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BREAKFAST EVENT

August 8, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD

SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT ROBERT C. TUCKER, USCG

COMMANDING OFFICER,

U.S. COAST GUARD

SECTOR SAN DIEGO

NAVY HERITAGE

At the request of Alexander Hamilton, the head of the Revenue-Marine, on August 4, 1790, Congress approved the construction of ten vessels to protect the coast of the United States of America with enforcing tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress. Up until 1798, when the Navy was re-instated, these ten Coast Guard vessels were the only naval force in the U.S. Early Coast Guard crews' duties included transporting government officials and sometimes they even carried mail. The Coast Guard as we know it today was formed in 1915 with the merging of the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. Eventually, the Coast Guard became so essential in protecting the United States, that it was moved from its original place at the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, in order to aid the United States efforts against terrorist attacks. In times of war, the Coast Guard has occasionally operated as a service of the U.S. Navy. The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and the smallest of the six Armed Services. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security. The Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. Happy 235th Birthday U.S. Coast Guard!



"The Coast Guard has long been known, as the armed service that gets more done for less."

— Howard Coble

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our July's Breakfast Event, where we had 75 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet; VADM John F.G. Wade in taking time to share your personal story and C3F role in today's modern era, that included the recognition of all the awardees and scholarship award winners in attendance. A special shout-out goes to Navy League Foundation in sponsoring the breakfast and, LC Embroidery, NFCU and USAA for the awards recognition to the service members. I want to thank our Scholarship Chairman; Jeff Wylie in leading this year's 2025/2026 Scholarship Selection Board, Golf Chairman; Greg Via in leading this year's 5th Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament with 92 golfers and 24 Sponsors and our CFO; Sheldon Margolis in re-establishing our foot print at this year's MCAS Miramar Air Show and, representing our Council at this year's Navy Region Southwest Navy Birthday Ball planning meeting with the Region Chief of Staff; CAPT CAPT Ladislao "Monty" Montero. Lastly, I want to invite everyone to our September 5th breakfast event where we will be honoring our military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in the Navy & Coast Guard and Family Advisors in the Marine Corps. Thank you to all our members and sponsors for volunteering support and generous donations that continue to contribute towards our mission in serving our brave service members. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. —Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thank you to our Sponsors for their generous donations USAA; David Dearie & Tim Haney \$1k in support of awards recognition, Curtiss-Wright; Omar Maestas \$850 in support of Golf Tournament and Elite Fundraising; Mike French in support of 5 Day/4 Night Vacation Stay to Cancun, Mexico and tickets for September's Breakfast Event and Navy Birthday Ball. Congrats to the opportunity drawing winners; LCpl Anaya, OS2 Muenster and Cpl Koltes.



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CAPT Tucker grew up in Ashland, NH and is a 1996 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He also holds a Master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. After earning his degree from Virginia Tech, he enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1996 and was a graduate of boot camp class A-150; with his first unit being station Gloucester, MA.

CAPT Tucker became a qualified Aviation Maintenance Technician and was station at Air Station Clearwater in 1998 prior to attending Officer Candidate School in 2000. After becoming a commissioned officer, he began Naval Flight School in Pensacola, FL in 2001. CAPT Tucker's first tour as a pilot was Air Station Miami in 2003, followed by an Instructor tour at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL training new aviators in the H65 and serving as the Standardization Officer for the fleet. After his ATC Mobile Tour, he was the Aviation Budget Manager at the Office of Aviation Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters. He then returned Mobile as Chief of the H65 Training Department in 2015. CAPT Tucker was then assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Houston as the Executive Officer from 2018 to 2021. He was then assigned the Chief of Field Support at Coast Guard Headquarters.

CAPT Tucker's most recent assignment was Deputy Commander at Sector Mobile, AL, where he was the alternate Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and SAR Mission Coordinator for 18 sub-units, including 4 Cutters, 6 Stations, 5 Aides-to-Navigation Teams, and a Marine Safety Detachment. His area of responsibility was from Gulfport, MS to Big Bend, FL. CAPT Tucker assumed command as USCG Sector San Diego on 13 June 2025. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals and Presidential Unit Commendation and many other awards. He was appointed Honorary Chief in May 2021. He is married with two children.

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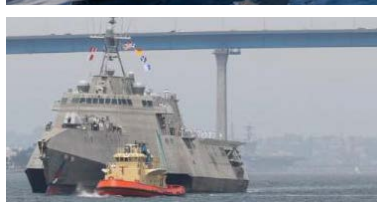
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to the 2025 NROTC San Diego Consortium Midshipmen Graduation Class, who will be commissioned as Navy & Marine Corps officers in the fleet this year. Congrats 2025 NJROTC Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Winners at Pt. Loma High School; Cadet Chief Petty Officer Danya Do on 20 May, Ramona High School; Cadet Master Chief Theo Burchard on 1 June, and Westview High School; Cadet Seaman Gabriel Toma on 9 June. BZ to Jay Rindler, Charles Clark, Marty Magana & Sheldon Margolis in presenting this year's award winners.



WELCOME HOME

USS OMAHA (LCS 12) returns from overseas deployment at Naval Base San Diego on 11 July 2025. BZ Homecoming Committee!



RECOGNITIONS

Congrats Third Fleet's Sailor of the Quarter Awardees; MC2 Sarah Easton, IS1 Sidney Ilg, OS2 Karina Muenster and IT1 Matthew Villanueva. U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego Gold Wrench Award Winners & Enlisted Person of the Quarter; AMT3 Zachary Smith, AMT3 Jackson Swindell and MK1 Casey Seminavage and Marines attached to 12th Marine Corps District, Recruiting Stations (San Diego & Oceanside) and 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion for Sustained Superior Performance; Sgt Brent Rukavina, SSgt Ulises Gomezcarrillo, LCpl Louis Anaya and Cpl Joseph Koltes. Thank you VADM John Wade serving as guest speaker and CAPT Christopher Cauble as Chaplain. Well done to Cali Pilipovich in being selected as 2025/2026 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship recipient amongst 13 competitive applicants to receive up to \$15k towards college education.



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OMBUDSMAN Appreciation registration is now open through Aug 29th. First 50 registered will receive complimentary breakfast, flowers, and ticket to win door prizes on Friday, September 5th at Adm Baker Golf Clubhouse from 0730-0900. To register email: embelmares@aol.com or executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com



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Big Win at Admiral Baker Golf North Course on 18 July 2025. Congrats placed winners; 1st; Coast Guard Team, 2nd; Parker Aerospace, 3rd; Marine Corps Team, and the Men & Women Winners of Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Thank you Golf Chair; Greg Via and Community Partner Volunteers; Elite Krank, NFCU Miramar Branch, First Command, San Diego Sockers & Front Wave.



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2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

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

VADM BRENDAN McLANE, USN
COMMANDER,
NAVAL SURFACE FORCES,
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

2025 DATES

Oct 3 - CHSCWPAC
Nov 7 - VMGR 352
Dec 5 - USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)

2026 DATES

Feb 6 - USCG
Mar 6 - USMC
Apr 3 - USN CPO Bday
May 1 - Maritime Forces SSMoY
June 5 - USMC
Jul 10 - Maritime Forces - Spirit of Indy
Aug 7 - USCG Sector San Diego
Sep 4 - Maritime Forces - OMB Appreciation
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Nov 6 - USMC Bday
Dec 4 - EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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- Breakfast for Members; \$25

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