Bona and SSOY; OS1 DeEll Henderson. Awards sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union; Bryan Geluz.



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thank you to Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, IL; LCDR Scott Mowery, USN(Ret), in serving as December's guest speaker, where he provided insight on his command's role in today's modern era. Additionally, during this event, The County of San Diego District 2, Supervisor Joel Anderson Representative Community Outreach Director; Morgan Gunning recognized our Council Member; Charles Clark and 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; Corporal Bailer Parr in leading the 2023 Toys for Tots Drive where over 220 toys were collected and to be distributed to under privilege children in the community. In attendance, was the 15th Master Chief of the Navy; MCPON Russell Smith USN(Ret) and former Council President, Force Master Chief Tony Johnson, USN(Ret). Thank you for joining us!



Council President recognized the Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse Catering Team; Julio Almeida, Martha Durazo and Brandon Quill for their dedicated service and support in hosting over thousand guests at our breakfast events throughout the year, that included our Annual Sea Services Birthday Celebrations, Charity Fundraisers, Military Spouse recognitions and December's Toys for Tots Drive. Thank you for a job well done!



## RECOGNITIONS

The County of San Diego District 2, Supervisor Rep; Morgan Gunning recognized our Donors & Sponsors, ASYMCA San Diego; Allison Garner & Jamie Inarda, ID&G; Elie Bernhardt, Impressions San Diego; Nicholas Witzler, NFCU (Miramar); Bryan Geluz, San Diego Sockers; Jonathan Greene, San Diego Wave; Elyse Lamonde, Midway Museum; Jay Rindler, San Diego Gulls; Sheldon Margolis, POW Patriot Author; Jim Bedinger, Hyatt Regency La Jolla; Gregory Seepersad, Manchester Grand Hyatt; Rick Mitrovich, Manuela Steuerwald and Monica Boldt, Arco (ADRM5); BM2 Deonna Wiggins and USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG1001); BM1 David Gilkey for their support of our nonprofit organization and contribution to the community.



Special thank you to our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Chairs and Volunteers; VP; Tracy Owens, CFO; Sheldon Margolis, Secretary; Gregory Seepersad, CHAPS; CDR Scott Mason and BoDs & Chairs; Marty Magana, Shane Steinfeld, Jay Rindler, Austin

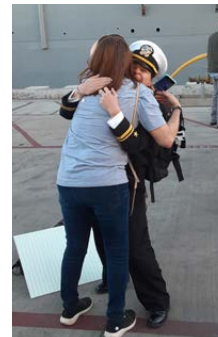
Krivanec, Bob Berman and Volunteer Members; Diana Alvarez, Charles Clark, Ira Heide, Bob Berman, Nick Wallace and Wendy Harrison in significantly contributing to our Breakfast Events and support with our 2023 Toys for Tots Drive.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Sea Service FITZ Alumni Committee Members; Jeff Wylie, Shane Steinfeld, Rolan Patzi and Ernie Belmares visited USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) to present the 2023 Sailor of the Year and Sailor of the Quarter (4th Qtr) Award Winners at Naval Base San Diego on December 12, 2023. Congratulations to BJSOQ; RS3 Seth Korankye, SOQ; OS2(SW) Shynasty Terrell, BJSOY; SN Colton Horne, JSOY; PS3 Michelle Doyle, SOY; GM2(SW/AW) Jennifer Gonzales and SSOY; MM1(SW/AW) Elizabeth Olivas. Award Winners received; Navy League Certificate of Appreciation, Ball Caps, Patches, Coins and \$50 Navy Exchange Gift Card sponsored by Fitz Alumni Committee, LC Embroidery and Strategic Data Systems. Well done FITZ on the ship's Christmas decorations!



Homecoming Committee joins 300 family and friends at Naval Base San Diego to welcome USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52) from its overseas deployment on December 14, 2023. Well done to our Homecoming & Operations Chair Jay Rindler and his team.



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

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

William Wible  
CAPT Joseph Deutsch  
LCDR Daniel Pedrotty  
Tommy Rebis  
Aaron Scott  
MCPON Russell Smith  
Penelope Goss  
Ryan Snow

Sea Service Member of the Year Award packages are due March 31st. Award ceremony will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at ADM Baker Golf Clubhouse from 7:30am-9:00am. All sea service members, E1 to E6 are eligible. For more info, email; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com).

December's Toys for Tots Drive & End of the Year Awards can be downloaded from the QR or link; <https://dianaalvarezphotography.pixieset.com/vyleaguefortots/>  
Download Pin: 4679



CPO Birthday Celebration & Charity Fundraiser - Save the Date; Friday, April 5th at our Breakfast Event that includes a cake cutting ceremony and chance to win amazing door prizes. ALL service members invited!



2024 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship packages are due April 30, 2024. Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 yrs.

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.
- At least 2 Letters of Recommendation.
- Demonstrated Financial Need.

Email address: [scholarships@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:scholarships@navyleague-sd.com), cc; [vp@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:vp@navyleague-sd.com), [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com), [cfo@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:cfo@navyleague-sd.com). Ceremonial Check Presentation will be held at June 7th Breakfast Event. For more information; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com).



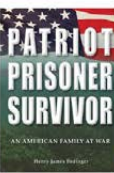
OMB Appreciation; Friday, Sept 6, 0730-0900. First 50 OMB receive complimentary breakfast, gift bags and ticket to win door prizes. Registration is Jul 12- Aug 30. For more info; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES  
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

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

**CAPT ROBERT BERRY, USCG**  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

Mar 1 - 3rd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD

Apr 5 - OPNAV N95 DCNO Executive Assistant

May 3 - Deputy Commander, Naval Education & Training - Force Development

Jun 7 - Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Jul 12 - 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion

Aug 9 - US Coast Guard Sector San Diego

Sep 6 - Naval Base San Diego

Oct 4 - USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62)

Nov 1 - 3rd Marine Air Wing

Dec 6 - USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)

## SUPPORT THE NAVY LEAGUE

You Can Make A Difference!

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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.

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