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BREAKFAST EVENT

October 3, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;
CDR KAILEY M. SNYDER, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS RUSSELL (DDG 59)

NAVY HERITAGE

The Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates celebrated annually – Navy Birthday and Navy Day. The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental Navy on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength. Navy Day was originally sponsored by the Navy League 1922. Navy Day is designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day. In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service." – CNO Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt

Happy 250th Birthday U.S. Navy!



"I can imagine a no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I served in the United States Navy".

— President John F. Kennedy U.S. Naval Academy August 1st, 1963

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our September Breakfast Event, were we had 102 guests in attendance. It was a true honor to recognize our Maritime Forces service members for their outstanding work and the military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in the Navy and Coast Guard and Family Readiness Assistants in the Marine Corps. A special thank you to Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego; CAPT Brian Bungay in joining us as our guest speaker and our many sponsors in supporting our Largest Breakfast Event of the Year. Great job to Sheldon Margolis in re-establishing our Council's footprint at this year's Miramar Airshow. Lastly, we are just weeks away from our Navy Birthday Ball being held on Sat, Oct 11, 2025 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, so get your tickets today. I want to thank our members and sponsors donations in support of our council meeting its mission. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. - Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Donation Special thanks; Mr. Carl Weiscopef \$100 and Brigantine Portside Adam Williams \$300 in-kind in support of OMBUDSMAN Appreciation Event, NFCU Miramar \$1k in support of Award Recognitions & Midway Museum \$5k in support of Navy Birthday Ball (Jay Rindler presented on behalf).



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NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Is observed on the 3rd Friday of September, most recently on Sept 20th where it honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. It is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War. The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, the date in 1973 when the last US combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. In 1979 President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation, commemorating the 3rd Fri, in Sept as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Their sacrifice for our country does not go unnoticed. Come join us at our October's breakfast event, and meet Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Henry "Jim" Bedinger, USN(Ret) and celebrate with us the Navy's 250th Birthday and recognize Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners for their outstanding performance. May we continue honoring their sacrifices.





Commander Kailey M. Snyder is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of engineering in Chemical Engineering and commissioned through the NROTC program. She holds master's degrees in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas and Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College where she graduated with distinction and was a member of the Halsey Bravo Advanced Research Program.

At sea, CDR Snyder served aboard USS DECATUR (DDG 73) as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Navigator and as Training Officer for COMDESRON SEVEN, completing three deployments with the RONALD REAGAN Carrier Strike Group before homeport shifting to Singapore. She was the Operations Officer in USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and Operations Officer in USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000) in San Diego, CA. CDR Snyder reported as Executive Officer, USS RUSSELL (DDG 59), in October 2023.

Ashore, CDR Snyder served as a Junior Officer detailee in the Navy Personnel Command Surface Warfare Distribution Division (PERS-41) and deputy executive assistant to the Director, Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96).

CDR Snyder's personal awards include the Navy League Academic Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and personal awards

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to Homecoming Committee in joining over thousand family & friends in the return of CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group from its overseas deployment and with USS PRINCETON (CG 59) and USS STERRET (DDG 104) on Aug 14, 2025.



RECOGNITIONS

Council celebrated OMBUDSMAN Appreciation Event with 102 guests in attendance in having Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego; CAPT Bungay serving as guest speaker in honoring the military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in the Navy & Coast Guard and Family Readiness Assistants in the Marine Corps. Award recognitions included Maritime Forces - Naval Base San Diego; YN1 Judith Licon, MA2 Everett Moore Jr., and CS2 Stacey Roberts and U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego; SK2 Nathaniel Jackson and SK2 Camden Morris and Third Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; Cpl Eric Mizner Jr., and Sgt Blankarac Hernandez. Awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.



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 CDR Michael Ross, USCG
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 CAPT Robert Tucker, USCG
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2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
 AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

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

LT COL MARK "LURCH" BOCK
 COMMANDING OFFICER,
 VMGR 352 "RAIDERS"

2025 DATES

Dec 5 - USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)

2026 DATES

Feb 6 - USCG
 Mar 6 - USMC
 Apr 3 - Surface Development Group 1
 May 1 - Maritime Forces SSMoY
 June 5 - USMC/USN
 Jul 10 - Maritime Forces - Spirit of Indy
 Aug 7 - US Coast Guard Sector San Diego
 Sep 4 - Naval Base San Diego
 Oct 2 - DCOM, NETC Force Development
 Nov 6 - USMC Bday
 Dec 4 - EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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 - Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30
 - Breakfast for Members; \$25

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