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BREAKFAST EVENT

April 4, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT KYLE CALDWELL, USN

FORCE AIR SYSTEMS OFFICER,

COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCES,

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET (N433)

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. 132 Years of Deck Plate Leadership.



“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.”

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our March Breakfast Event. We had a wonderful turnout with over 56 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, LtCol Tyron G. "Brandy" Anub, Jr., Commanding Officer, Marine Air Support Squadron 3 in providing an insightful presentation. It was an honor to recognize MASS3 Marines for their professional excellence. I also want to thank Naval Base San Diego Chaplain; LCDR Chan Williams in volunteering to help us start off with a beautiful invocation. Lastly, great job to our members for their volunteer support and sponsors for their generous donations that continue to contribute towards our mission in serving and honoring our brave service members. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events
—Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS

Special Thank you to the Steinfeld Family & FITZ Plank Owner; Shane Steinfeld in supporting the 2024 USS FITZGERALD Ship Reunion held 18-20 Oct 2024, and Navy Federal Credit Union's Miramar Branch Mgr; Bryan Geluz and Asst. VP Branch Operations; Luz Cordero in sponsoring March's Breakfast Event.



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Congratulations to the 2025 Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Winners; Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Staff Sergeant Marshall Coffey at Fall Brook High School on 25 Feb and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Cadet Petty Officer First Class Joseph Wells at Michael Monsoor Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on 8 Mar. Job well done Sheldon Margolis & Jay Rindler.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

APRIL 4TH



CAPT Kyle Caldwell reported to Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific as the Force Air Systems Officer in February 2023, responsible for readiness and upkeep of all Aircraft Launch & Recovery Equipment Systems aboard aircraft carriers. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 4 Oct 1990 and was commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer in Jan 2001.

Officer Assignments include: Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Maintenance Officer USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Mar 2001- Feb 2003 and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN-76) Mar 2003 – Sept 2005. He served as OIC and Training Officer at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Det Lakehurst, NJ Sept 2005 to Jan 2009. Personnel Exchange Program Officer, French Aircraft Carrier Charles DeGaulle (R-91) in Toulon, France, Feb 2009 – Sept 2011. In Oct 2011 he reported as Fleet Liaison Officer at COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PMA 251, with follow-on orders Sept 2013 to USS CARL VINSON (CVN70) as the Aircraft Handling Officer. In Jun 2015 he reported to Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific as the Force Aviation Fuels and Aircraft Launch & Recovery Lead N433. Aug 2018 he reported as Executive Officer at CNATT Unit North Island and assumed command in Feb 2020. In Jun 2021 he reported to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN as the Weapons Officer.

CAPT Caldwell is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering. He earned his Graduate Degree with distinction from Florida Institute of Technology in Acquisitions and Contracts in May 2013 and obtained his JPME-I in May 2019 from the Naval War College, including a Graduate Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He is also a graduate from the Defense Language Institute (French) and is a member of the Acquisition Corps with LCL Level III and PM Level II. Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (8 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards), French Commendation Medal and various service campaign medals. He is a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Leadership Awards onboard USS RONALD REAGAN, USS CARL VINSON and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 2004, 2014 and 2022 respectively.

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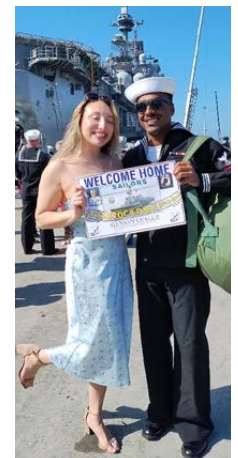
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Congrats to 3rd Marine Air Wing & Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Marine & Sailor of the Quarter/Year Award Winners on 5 Feb and USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners on 20 Feb.



Well done to our Homecoming Committee in joining over 300 family and friends with USS O’KANE (DDG 77) on 7 Feb and USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106) on 21 Feb in their return from overseas deployment.



RECOGNITIONS

Council recognized Marine Air Support Squadron 3; Marine & Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners, and Sergeants recognized for their Meritorious Advancement and Sustained Superior Performance during its March Breakfast Event. Well done to Cpl Isabella Carrillo, HM2(FMF) Karlon Moore, Sgt Michael Fitzpatrick and Sgt Davontay Jones. Special thank you to LtCol Tyrone G. "Brandy" Anub Jr. serving as guest speaker, Naval Base San Diego; LCDR Chan Williams as Chaplain and Vietnam POW Survivor Retired CDR Jim Bedinger in attendance in meeting with the Marine Corps finest. Awards were sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union.



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2025/2026 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship packages due Apr 30, 2025. Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 yrs. 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. For more information; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.

Save the Date; Fri, Sept 5, 0730-0900. First 50 OMB receive complimentary breakfast, gift bags and ticket to win door prizes. Registration is Jul 11- Aug 29. For more info; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



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2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
MAY 2, 2025

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

**CAPT HENRY S. KIM, USN
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDER,
AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE**

2025 DATES

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)



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- Homecomings; Contributes to the joy and reconnections of family and friends with the reuniting of their service members during homecoming from overseas deployment.
- Youth Programs; Helps promote the development of America's future leaders and significantly contributes to the Annual Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Recognition.
- Scholarships; Assists college-bound students to buy books, and pay tuition. Including, scholarship recognition to the recipient and family members at our breakfast event.
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