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BREAKFAST EVENT

June 6, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;
LT COL NICHOLAS "BEAST" ASTACIO, USMC
COMMANDING OFFICER,
MARINE AIR CONTROL SQUADRON 1

*"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

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NAVY HERITAGE

Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS-1) is a United States Marine Corps aviation command and control squadron. MACS1 was originally established as; Air Warning Squadron 1 and commissioned on 1 September 1943 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina and served as the first early warning squadron organized under the newly established 1st Marine Air Warning Group, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. Today, the squadron provides aerial surveillance, air traffic control, ground-controlled intercept, and aviation data-link connectivity for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. It was the first air warning squadron commissioned as part of the Marine Corps' new air warning program and is the second oldest aviation command and control unit in the Marine Corps. The squadron is based at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and falls under Marine Air Control Group 38 and 3rd Marine Air Wing.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our May's Breakfast Event. We had an outstanding turnout with 130 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, CAPT Henry Kim, Prospective-Commodore, Amphibious Squadron FIVE with his insightful presentation. It was an honor to recognize our 5th Annual Sea Service Member of the Year Award finalists that derived from 14 different commands, comprised of 26 award finalists. Well done across the board to our Selection Board Members in volunteering many hours in selecting this year's winners. Additionally, I want to thank our Board of Directors in volunteering to attend and present the Type Commanders Sailor of the Year Awards held simultaneously throughout the San Diego metro area, and our sponsors for their generous donations and strong support of our Breakfast Events, upcoming Golf Tournament and Navy Birthday Ball scheduled for later this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events —Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thank you to Lockheed Martin in their \$10k donation in support of our council's sea services. Council recognized the Gunfighters Squadron, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps; Cadet Chief Petty Officer Kalani Stone and 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Sergeant Major Ricky Broadway for their outstanding volunteer service, and First Command; Nick Wallace and LC Embroidery; Froilan Patzi for their community partnership support.





Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Astacio, is a native of Ridgewood, NY, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in October 1997. He served as an Avionics Technician before his selection to the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program in 2004. LtCol Astacio was commissioned in May 2008 after graduating from Norwich University.

LtCol Astacio's operating forces assignments include Avionics Work Center Supervisor, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26; Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative, Medium Marine Helicopter Squadron 266, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit; Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team Leader, Operations Officer, Detachment A, Marine Air Control Squadron 2; Adjutant, Airspace Management Officer, Senior Air Coordinator, Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 18; Air Command and Control Officer, Joint Task Force 505, Company Commander, Operations Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron 4; Operations Officer, Executive Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18. He participated in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, DAMAYAN, and SAHAYOGI HAAT. Additional assignments include Marine Air Traffic Control Division Head, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1; and Action Officer for Program Executive Office, Air, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air/Ground programs.

LtCol Astacio earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Norwich University and a Master of Business Administration from American Intercontinental University. He is a graduate of The Basic School, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the United States Agency for International Development Joint Humanitarian Officer Course. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with two Gold Stars in lieu of 3rd award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with two Gold Stars in lieu of 3rd award).

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Deputy Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet / Director, Task Force Littoral Combat Ship; Rear Admiral Theodore "Ted" P.S. LeClair, and Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command; Rear Admiral Milton J. Sands III presented Council President; Tracy Owens the FY2024 Type Commanders Sailor of the Year Awards Appreciation Plaque on April 14, 2025 for our outstanding support.

Congratulations to Tracy in receiving her Master of Science Degree in Leadership from Grand Canyon University on May 2, 2025.

Congrats MCAS Miramar SgtMaj Marquis L. Young on your successful tour and welcome aboard SgtMaj Alejandro Garcia Jr. Well done to Jay Rindler & Charles Clark in attending the Office of Sword Change on Apr 25, 2025 and MCAS Miramar Award Ceremony on May 7, 2025.



RECOGNITIONS

Council held its 2025 Sea Service Member of the Year Awards at its breakfast event on May 2nd, where over 130 guests attended. Congratulations to this year's awards winners; Naval Base San Diego; MA3 George Espinoza III, USCG Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific; ME2 Carlos Lopez-Lopez, USS O'Kane (DDG 77); FCA1(SW) Angel Lora and the 26 finalists derived from 14 different commands in the San Diego Metro Area. Special Thank you to Lockheed Martin; RDML David Steindl, USN(Ret) as Breakfast & Awards Sponsor, Navy Federal Credit Union Miramar Branch Manager; Bryan Geluz for the gift bag donations and the San Diego WAVE Futbol Club, Community Relations Coordinator; Tiffany Tomlin for the game ticket donations at its brand new "Snap Dragon Stadium", and the Office of Congress United States Representative Juan Vargas, 52nd District of California for the Certificate of Recognition for all award finalists. Vice President; Marty Magana and former President; Vietnam POW Survivor; Jim Bedinger presented Council Coin and POW Auto-Biography book to CAPT Henry "Hank" Kim in serving as guest speaker.



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David Morales
Nathan Neher
Peggy Morris
John Guatelli

Thank You Lockheed Martin, Boeing and First Command in supporting our Council with the FY-2024 Type Commander Sailor of the Year Awards Recognition. Congrats to Commander; Naval Air Forces, Surface Forces, Submarine Forces, Special Warfare and THIRD Fleet winners!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
July 11, 2025**

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

**VADM JOHN F. G. WADE
COMMANDER,
UNITED STATES THIRD FLEET**

2025 DATES

Aug 8 - USCG TLET Pacific

Sep 5 - CNSF

Oct 3 - CHSCWPAC

Nov 7- VMGR 352

Dec 5 - USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)

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- Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30

- Breakfast for Members; \$25

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