



# Blue & Gold

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

February 2, 2024

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. BERRY, USCG

COMMANDING OFFICER,

MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

*"When storms and floods and tragedy strike, Americans know that they can count on the United States Coast Guard."*

—President  
George W. Bush

## NAVY HERITAGE

Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) has existed in different incarnations, but was formally established in 2006. It is one of two units within the Coast Guard that has counter-terrorism capabilities to conduct action against hostile targets. The first is based in Chesapeake, Virginia, the second is based in San Diego, California. The MSRT is trained to be the first response unit to potential terrorist threats, deny preemptive terrorist actions, execute security actions against armed hostiles and/or non-compliant threats, participate in port level counter-terrorism exercises, execute tactical facility entry, and educate other forces on Coast Guard's counter-terrorism procedures. Although the MSRT's focus is primarily on the safety and security of homeland defense, it is capable of rapidly deploying worldwide in response to incidents. Other specialized units and federal agencies that MSRTs routinely train with are the SEAL teams Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC), Helicopter Sea Combat Squadrons, Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) of the Navy, Maritime Raid Force, Force Recon of the Marine Corps, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) of the Army, Air Force 24th Special Operations Wing, Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), ATF, the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) & (BORSTAR), the Customs and Border Protection Special Response Teams (SRT), and other various SWAT/Special Mission Units. Their motto, as seen on their unit patch, is "Nox Noctis est Nostri", which translates from Latin to English is "The Night is Ours".



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League, we are kicking the year off with our first breakfast event, scheduled for Friday, February 2nd, 2024 at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse. We are excited to have the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team West; CAPT Robert J. Berry as our guest speaker. We will also be recognizing Coast Guard service members for their outstanding service. Our dates for our 2024 breakfast events are listed on page 4 of this newsletter, so make sure you mark your calendars for all those upcoming breakfast events and come join us. As always, I want to thank the entire NLSD Team, Sponsors and Volunteers for all their hard work and continued support to our mission in 2024! — Ed Naranjo, President



## CONGRATULATIONS MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT HOTEL!

The National Navy League has selected the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel for its 2024 Annual National Convention, that will be held June 5-8, 2024 downtown San Diego. Everyone is invited to attend, where there will be numerous guest speakers and special events available. The Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel is the San Diego Council's back to back Community Affiliate of the Year Award Winners. Hyatt won its consecutive awards in 2022 and 2023 for their outstanding support of the sea services in the San Diego community and its strong support of the San Diego Council.

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## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special Thank You to the Skale Family for their generous donation of \$250.00 in support of the Council's sea services programs.



Captain Berry assumed command of Maritime Security Response Team West in July 2022. In that role, he is responsible for the West Coast's short-notice maritime response force, which specializes in counterterrorism and high risk law enforcement throughout the IndoPacific. He also oversees all of the Service's operational divers who deploy globally from commands in Hawaii, California, and Virginia.

His previous assignment was as Commanding Officer of Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific where he oversaw 10 Law Enforcement Detachments that executed 125 drug interdictions, apprehended 426 traffickers and seized 142 tons of narcotics valued at \$4.7 billion, representing one third of all drugs seized in the maritime transit zone. Prior to command, Captain Berry served as Chief of Response Operations at Sector Detroit, Michigan, where he managed eight multi-mission boat stations on the Great Lakes and oversaw maritime law enforcement, port security, search-and-rescue, and pollution responses along the international border with Canada.



Before his Response Department Head tour, he served as Chief of the Enforcement Division at Sector Detroit. Following his initial tour onboard USCGC VALIANT homeported in Miami Beach, Florida, he served in various operational assignments at specialized deployable units including: Officer in Charge of Law Enforcement Detachment 408 in Miami, Florida; Operations Officer at Tactical Law Enforcement Team South in Miami, Florida; and Executive Officer of Maritime Safety and Security Team 91107 in Honolulu, Hawaii. In those capacities, he managed unit training and readiness and led teams on missions in support of U.S. and coalition task forces around the globe, conducting counterdrug operations in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea, counterpiracy missions off the Horn of Africa, and maritime interdiction and security operations in the Arabian Gulf during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Captain Berry's staff assignments include serving as an Interagency Facilitator at the Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., Aide to the Eleventh District Commander, and Operations Controller at the Pacific Area and Eleventh District Command Center in Alameda, California.

He is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Management. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the National Defense University's Joint Advanced Warfighting School. Captain Berry's personal awards and honors include the Tactical Law Enforcement Insignia, Advanced Boat Forces Operations Insignia, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other unit, campaign, and service awards. He has also earned designation as an Honorary Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer.

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) is dedicated to military family's life: on the home front, during deployment, transitioning between bases, and in times of conflict and peace.



The ASYMCA is an Association of the YMCA of the USA that is specifically dedicated to serving active duty junior enlisted military service members and their families of all six armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. It is the oldest military support organization in the United States that has been "Strengthening Our Military Family" since 1861 through its 12 branches and 24 affiliate partners, serving 87 military installations and facilities nationwide. Its national and local tailored programs and services the nation's troops and their families by offering at no or low cost and required dues or membership fees.

The ASYMCA San Diego has programs in the Murphy Canyon, Naval Medical Center San Diego, and Horse of the Sun Ranch in Pine Valley. For more than 100 years the ASYMCA supported San Diego's military community. Its first location at 500 Broadway opened to military members in 1924. During that time programs focused on physical activity, community, and religion. As the need for support grew, so did ASYMCA programs. In 1970, ASYMCA San Diego moved into the middle of military housing in Murphy Canyon and led patient recreation programs at Naval Medical Center. Fast forward to 2020, when ASYMCA provided drive-thru meal distributions, virtual youth activities, and more to families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, ASYMCA San Diego continues to be dedicated in supporting its troops and providing free or low-cost programs and services for military children, spouses, and the family unit to help ease the unique challenges of military life. This is how ASYMCA San Diego strengthen our military families, and we are honored to have as a Community Partner of the San Diego Council.

## SAVE THE DATE

**San Diego Sockers vs. Chihuahua Savage**  
**Sunday, March 3rd at 5:05pm at Pechanga Arena San Diego.**



Giveaway: Camo Hat

The Sockers have selected Navy League San Diego to be honored as their Beneficiary Partner for its Military Night Jersey Auction.

We are also providing a fundraising link, for discounted tickets to the game. The San Diego Council will receive a portion of its proceeds in support of meeting its mission to its military service members and families in the San Diego Community.

The San Diego Council will receive the following proceed of:

- \$3 per ticket for 0-100 tickets sold
- \$4 per ticket 101-150
- \$5 per ticket 151+

100% of the proceeds from the jersey auction will go directly to Navy League San Diego. We thank you in advance for supporting Navy League San Diego through this fundraising event!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Navyleague3.3.30> For more information email; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com)



# Navy League San Diego



## OPERATION WELCOME

Our Welcome Home Committee volunteers participate in welcoming our sea services return to homeport from their deployment overseas throughout the year. During this event volunteers meet with many family and friends of the service members and provide welcome home signs and information on our nonprofit organization. If you are interested in joining our Homecoming Committee or a Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or U.S. Flag Merchant Marine command/unit would like to have our volunteers to attend a homecoming, contact our Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman; Jay Rindler, SHC, USN(Ret) at (858) 663-3638 or karlort@aol.com.



**SAN DIEGO**

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## "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"

Donate and help! Whether it's \$25 or \$2500, your contribution matters. You can donate to a specific program, or you can elect to give to the organization as a whole. Either way, your generosity will help the lives of sea service members and their families.

- Awards Recognition; Supports the award recognitions of our Sea Service Members for their outstanding performance!
- Homecomings; Contributes to the joy and reconnections of family and friends with the reuniting of their service members during homecoming from overseas deployment.
- Youth Programs; Helps promote the development of America's future leaders and significantly contributes to the Annual Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Recognition.
- Scholarships; Assists college-bound students to buy books, and pay tuition. Including, scholarship recognition to the recipient and family members at our breakfast event.
- Un-restricted Giving; donation allows the Navy League to use your gift where our sea services need it the most.

Navy League San Diego is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that supports America's Sea Services. Your charitable donation will help local San Diego Sea Service Members and their families and may qualify as a charitable tax deduction. Consult your Tax Advisor and provide our EIN# 95-3864195. To donate you use our QR code on page 4 (bottom right corner) or at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>

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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>

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Diana Alvarez  
Heather Skale  
Andrew Skale  
Allison Garner  
Frank Martin  
Jon Scadden  
Timothy Strand



### SAVE THE DATE CHIEFS!

Calling on ALL U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers past and present to come join us in celebrating the CPOs Birthday at our April 5th Breakfast Event. Chiefs don your khaki's and Retirees strut your Anchor's with our cake cutting ceremony and chance to win amazing door prizes. Extended invite goes out to ALL sea service members!

### 2024 Alexander Kreiglwa 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).

This year's Sea Service Member of the Year Award Ceremony will be held on May 3, 2024 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](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com). Nominees attending the breakfast will be covered at no charge. An extended invitation goes out to all command leadership and chain of command and encouraged to register and pre-pay online prior to April 29, 2024. For more information contact the Executive Director via email.



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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES  
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE  
MARCH 1, 2024**

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

**LT COL MARK PHELPS, USMC  
COMMANDING OFFICER,**

**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!**

### BECOME A MEMBER

<https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/individual-membership/join>

### BREAKFAST MEMBERSHIP PROMO

\$40 - Includes Breakfast, 1 YR Membership and an additional complimentary breakfast.  
- Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30  
- Breakfast for Members; \$25

### ASK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AFFILIATE, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, AND CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.

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.

### SUPPORT & DONATE TODAY!



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