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BREAKFAST EVENT

September 6, 2024
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPTAIN ROBERT HEELY, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO

“Our mission is to empower sea service families to meet the challenges of a military lifestyle with education, resources and mentoring.”

—Naval Services Familyline

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NAVY HERITAGE

On Sept 14, 1970, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo.R. Zumwalt, Jr. established the Navy Family Ombudsman Program to improve communication between commands and the families of Sailors who served in them. In 2006, CNO Admiral Michael G. Mullen, re-emphasized the importance of the program and implemented all Navy families have access to a Navy Family Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is a volunteer, appointed by the commanding officer, to serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information both up and down the chain of command on official command information, command climate issues, local quality of life improvement opportunities and “good deals” around the community. Ombudsmen also provide resource referrals when needed. They are instrumental in resolving family issues before the issues require extensive command attention. For 54 years, civilian volunteers appointed by local commanding officers have willingly dedicated themselves to our Sailors and their families’ welfare across the globe. To celebrate the inception of the program, each September is recognized as Ombudsman Appreciation Month.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our August Breakfast Event. We had a wonderful turnout with 70 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, CAPT James Spitler, Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard Sector San Diego. A special shout-out goes to First Command for the breakfast sponsorship and awards recognition to Sector San Diego’s Coasties. Well done and thank you to our Sea Service Committee TEAM and Sponsor; LC Embroidery in going out to visit in recognizing USS PINCKNEY Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners, including Marine Corps Air Station & 3rd Marine Air Wing Marines and Sailor of the Quarter award winners. I would like to invite everyone to attend our September 6th breakfast event where we will be holding our largest breakfast event of the year in honoring our military spouses who serve as OMBUDSMAN & Family Advisors for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. I am proud to announce we will be holding our first San Diego PADRES Game Event on September 16th, which will include food and beverages. Additionally, we have tickets on sale for the Navy Birthday Ball on Sat, Oct 12, 2024 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. I want to thank our members for volunteering and sponsors generous donation support that continues to contribute towards our mission in serving and honoring our brave servicemembers. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. - Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Council President; LCDR Tracy Owens, USN(Ret) and Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) recognized USCG Sector San Diego Commanding Officer, CAPT Jim Spitler for his outstanding support of the San Diego Council during these past two years. Tracy and VP; CMDCM Marty Magana, USN(Ret) also recognized the 2024 Sea Services Golf Committee; Greg Via, Nick Wallace, Nick Rivera and Sheldon Margolis in leading this year’s successful tournament that hosted 80 golfers and 17 sponsors in raising over \$9k in support of the council’s programs.

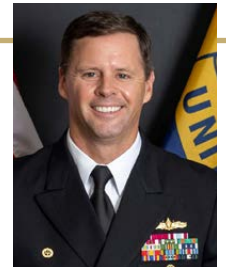


Special thank you to First Command; Jason Surya for their generous donation of \$2,200.00 in support of 2024 Golf Tournament and August Breakfast Event and General Atomics (Electromagnetic); Derryl Acosta for their generous donation of \$18,000.00 in support of the PADRES Sponsorship Game on September 16, 2024.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

SEPTEMBER 6TH



Captain Heely, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry and he earned his Master's in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Rhode Island. Captain Heely took command of Naval Base San Diego on March 17, 2023.

He was previously assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific as the Commander's Action Group Director.

Captain Heely's sea tours include serving as the Communications Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant on board USS SAMUEL B ROBERTS (FFG 58); Combat Information Center Officer and Assistant Operations Officer on board USS LABOON (DDG 58); Commissioning Chief Engineer for USS SAMPSON (DDG 102); Chief Engineer for USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57); and as the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer on board USS MICHAEL MURPHY (DDG 112).

Ashore, he served as a Counter-narcotics Action Officer and Flag Aide to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5); as a Defense Legislative Fellow for the U.S. House of Representatives; as Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Staff in Washington D.C. and as Warfighting Integration and Assessments Branch Head for OPNAV N96.

Captain Heely's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the spirit of honoring the military spouses that volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN, the San Diego Council will be celebrating OMBUDSMAN Appreciation month at our September's Breakfast Event. We will have multiple sponsors supporting this special event in recognizing OMBUDSMAN. To include the award recognition of our Maritime Forces service members. Our San Diego Council values our relationships with our community affiliates that are derived from various organizations amongst the private, public and nonprofit organizations, with many being family veteran owned or veteran operated businesses. A special thank you goes out to our community partners in sponsoring our largest breakfast event of the year.

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BRIGANTINE BAR

RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council celebrated the Coast Guard's 234th Birthday with Coast Guard Sector San Diego Commanding Officer; CAPT Jim Spitler and Command Master Chief Michael Dioquino leading the event with a cake cutting ceremony. CAPT Spitler served as guest speaker providing insight on his command's role in today's modern era. President; Tracy Owens and First Command Branch Manager; Jason Surya recognized the Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Quarter (2nd Qtr); Station San Diego; MK3 James Beatty, Sector San Diego; SK2 Cade Coughran, Coast Guard Cutter Sea Otter; BM1 Joshua Shannon and Sector San Diego DC2 Cauy Ross for sustained superior performance. Special recognition was presented to USS CHAFEE (DDG 90) Culinary Specialists; CS2 Andrew Weaver, CS2 Michelle London and CS1 Simeon King for volunteering and presentation of the Coast Guard birthday cake. Awards sponsored by First Command. Link to pics (pin 6730):

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





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Col Willy Buhl, USMC(Ret)
LCDR Holly Shaffner, USCG(Ret)
Kimberly McKnight



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OMBUDSMAN Appreciation registration deadline; Aug 30th. First 50 registered will receive complimentary breakfast, flowers, and ticket to win door prizes on Friday, September 6th at Adm Baker Golf Clubhouse from 0730- 0900. To register email: executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com



Exclusive Callaway Home Run Deck Tickets & Sponsorships still available for Monday, 6:40pm vs Houston Astros, September 16th at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-tickets/> This special event includes; semi-private, open air area on the right field wall with Belly Bar Tables and seating that is visible on TV. Amenities; Front row viewing, Beer options, sodas, hot dogs and peanuts. All you can eat and drink!



October 12, 2024 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Tickets; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/Navybirthdayball/>



Congrats Jessica Griffin as the 2024/2025 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship recipient. Jessica was selected amongst 19 competitive applicants and will receive up to \$15k towards her college education. Well done to our Scholarship Committee and First Command hosting our event.

BZ to USS PINCKNEY (DDG91) Sailors of the Quarter Award Winners; RSSN Anthony Eubanks, ET3 Sean Carter, CS2 Mia Jenkins and HM1 Chante Moore. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery and presented by; Rolan Patzi Jr., Jay Rindler & Charles Clark on 2 Aug 2024



Congrats 3rd Marine Air Wing & Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; Marine & Sailor Quarter Award Winners; H&HS; Cpl Isaiah Thao, Lcpl Brice Dinning and LSSA Zion Jones. VMGR 352; Lcpl Brandon Cates, 3rdMAW; Sgt Matthew Wilford, Lcpl Colton Clements. MACG38; HM3 Liliana RomeroSantacruz, HM2 Shayla Blow and HM1 Matthew Hineck. Awards presented by; Jay Rindler & Charles Clark on 7 Aug 2024



Well done to Council President; Tracy Owens in leading the 2024 Cammies to College event, hosting numerous educational, nonprofit and veterans associations at Liberty Station on 3 Aug 2024. Over 100 military families in attendance. San Diego Council's Alexander Kreiglowa 2025/2026 Scholarship Application is up on line, with packages due Apr 30, 2025. <https://navyleague-sd.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/AK-Scholarship-Program-Student-Application-Form-rev3.pdf>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

OCTOBER 4, 2024

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

**CDR JAYSON LARSEN, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62)**

Nov 1 - U.S. Marine Corps Command San Diego
Dec 6 - USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)

2025 DATES

Feb 7 - USCG
Mar 7 - USMC
Apr 4 - USN CPO Bday
May 2 - USN SSMoY
June 6 - USMC
Jul 11 - USN Independence
Aug 8 - USCG Bday
Sep 5 - USN OMB Appreciation
Oct 3 - USN Bday
Nov 7 - USMC Bday
Dec 5 - USN EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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- Breakfast for Members; \$25

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