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BREAKFAST EVENT

April 5, 2024

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT DAVID W. WALTON, USN

COMMANDING OFFICER,

USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22)

“Even when obstacles may seem overwhelming, the great leader will improvise, adapt, and overcome. These are the bow waves of what a Chief does, to create that endearing wake.”

—GMCM Delbert Black, 1st Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

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NAVY HERITAGE

On April 1, 1893, President Benjamin Harrison signed General Order 409 in establishing the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. The first nine ratings (occupational specialties) as Chief Petty Officers were: Apothecary, Band Master, Boatswain's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Machinist's Mate, Master-At-Arms, Quartermaster, and Yeoman. Chief Petty Officer is the first Navy rank that comes with vastly expanded powers and responsibilities over those of that below it. In addition to their rating's duties, a Chief Petty Officer is responsible for training junior officers and leading their division of Sailors and Petty Officers. Today the Navy has expanded its Chief occupational specialties and its rank with Senior Chief and Master Chief. One thing that has not change, is Chiefs are recognized for exemplary technical expertise within their rating, superior administrative skills, and strong leadership ability. Most importantly, Chiefs bridge the gap between officers and enlisted personnel, acting as supervisors as well as advocates for their Sailors. 131 Years of Deck Plate Leadership.



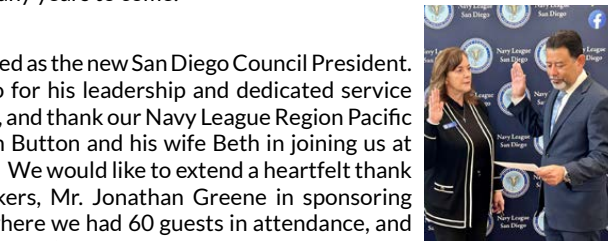
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings friends & family of the San Diego Council, I want to say thank you and it was a true honor to serve as your President during these past two years. It has been a remarkable journey and could not have done it without the support of all our Board of Directors, Sponsors and Volunteers. The relationships that have been established prior to my arrival and the new ones we built along the way during these past two years will carry over into the Council's success for many years to come. Thank you once again! — Ed Naranjo



It is a true honor to be selected as the new San Diego Council President. I want to thank Ed Naranjo for his leadership and dedicated service during these past two years, and thank our Navy League Region Pacific Southwest President, Kevin Button and his wife Beth in joining us at our March Breakfast Event. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the San Diego Sockers, Mr. Jonathan Greene in sponsoring March's Breakfast Event, where we had 60 guests in attendance, and hosting our Council at the Socker's March Military Appreciation Night

at Pechenga Arena. The Socker's support is crucial in making events like this possible, and we are truly grateful. Special thanks to our March Breakfast Event guest speaker, LtCol M. Matthew Phelps for your insightful and engaging presentation, it was informative and provided valuable insight into Recruit Training Regiment 3d Battalion's mission. I would like to invite everyone to come join us for our April's Breakfast Event, where we will be celebrating the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers Birthday and hosting a Charity and Fundraiser Event. All proceeds raised will go towards our awards recognition and youth programs. I look forward to continuing working with all our Board of Directors and Volunteers and the continued support with our Community Partners who support us in meeting our mission. — Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Community Partnership Appreciation Award was presented to the San Diego Sockers, Jonathan Greene for their strong support of the council's sea service programs. Special thank you Liberty Tobacco, Mr. Charlie Hennigan for their generous donation of \$416.00 in support of our sea services.



Captain David Walton is a 1999 graduate of The Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. He earned a Masters of Science in Systems Engineering and Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2005.

A surface warfare officer, CAPT Walton's sea duty assignments include USS San Jacinto (CG 56), USS Carr (FFG 52), USS DeWert (FFG 45), PC Crew INDIA, Carrier Strike Group TEN, PCU John P. Murtha (LPD 26), USS Jackson (LCS 6), and USS Omaha (LCS 12). Captain Walton's command tours include PC Crew India where he commanded USS Sirocco (PC 6), USS Typhoon (PC 5), USS Squall (PC 7) and USS Thunderbolt (PC 12) during which time the crew earned two Battle "E" awards, and LCS Crew 212 where he commanded USS Jackson and USS Omaha during which time the crew earned two Battle "E" awards.

Ashore CAPT Walton served as an observer/trainer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Deployable Training Team, Joint Staff, J7 where he facilitated mission command and information sharing. CAPT Walton completed and Individual Augment deployment in support of Task Force SENTINEL as Commander Task Group Arabian Gulf, working with eight coalition partner nations on Arabian Gulf Security efforts. Most recently, CAPT Walton served as the Littoral Combat Ship Branch Head and Assistant Deputy Ships in OPNAV N96 Surface Warfare Directorate.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Leadership award and various other personal, unit, and service awards.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the early 1950s, Air Force Lt. Col. Carroll Payne worked closely with the families of several crew members killed in a series of training flights. Saddened by the survivors' financial difficulties, he began laying the groundwork for the company that would become First Command. In 1958, First Command was founded with a simple goal: to improve the financial well-being of service members and their families. Today, more than 60 years later, First Command offers comprehensive financial plans consisting of what were referred to as the "three cardinal cornerstones" - savings, investments and life insurance. To include; the First Command Educational Foundation to provide scholarships to the children of active duty military members. First Command Bank, an online bank based in the company's Home Office in Fort Worth, Texas and has become a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA), a legal designation that requires firms to act as a fiduciary. A lot of things have changed in the time since Lt. Col. Payne founded First Command, but its focus on fulfilling his vision has not. First Command is committed to its Mission of "Coaching those who serve in their pursuit of financial security" and our Vision of "Lifelong financial security for our Nation's military families. First Command has a long history of benefitting the community through the sponsorship of many local organizations and is a strong supporter of the military, veterans and its families. The San Diego Council is honored to have their support as a Community Partner.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Homecoming Committee joined over thousand family and friends in welcoming the CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group from their overseas deployment with USS PRINCETON on February 21 and USS CARL VINSON on February 23, 2024. The CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group departed San Diego on October 12, 2023 to participate in supporting numerous bilateral multinational maritime exercises in the Indo-Pacific region. The Carrier Strike Group sailed more than 36,000 nautical miles with 6,000 sorties and conducted joint forces exercises with the U.S. Joint Forces: Marines, Army and Air Force. To include, taking part in several maritime exercises working along side Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Singapore. The Carrier Strike Group Commander; Admiral Sardiello thanked the Navy League for its support with the homecomings. Well Done to Jay Rindler, Charles Clark, Derek Barksdale and Bob Berman.



RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council recognized Marines attached to MCRD Recruit Training Regiment and 12th Marine Corps District and 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense (3d LAAD) for outstanding performance at the March 1st Breakfast Event. Congratulations to Drill Instructor of the Quarter Awards Winners; 3rd Battalion - SSgt Ivan Zamora, Sgt Jose Salcedo and 2nd Battalion - SSgt Daniel Moredocepero, Sgt Troy Dimirjian Jr. and Recruiters for Sustained Performance; Imperial Beach - Sgt Dennis Mania and Oceanside - Sgt Mariah Devoursney and 3rd LAAD for Meritorious Service Promotion to Sergeant; Sgt Devin Dozier. Awards were sponsored by the San Diego Sockers; Jonathan Greene. During the Breakfast Event, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment; LtCol M. Matthew Phelps served as guest speaker, where he provided awareness on his command responsibilities and the role it plays in today's modern era. Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor Jim Bedinger presented LtCol Phelps his autograph book in appreciation as our guest speaker. Link to pics (#1948); <https://dianaalvarezphotography.pixieset.com/navyleagueevents/f/31316127/>



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- Walter Anderson Nursery

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

- Joshua Prado (JP)
- Raymond Yau
- Elias Maroun
- Joseph Horstkotte
- Aaron Scott
- Stanley P. Bishop
- John Saida Shaik
- Carl Proper
- James Wheeler
- Amirah Dahyah
- Kellie Keller



U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers past & present come join us celebrate the CPOs Birthday, April 5th Breakfast Event. Chiefs don your khaki's & Retirees strut your Anchor's for our cake cutting ceremony and chance to win door prizes. Extended invite to ALL paygrades and service members! CPO Mess' on the waterfront and ashore your presence is requested!'

2024 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship Packages due 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 to vp@navyleague-sd.com, cc to executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com, cfo@navyleague-sd.com. Announced on June 7th Breakfast Event.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
MAY 3, 2024

DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL NETWORK & REGISTRATION FROM 7:00-7:30AM

RADM ROBERT NOWAKOWSKI, USN
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)



Sea Service Member of the Year Award packages due March 31st to executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com. All Sea Services at sea or ashore in paygrades E1-E6 eligible. Awards presented May 3rd Breakfast Event. All nominees attending breakfast is complimentary.



OMB Appreciation registration opens Jul 12 - Aug 30. Event will be held Sept 6, 0730-0900. First 50 OMB registered breakfast is complimentary and will receive gift bags. For more info; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



4th Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament is Thurs, July 18th. First 32 ADSM is FREE. Registration is now open! Sponsor opportunities available and needed!
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/golf-scramble/>



EARLY BIRD Discount Tickets for the 2024 Miramar Air Show and Navy Birthday Ball are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased on line at; <https://navyleaguesd.com/events-tickets>



The San Diego Sockers honored the San Diego Council during its Military Appreciation Night at Pechanga Arena on March 3rd. This included an Official Auction Jersey, where proceeds went towards the council's awards recognition and youth programs. The Council's Families and Friends received "Camo" Ball Caps and front row seating in the "Pit" during the game vs. Chihuahua Savage. The Sockers recognized former Council President; Vietnam POW Survivor CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) on the center pitch, as the Military Honored Recipient in front of a thousands fans. Special Thank you to; Jonathan Greene & Spenser Ishii for hosting our council.



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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

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.

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