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BREAKFAST EVENT

May 3, 2024
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;
RADM ROBERT NOWAKOWSKI, USN
DEPUTY COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION &
TRAINING - FORCE DEVELOPMENT

NAVY HERITAGE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our April's Breakfast Event. We had a wonderful turnout with over 60 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, CAPT David Walton, Commanding Officer, USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22) in providing an insightful presentation. It was an honor to recognize USS SAN DIEGO's Sailors for their professional excellence and Culinary Specialists with the celebration of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers 131st Birthday cake cutting ceremony. April is one of our busiest month's of the year with supporting Marine Corps Fighter Squadron VFMA 232 Homecoming at MCAS Miramar, Youth Medal presentations and the Type Commanders Sailor of the Year Award Recognitions across the San Diego metro area. I would like to thank Kevin Button, Navy League Pacific Southwest Region President in organizing the two day Region Presidents Leadership Meeting that included having our National Navy League President; Chris Townsend and former National President; Bill Stevenson join us. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors in support of our April Breakfast Event & CPO Charity Fundraiser and TYCOM SOY Awards. In closing, congratulations to our returning 2024 Council Officers, Board of Directors and new Board Members, Charles Clark and Ira Heide. Please accept my sincere appreciation for accepting these roles. Your contribution will undoubtedly play a crucial part in shaping the future of our organization and I look forward to serving with each of you. — Tracy Owens, President



"Leadership is understanding people and involving them to help you do a job."

—Admiral Arleigh Burke

2024 COUNCIL ELECTIONS, BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRS

President Tracy Owens sworn in the Council's newly elected officers; Sheldon Margolis, Marty Magana and Gregory Seepersad and welcomed the Board of Directors and Chairs for 2024. Congrats to Vice President; Marty Magana, Secretary; Gregory Seepersad; and Chief Financial Officer, Sheldon Margolis and Leading Chairs; Sea Service & Youth Programs; Shane Steinfeld, Homecoming & Field Operations; Jay Rindler, Scholarships CO-Chairs; Jeff Wylie and Jasmine Heide, Membership; Sheri Arnold and Communications & Web Manager; Diana Alvarez and Board of Directors; Pam Ammerman, Derek Barksdale, Bob Berman, Chris Catania, Charles Clark, Dave Grundies, Ira Heide, Rick Mitrovich and Jason Surya.



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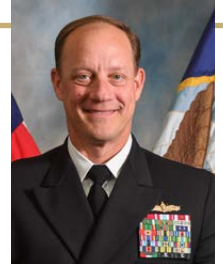
The Community Appreciation Partnership Award was presented to First Command's Rep; Nick Wallace, Miguel Neaves & Ruben Camacho for their strong support of the council's sea service programs. Special thank you for their generous donation of \$1,200.00 in support of our sea services.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

MAY 3RD

Rear Admiral Robert C. Nowakowski is a native of Chicago, Illinois and is the son of a Korean/Vietnam War veteran and grandson of a World War II veteran. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering and holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from San Diego State University, Master of Business Administration from California State University San Marcos, and a Technical Engineer Program Management Certification from Stanford University. Nowakowski earned his Joint Professional Military Education from the Air University's Air Command and Staff College and Joint Forces Staff College. He is a graduate of the Navy Senior Leadership Seminar course and a member of the Secretary of the Navy's National Navy Reserve Policy Board.



At sea, he served as auxiliaries/electrical officer, first lieutenant and assistant operations officer aboard USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) on two combat deployments in support of Operations Northern and Southern Watch. Ashore, he was the course manager for the battle group/task group anti-submarine warfare (ASW) courses at Fleet ASW Training Center Pacific.

Affiliating with the Navy Reserve in 2000, Nowakowski's tours include service as training officer, U.S. 3rd Fleet Naval Cooperation and Protection of Shipping; training officer, Military Sealift Command (MSC) Pacific; communications officer and maritime information team curriculum development officer, U.S. Fleet Forces Command Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping Detachment Delta; operations officer, MSC Central; reserve chief of staff, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and deputy commander, Navy Region Southwest Reserve Component Command. Additionally, as deputy director, Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), he was responsible for the reserve manning, training and equipping of the 1000-billet LCS surface reserve force enterprise for two years.

His mobilizations include deputy branch chief, engagements division (J5E) and director of training (J7), Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti, Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His four reserve unit command tours include LCS Seaframe Detachment 103; U.S. 3rd Fleet Joint Forces Maritime Component Command Detachment Phoenix; Commander, Navy Region Southwest Regional Operations Center; and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters. As a flag officer, Nowakowski served previously as deputy commander, Naval Education and Training Command and deputy commander, Navy Recruiting Command; the Navy's Global Mine Warfare commander; commander, Task Force LCS; and reserve vice commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet.

He is a designated surface warfare officer and joint qualified officer. His awards include the Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (seven awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Navy Battle Efficiency "E" (two awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (four awards) and various service, expeditionary, unit and campaign awards.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Council CFO; Sheldon Margolis presented the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award to Sea Cadet PO1 Iroda Muhammadiyeva assigned to U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Michael Monsoor Battalion Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA on March 9, 2024. Cadet Muhammadiyev recently received her nomination to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. Her brother Elyor is the 2023 Youth Medal Award Recipient and attends college at West Point. Well done!



The Homecoming Committee joined family and friends in welcoming Marine Corps Aviation Fighter Squadron (VFMA) 232 from their overseas deployment on March 20, 2024. Well Done to our Homecoming Committee!.



President Tracy Owens attended the 3rd Annual Women's History Brunch at Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial on March 21st, where 125 military guests attended honored Women of the Armed Forces, both past and present from WWII to those currently serving. LCDR Holly Schaffner, USCG(Ret) was the 2024 honoree recognized.



Navy League Pacific Southwest Region President; Kevin Button led a two day Council Leadership Meeting for his Presidents, Vice Presidents and their staff on March 22nd and 23rd. This included a meet and greet with the National Navy League President; Christopher Townsend and former National President; Bill Stevenson, where all attended the University Club Atop Symphony Towers reception and toured aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) at NAS North Island. Topics included best practices, networking, future council collaborations and preparations for the upcoming National Convention. Well Done Kevin!



RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council recognized USS SAN DIEGO's Sailor of the Year & Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners at April's Breakfast Event on April 5th. Congratulations to SOQ (1st Qtr - FY24); BSOQ - SN Cyril Baldwin, SOQ - EN2 Arcelann Calado and SOY (FY23); JSOY - QM3 Neshawn Gill, SSOY - MM1 Robby Cruz. Additional special awards recognition was presented to SAN DIEGO Culinary Specialists; CSSN Maycol Sanchez-Castro and CS2 Victor Ralph-Vizcarra for their outstanding presentation of the CPO Birthday Cake. Awards were sponsored by First Command. During the Breakfast Event, Commanding Officer, USS SAN DIEGO; CAPT David Walton served as guest speaker, where he provided awareness on his command responsibilities and the role it plays in today's modern era.

Link to pics (#2238); <https://dianaalvarezphotography.pixieset.com/navyleague-cpobirthdaycelebrationcharityfundraiserevent/>



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MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Raymond Hughes
Elias Maroun
Joseph Horstkotte

Happy Birthday Chiefs & Congrats to the door prize winners. Special thanks to ALL Sponsors!
Pics of the Charity Fundraiser event can be access via QR Code (pin access 2238).

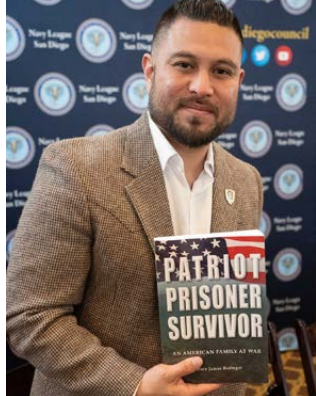


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**2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
JUNE 7, 2024**

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

**CAPT THOMAS "SMOKEY" BUTTS, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
HELICOPTER SEA COMBAT SQUADRON
THREE
"MERLINS"**



- 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)
- 2025 DATES - Schedule TBA

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- Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30
- Breakfast for Members; \$25

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