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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

55-01 | January 2025

BREAKFAST EVENT

February 7, 2025
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPT ROBERT J. BERRY, USCG
COMMANDING OFFICER,
MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST

NAVY HERITAGE

The Navy League of the United States, commonly referred to as the Navy League is a national association with nearly 50,000 members who advocate for a strong, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine. It was founded in 1902, by Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League describes itself as “a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.”



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Great job to our San Diego Council in wrapping up our 2024 December Breakfast Event and 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Drive. Special thank you to CAPT Ladislao Montero, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Coronado in serving as our guest speaker, and to the Office of House of Representative Juan Vargas California 52nd District; Field Representative; Edgar Gonzalez in joining us to recognize our Volunteers for their contribution in the community and the Marines for our Toys for Tots Drive. Congratulations to Naval Base Coronado Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners. I look forward to seeing everyone at our February 7, 2025 Breakfast Event –Tracy Owens, President



“It’s Better to be faithful, than famous”
—President Theodore Roosevelt

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL EXCELLENCE!

2024 COMMUNITY AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR & ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in winning its “Back to Back to Back” Community Affiliate of the Year Award for their outstanding support to the Council throughout the year. The Hyatt successfully hosted the 2024 National Navy League Conference and Navy Region Southwest Navy Birthday Ball that had over thousand guests in attendance combined. Well done to our Council Chaplain; CDR Scott Mason as the Achievement Excellence Award Winner for his outstanding volunteer service as Council Chaplain from 2022-2024.



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LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Special congratulations to our Council President; Tracy Owens in being recognized as the San Diego Business Journal “Back to Back”; Top 50 Veteran Business Leaders of Influence in the Community for 2024. Bravo Zulu Tracy!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Homecoming Committee joined over thousand families and friends in welcoming USS BOXER (LHD 4) Expeditionary Strike Group, from their overseas deployment, along with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 165, and Assault Craft Unit 5 from Nov 13 - Dec 6, 2024. Well Done to Jay Rindler, Charles Clark, and Bob Berman.



RECOGNITIONS

Sea Service Committee; Charles Clark visited Marine Corps Air Station Miramar & 3rd Marine Air Wing for the Marine and Sailor of the Quarter (3rd Qtr - CY24) Award Winners presented to; Sgt Javier Acosta, Lcpl Samuel Franklin, LSSA Zion Jones and Sgt Cory Baird, Lcpl Davis Yalen, HM1 Kyle Kelly, Victor Camarillo and HM3 Joshua Meehan on Nov 13, 2024.



RECOGNITIONS

Council held its 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Drive with Commanding Officer, Naval Base Coronado (NBC); CAPT Ladislao "Monty" Montero as guest speaker. Vietnam POW Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) presented CAPT Montero his book for his service. President; Tracy Owens and Hyatt Director of Event Management; Rick Mitrovich recognized NBC Sailor of the Quarter (4th Qtr) Award Winners; ACAA Patrick Kamm, MA2 Chade Parisi, MA2 Rogin Patricio and MA1 John Juhul for their outstanding service. End of Year Award recognitions went to Community Partners; Imagine Design & Graphics Business Owner; Elie Bernhardt, Navy Federal Credit Union; Marjorie Barrera and Bryan Geluz and FOTEX; Konstantin Shevbs, Michelle Salas and Lindsey Longacre and Impressions San Diego Business Owner; Nicholas Witzler for their outstanding support in 2024. The Office of Congress Representative Juan Vargas 52nd District of California Military & Field Representative; Edgar Gonzalez presented Certificate of Appreciations to the Council's Volunteers for their contribution in the community in 2024 and Marines attached to; 4th Medical Battalion, Sgt Brianna Vale and Cpl Lavell Kenney, Marine Aviation Squadron 39; LCpl Kaidyn Vigil and Cpl Nicholas Luengo and 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; Cpl Juan Cedanomarte, Cpl Saul Lozano, Sgt Kate Huertas Sgt Jonathan Sanchez in leading the collection of over 250 toys for under privilege children in the community.



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MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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Daniel Colvin



Exclusive Gulls Game Tickets & Sponsorships available for Fri, Mar 14, 2025, 7:00pm vs Colorado Eagles Includes access to the Stella Lounge, popcorn, salad, chicken skewers, pork belly, hot dogs, wings and sodas, water and spirits. Seats located upper section between the middle & attack 2 side.

<https://navyleague-sd.com/events-tickets/>

Sea Service Member of the Year Award packages due March 31, 2025. Award ceremony is Friday, May 2, 2025 at ADM

Baker Golf Clubhouse from 7:30am-9:00am. All sea service members, E1 to E6 are eligible.

For more info, email; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

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

**CAPT ROBERT J. BERRY, USCG
COMMANDING OFFICER,
MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM WEST**

2025 DATES

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 Sector San Diego
Sep 5 - CNSF
Oct 3 - CHSCWPAC
Nov 7 - C3F USMC Component
Dec 5 - USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)



CPO Birthday Celebration & Charity Fundraiser
- Save the Date; Friday, April 5th Breakfast Event includes a cake cutting ceremony and chance to win amazing door prizes. ALL service members invited!



2025/2026 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship packages due April 30, 2025. Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 years.

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 6th Breakfast Event.



Save the Date; Friday, September 5, 2025, 0730-0900.

First 50 OMB registered will receive complimentary breakfast, gift bags and ticket to win door prizes.

Registration starts July 11- August 29. For more info; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.

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You Can Make A Difference!

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<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.

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