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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

54-03 | March 2024

BREAKFAST EVENT

March 1, 2024

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

LtCOL MARK MATTHEW PHELPS, USMC

COMMANDING OFFICER,

3RD BATTALION RECRUIT TRAINING

REGIMENT, MCRD

"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

In 1921, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego was formally commissioned and in 1923, it became the primary recruiting center for the west coast. During World War II, the flow of recruits into the base surged, with 18,000 recruits arriving in one month. In 1948, the base was formally named Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego (MCRD) and was home to the Recruit Training Regiment.

The Third (3d) Battalion's main mission is to train new United States Marine Corps recruits, specifically from west of the Mississippi River, but also from some areas east of the river, such as Wisconsin, Michigan, the Chicago metropolitan area and New Orleans. Recruit training includes a thirteen week process during which the recruit becomes cut off from the civilian world and must adapt to a Marine Corps lifestyle. During training, drill instructors train recruits in a wide variety of subjects including weapons training, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, personal hygiene and cleanliness, close order drill, and Marine Corps history. The training emphasizes physical fitness, and recruits must attain a minimum standard of fitness to graduate by passing a Physical Fitness Test. Recruits must also meet minimum combat-oriented swimming qualifications, qualify in rifle marksmanship with the M16A4 service rifle, and pass a 54-hour simulated combat exercise known as "The Crucible". Unlike training at Parris Island, recruits must leave the depot to conduct field training. Three weeks of the recruit's training is spent at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, where recruits fire on the rifle range, conduct field training, and undergo the Crucible. At the conclusion, recruits return to MCRD San Diego for graduation. 3d Recruit Training Battalion is comprised of four training companies; India, Kilo, Lima and Mike. Each company is responsible to follow the standards established by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to train, teach, mentor, and above all lead recruits through a demanding standard-based training system in order to transform recruits into basically trained Marines prepared to meet the challenges of their follow-on training.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting friends and family of the San Diego Council, we have begun this year on a strong note, kicking off numerous events that included; our first Breakfast Event with 60 guests in attendance, our Awards Recognition to Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners aboard USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) and the presentation of the Youth Medal Award at Fall Brook High School, and most recently with our Homecoming Committee, joining over 400 family and friends in welcoming USNS MERCY from their overseas deployment. Special thank you to the Commanding Officer, Maritime Security Response Team West; CAPT Robert Berry, USCG for serving as our February Breakfast Guest Speaker and the ASYMCA; Frank Martin donating \$1,500 in support of our sea services. Please come join us for our next Breakfast Event on Friday, March 1st, where we will have the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion Recruit Training Regiment MCRD; LtCol M. Matthew Phelps as our guest speaker and will be recognizing his Marines for their outstanding service. Additionally, everyone is invited to attend the San Diego Sockers Military Night Game on March 3rd at Pechanga Arena where our Council will be featured as the "Nonprofit Organization" for military night, and on April 5th Breakfast Event where we will have our 3rd Annual CPO Birthday Celebration Charity & Fundraiser, where both events, proceeds will go towards supporting our Awards Recognition and Youth Programs. Early Bird Tickets for this year's Miramar Air Show and Navy Birthday Ball are now available on our website. — Ed Naranjo, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Community Partnership Appreciation Award was presented to the ASYMCA San Diego for their strong support of the council's sea service programs. Special thank you for their generous donation of \$1,500.00 in support of the council's February Breakfast Event and the 2024 Navy Birthday Ball Sponsorship.



Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports America's sea services through Award Recognition, Operation Welcome Home, Scholarships and Cadets Youth Programs. EIN# 95-3864195

Lieutenant Colonel Phelps was born in Naperville, IL. In 1995, he attended the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, NY. He graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Music in Applied Music (Horn Performance). He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2002 as a musician (horn) and was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band in Twentynine Palms, CA. He received his commission through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 2005. He completed The Basic School in Quantico, VA, in 2006 and earned the 0402 (Logistics) MOS as the honor graduate of Logistics Officer Course 3-06.

In 2006, he was assigned to Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, serving as the Executive Officer of the Remain-Behind Element. In 2007, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (1/11), where he served as the Battalion Maintenance Management Officer, Embarkation Officer, Safety Officer, and Battalion Logistics Officer (S-4). He deployed with 1/11 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007-8.

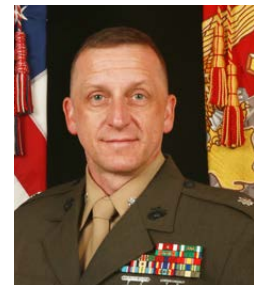
In 2009, he transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, CA, where he served as MCRD/Western Recruiting Region Logistics Operations Officer. In 2010, he was assigned to the Recruit Training Regiment where he served as Series Commander, Company I, 3d Recruit Training Battalion. He was subsequently assigned to Receiving Company, Support Battalion, where he served as Executive Officer and Company Commander until 2012. He was selected by the 2012 Commandant of the Marine Corps Career-Level Education Board to attend Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps University and graduated in 2013.

He transferred to 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (3D MEB), III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan, in 2013 and served as the G-4 (Logistics) Operations Deputy, Camp Commandant, Future Operations Officer, and Operations Officer. During this time, he deployed with 3D MEB in 2013 to the Republic of the Philippines for Operation Damayan (typhoon relief). In 2015 he deployed to Nepal for Operation Sahayogi Haat (earthquake relief) as G-4 Operations Officer, Joint Task Force 505 (FWD).

He was selected under the Commandant's Professional Intermediate-Level Education Board to attend the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, CA, graduating with distinction in 2017 with a Master of Business Administration in Materiel Logistics Support Management. Following his graduation from NPS, he was assigned to Marine Corps Logistics Command, where he served as branch head for research support in the Quality Management Center, director of the Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Migration Program Office, and Command Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). In 2020, he earned a Master of Science in Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Logistics from the Florida Institute of Technology.

In June 2021, he transferred to Camp Lejeune, NC, where he served as Executive Officer for Combat Logistics Regiment 2 until being tasked to augment 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) in May 2022. With 2d MEB, he deployed to Naples, Italy, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff N-4 (Logistics) for Task Force 61/2, Amphibious Forces Europe, under U.S. SIXTH Fleet. Upon his return to Camp Lejeune in October 2022, he was assigned to the billet of Executive Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 27. He transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA in May 2023 where he currently serves as the Commanding Officer of 3d Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Phelps is a certified Expeditionary Logistics Instructor and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Tactical Logistics Operations Course, Intermediate MAGTF Logistics Operations Course, Security Cooperation Manager Course, Joint Humanitarian Operations Course, and Joint Logistics Course at Army Logistics University. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (third award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (fourth award) and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The San Diego Sockers are an American professional indoor soccer franchise playing in the Major Arena Soccer League, The Sockers are 16-time indoor soccer champions and are currently back-to-back MASL champions. The team currently plays home games at Pechanga Arena San Diego between December and April. However, they plan on moving into their new home Frontwave Arena in early 2024 once it is built. The venue is located in Oceanside, CA, which will seat 5,500 for sports and 7,000 for concerts, will hosts sporting events, concerts, family entertainment and community events. For more information, please visit SDSockers.com. "Sockers Community Engagement, Communications & Creative Services Manager; Jon Greene has significantly contributed to the San Diego Council in meeting its mission in supporting our Sea Service Members and their families throughout 2023 and 2022 with their in-kind donations and sponsorship with our Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament held in July, and Game Tickets and Swagbags for Service Members and their Families during our April's Chief Petty Officers Birthday Celebration Charity & Fundraiser Event, OMBUDSMAN (Military Spouses) Appreciation Event and December's Toys for Tots Drive and numerous other breakfast events held throughout the year valued at over \$10k in-kind donations. San Diego Council is honored to have the Sockers' sponsor our March's Breakfast Event.

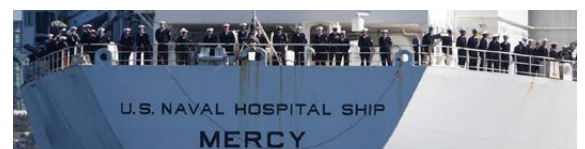
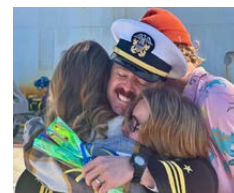


COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Homecoming & Field Operations Chairman; Jay Rindler and Navy League Member & Veteran Business Owner; Rolan Patzi presented Sailor of the Quarter (1st Qtr, FY24) Awards aboard USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) to; BSOQ; QMSN Dominic Thomas, JSOQ; GM3 Gavin Richards, SOQ; IT2 Kevin Pickard, and SSOQ; ET1(SW) Jamar Overton on January 16, 2024.

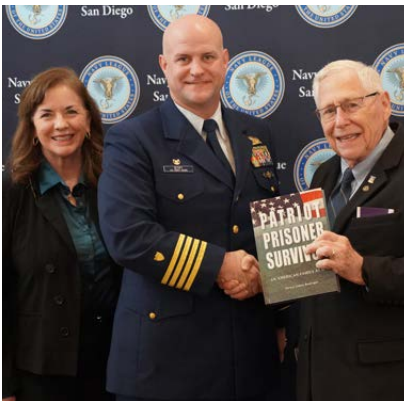
Congratulations to Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Tania Martinez in being awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award at Fall Brook High School on February 13, 2024.

Welcome Home - Just two days before Valentine's Day, the Homecoming Committee joined 400 family and friends welcome USNS MERCY and her crew of 800 from their overseas Indo-Pacific deployment on February 12, 2024. Well done to all.



RECOGNITIONS

Council held its first Breakfast Event of the year on February 2, 2024 with the Commanding Officer, Maritime Security Response Team West; CAPT Robert J. Berry serving as guest speaker. During this event his Coasties were recognized for their outstanding performance as 2023 Enlisted Person of the Year (EPoY); ME2 Sawyer Mundorf and EPoY Runner-up; IS2 Kamron Sumner. The Council's Sponsors and Volunteers were also recognized for their outstanding support in 2023 with VP Tracy Owens presenting Certificate of Appreciations on behalf of the County of San Diego District 2, Supervisor Joel Anderson to Navy Federal Credit Union; Bryan Geluz, San Diego Wave; Elyse Lamonde, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel; Nicole Boone, and the Council's Appreciation Certificate to Sea Service Chair; Marty Magana



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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

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James Wheeler
Amirah Dahyah
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Andre Vieira Pinto
John Mitchell
Tommy Van
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Rylie Rizzo
Marcis Berzins

February's Breakfast Event photos can be downloaded from the QR or link (down load pin 1948);

<https://dianaalvarezphotography.pixieset.com/februarybreakfasttoppics/>



COME JOIN US!

ALL U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers past and present are invited to celebrate the CPOs Birthday at our April 5th Breakfast Event. We will have a cake cutting ceremony and opportunity drawing to win door prizes. Extended invite to ALL service members and paygrades!

2024 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship

Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 yrs. Packages due No Later Than, April 30, 2024.

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, cc: vp@navyleague-sd.com, executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com, cfo@navyleague-sd.com. Ceremonial Check Presentation will be held at June 7th Breakfast Event. For more information; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



SUPPORT OUR SEA SERVICES

San Diego Sockers selected Navy League San Diego to be honored as their Beneficiary Partner during its **Military Night Appreciation Game: 5:05pm, Sunday, March 3, 2024 at Pechanga Arena San Diego.**

This game features the San Diego Sockers vs. Chihuahua Savage. To include a giveaway Camo Hat.

Tickets purchased through the link below support our Navy League, where proceeds will go towards supporting our awards recognition to Sea Services in the San Diego Community.

This will be a fun event for families or single service members, or even great opportunity for team-building and camaraderie amongst those at your command; Departmental, Divisional, CPO Mess, or just coming out to enjoy a soccer game. The Sockers have provided a fundraising link below for discounted tickets to the game. The Navy League 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 "game worn player signed" jersey auction will go directly to Navy League San Diego, so come and bid!!

We thank you in advance for supporting Navy League San Diego through this fundraising event! Most importantly, providing awareness at your command.

Discounted tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Navyleague3.3.30>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

APRIL 5, 2024

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

CAPT HENRY S. KIM, USN
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)

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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

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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.

SUPPORT & DONATE TODAY!



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