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BREAKFAST EVENT

November 1, 2024

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

SERGEANT MAJOR AMINA T. SARACY, USMC

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

2ND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO

NAVY HERITAGE

Marines across the globe will recognize and acknowledge 249 years of service to their country, the sacrifices made to defend democracy, and the Marine Corps' enduring legacy as America's premier fighting force. The Marines are responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations with the United States Navy as well as the Army and Air Force. The Marine Corps annual tradition celebrates the establishment of the organization on November 10, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress. Following their role in the American Revolution, the Marines were abolished following the Treaty of Paris in April 1783. Then, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Marine Corps signed by President John Adams and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy. The birthday, also known as Marine Corps Day, was originally celebrated on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when Major General Lejeune issued an order Number 47 to formalize the tradition and establish the official day to its original birthdate on November 10th to honor the birthday of the Marine Corps. The ceremony traditionally includes a guest of honor, a reading of Gen. Lejeune's birthday message and the current Commandant's message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and a cake cutting ceremony. While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937. Major General Thomas Holcomb, the Commandant, presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers, including the cutting of a huge cake in the shape of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Marine Corps. Today the Marine Corps Birthday celebration has expanded by various organizations in the community in celebrating and recognizing Marines and its birthday through many special events, exhibits and parades, such as ours on November 1st, but on November 10th, regardless of where Marines are stationed, or deployed, whether they are still on Active Duty, Reserve, Veterans or Retired, you will always hear "Happy Birthday, Marine."



"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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our October Breakfast Event and Navy Birthday Ball (NBB) in celebrating the U.S. Navy's 249th Birthday. Special thank you to CDR Jayson Larsen, Commanding Officer, USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) in attending our breakfast event as guest speaker, and allowing our council to recognize FITZ Sailor of the Quarter (3rd Qtr) Award Winners. A huge thank you to Vice Admiral Brendan McLane, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNSF) in attending the largest NBB on the west coast as our guest speaker and delivering a powerful and inspiring speech at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel with 450 guests in attendance. Well done to Commander Navy Region Southwest for their partnership in making our NBB celebration extraordinary and Bravo Zulu to LT Kyle Koenig and his committee team in ensuring the event was perfect and successful. We could have not held this event without our generous sponsors, table supporters and ticket donors. Come join us at our next breakfast events; November 1st in celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps 249th Birthday and December 6th in hosting our 3rd Annual Toys-for-Tots Drive at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse. I want to thank our members for volunteering support and sponsors for their generous donations that continue to contribute towards our mission in serving and honoring our brave servicemen and women. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events —Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastrana Group Business Owner; Carlos Pastrana for their generous "Silver Sponsorship" donation of \$2500, and General Atomics (Electromagnetics) Rep; Darryl Acosta's generous "Platinum Sponsorship" donation of \$18k in support of the PADRES Game Fundraiser. Thank you to FITZGERALD Plank-Owners and Alumni's donation of \$10,220.00 in support of USS FITZGERALD Ship's Reunion, where all proceeds goes towards the FITZ Award Recognition with the Navy League's Ship Adoption Program. Total FITZ donations were derived from; LC Embroidery Owner; Rolan Patzi (\$1,125.00), Steinfeld Family (\$1k), Your New Gate Company Owner; Jasen Thacker (\$1K), El Cid Brewery Owner; Eric Bridges (\$600) and FITZ Alumni's donation of \$6,495.00. Well done across the board!



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BREAKFAST SPEAKER

NOVEMBER 1ST



Sergeant Major Amina T. Saracay was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1998 and attended recruit training in Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. She graduated and was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Private First Class in December 1998. In January 1999, she reported to the School of Infantry East, Camp Geiger, North Carolina for Marine Combat Training. She was then transferred to Motor Transport Operator School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where she earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 3533, Motor Transport Logistic Vehicle Operator.

In March 2000, upon completion of school, Sergeant Major Saracay reported for duty to 7th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB), 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Camp Pendleton, California (CA). She was assigned to Support Company, heavy section where she worked as a Logistic Vehicle Operator. She was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in June 2000. While stationed at 7th ESB, Sergeant Major Saracay attended Motor Transport Recovery Operator School in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where she received an additional MOS of 3536. She was promoted to the rank of Corporal in July 2001. In September 2001, Sergeant Major Saracay was reassigned to Communications Company, 3rd Marine Division where she served as a Recovery Vehicle Operator, Chief Dispatcher and Refueler Operator. While in 3rd Marine Division, First Sergeant Saracay participated in many training exercises to include Cobra Gold located in Pattaya, Thailand. In October 2002, she also attended Corporals course at Camp Hansen Okinawa, Japan.

In September 2004, Sergeant Major Saracay was assigned to Combat Logistic Regiment 1, 1st FSSG, which later became 1st Marine Logistics Group (MLG), Camp Pendleton, CA where she served as Motor Transport Licensing Medium Vehicle Instructor and Recovery Operator. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to Sergeant in November 2004. In August 2006, she deployed as a Recovery Chief for Combat Logistics Regiment 5, Camp Fallujah, Iraq. In March 2007, she returned from deployment and served as Motor Transport Licensing Chief instructor for 1st MLG G-3 Tactical Readiness Training Section. Furthermore, she attended Train the Trainer Courses on the Logistic Vehicle System Replacement, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle. She also attended Sergeants course while stationed on Camp Pendleton. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant in December 2008.

Sergeant Major Saracay deployed in August 2010 as the Motor Transport Licensing Director for 1st MLG and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Upon her return in March 2011, Sergeant Major Saracay attended Career Course at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy aboard Camp Pendleton, CA and Motor Transport Chief Course in Camp Johnson, North Carolina.

In January 2013, Sergeant Major Saracay reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina for Drill Instructor Duty with class 2-13. In April 2013, upon graduation, Sergeant Major Saracay reported to Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion. Sergeant Major Saracay served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Chief Drill Instructor for Oscar Company. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to the rank of GySgt in July 2015. Upon her successful completion of Drill Instructor Duty Sergeant Major Saracay was transferred to Marine Air Support Squadron 3 where she served as Motor Transport Chief and Company First Sergeant. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to First Sergeant in July 2019. Upon her promotion First Sergeant Saracay was transferred to Alpha Company 1st Law Enforcement BN MIG I MEF until they deactivated in Oct 2020. Sergeant Major Saracay then served as I&I First Sergeant for H&S and Alpha Companies 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance BN until being transferred in December 2022 to MCRD San Diego. Where she currently serves as 2nd Recruit Training Battalion Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to her current rank in November of 2023.

She is married to Master Sergeant John A. Saracay Sr. from Los Angeles, CA.

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RECOGNITIONS

San Diego Council celebrated the Navy's 249th Birthday with USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) Commanding Officer; CDR Jayson Larsen as guest speaker, that included a cake cutting ceremony with Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret), and Command Master Chief Ron Aleman. Council recognized FITZ Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners; STGSN Lucas Cannon, BM2 Emmanuel Henry, PS2 Michelle Doyle and RS1 Carolyn Jones and Culinary Specialist; CS1 Rodolph Rocabela for cake presentation to 70 guests in attendance. Additionally, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific OMBUDSMAN; Valerie Cuartas was recognized for her outstanding service.



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3rd Annual Toys for Tots Drive - Everyone is encouraged to bring a brand new unwrapped toy for children up to age 12 at our Dec 6th Breakfast Event. Those participating will receive, ticket to win door prizes during the opportunity drawing.



Special thank you to everyone in joining us celebrate our Navy's 249th Birthday. **SAVE THE DATE - Sat, Oct 11, 2025** at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Navy Birthday Ball. picture can be assessed at; <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-gallery/>



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AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
DECEMBER 6, 2024**

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& REGISTRATION FROM 7:00-7:30AM**

**CAPT LADISLAO "MONTY" MONTERO, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
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2025 DATES

Jan - No Event
Feb 7 - USCG D11 Commander
Mar 7 - Marine Air Support Squadron 3
Apr 4 - CNAF (N433)
May 2 - COMPHIBRON FIVE
June 6 - Marine Air Control Squadron 1
Jul 11 - USN Independence
Aug 8 - USCG MSRT
Sep 5 - CNSF
Oct 3 - CHSCWPAC
Nov 7 - C3F USMC Component
Dec 5 - USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)

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