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BREAKFAST EVENT

September 5, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPTAIN BRIAN C. BUNGAY, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO

NAVY HERITAGE

On Sept 14, 1970, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. established the Navy Family Ombudsman Program to improve communication between commands and the families of Sailors who served in them. In 2006, CNO Admiral Michael G. Mullen, re-emphasized the importance of the program and implemented all Navy families have access to a Navy Family Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is a volunteer, appointed by the commanding officer, to serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information both up and down the chain of command on official command information, command climate issues, local quality of life improvement opportunities and "good deals" around the community. Ombudsmen also provide resource referrals when needed. They are instrumental in resolving family issues before the issues require extensive command attention. For 55 years, civilian volunteers appointed by local commanding officers have willingly dedicated themselves to our Sailors and their families' welfare across the globe. To celebrate the inception of the program, each September is recognized as Ombudsman Appreciation Month.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our August Breakfast Event with 52 guests in attendance. A special thank you to our guest speaker, CAPT Robert Tucker, Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard Sector San Diego. A special shout-out goes to First Command for the breakfast sponsorship. Well done to our Sea Service Committee TEAM in recognizing Marine Corps Air Station Miramar & 3rd Marine Air Wing Marines and Sailor of the Quarter award winners, and our Homecoming Committee with USS CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group return from its overseas deployment. I would like to invite everyone to attend our largest Breakfast Event of the Year, where we will be honoring the military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in our Maritime Forces on Sept 5th. I am proud to announce we have re-established our footprint at this year's Miramar Airshow on Sept 27th, which will include front row seating, covered canopy and shade umbrellas, food and beverages, were tickets are still available. This includes, tickets on sale for this year's Navy Birthday Ball on Sat, Oct 11, 2025 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. I want to thank all our volunteers and sponsors for their support in serving our brave servicemembers. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. - Tracy Owens, President



SPECIAL THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!

Special thanks; Liberty Military Housing, Matt Ruane donation of \$850 in support of Golf Tournament, and Ken Andersen of Walter Andersen Nursery donation of \$1,600 (check accepted by Tracy on behalf) in support of Miramar Air Show. Congrats to Ansley Chan as 2025/2026 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship award recipient to receive up to \$15k towards college education, and Chelsey Gray as the Council's newest Board Member.



"Our mission is to empower sea service families to meet the challenges of a military lifestyle with education, resources and mentoring."

— Naval Services Familyline

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Captain Brian C. Bungay, a native of Modesto, California, raised in Australia, Philippines, and Japan, Captain Bungay was commissioned through the NROTC program and graduated from the University of Southern California in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a Bachelor of Arts in History. He holds a Master of Arts in Human resource Management from Webster University.

At sea, he served as Gunnery Officer and Training Officer aboard USS MILIUS (DDG 69); Auxiliaries Division Officer aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76); Combat Systems Officer aboard USS TAYLOR (FFG 50); Combat Systems Officer N9 with Amphibious Squadron One (CPR 1); Executive Officer and Commanding Officer aboard USS JACKSON (LCS 6) Blue Crew; and Commanding Officer aboard USS KANSAS CITY (LCS 22) – the LCS SQUADRON ONE (LCSRON ONE) Training Ship.

Ashore, he served at Navy Recruiting Command as the Legislative Affairs and Enlistment Incentives Division Head; Combat Systems Officer N81 at Afloat Training Group San Diego; and on the Littoral Combat Ship Implementation Team at Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Command. He also completed a one-year tour in Iraq assigned to United States Forces Iraq (USFI) – J35 future operations.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), the joint Service Achievement Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, and various other unit and campaign awards.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the spirit of honoring the military spouses that volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN, the San Diego Council will be celebrating OMBUDSMAN Appreciation month at our September's Breakfast Event. We will have multiple sponsors supporting this special event in recognizing OMBUDSMAN. To include the award recognition of our Maritime Forces service members. Our San Diego Council values our relationships with our community affiliates that are derived from various organizations amongst the private, public and nonprofit organizations, with many being family veteran owned or veteran operated businesses. A special thank you goes out to our community partners in sponsoring our largest breakfast event of the year.

OMBUDSMAN SPONSORS!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to our Board of Directors; Jay Rindler, Charles Clark and President Tracy Owens with August Community Involvement. Jay & Charles took part in the Awards Recognition to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and 3rd Marine Air Wing; Marine & Sailor of the Quarter Awards Ceremony on Aug 6th and Tracy leading the 2025 Cammie's to College event, hosting over a 100 military families with numerous educational, nonprofit and veterans associations at Liberty Station on Aug 2nd and taking part in the Coast Guard Cutter EAGLE port visit Welcome Ceremony at Harbor Drive Embarcadero on Aug 8, 2025. Tracy met with Coast Guard Admiral Mark Fedor and numerous leaders from the community that included City of San Diego Mayor; Todd Gloria and Councilmember; Marni Von Wilpert. All guests participated in an exclusive ship's tour and social reception hosted by SDMAC.



RECOGNITIONS

Council celebrated the Coast Guard's 235th Birthday on August 8, 2025 with Sector San Diego CO; CAPT Tucker and Master Chief Foster leading the event with a cake cutting ceremony. CAPT Tucker served as guest speaker providing insight on his command's role in today's modern era and invocation by U.S. Navy Chaplain LT Bryce Taylor. Coasties were recognized for outstanding service; Perchard Award; AET1 David Frankly, FN Ray Award; OS1 Amber Hynes and for Sustained Superior Performance; BM2 Dylan Edwards and ME2 Coery Dubay. Thank you Breakfast Sponsor; First Command - Nick Wallace & Marcus Little.



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USN(Ret)



OMBUDSMAN Appreciation registration ends Aug 29th. First 50 registered will receive complimentary breakfast on Fri, Sept 5th at Adm Baker Golf Clubhouse from 0730- 0900. To register:
executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com



MCAS Miramar Air Show; Premier Tickets on sale for Sat, Sept 27, 0800-1700 at:
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/airshow/blic>. For more info;
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Get your Tickets today for Sat, Oct 11, 1800-2359 at:
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WELCOME HOME

Well done to Homecoming Committee in joining over thousand family & friends in the return home from overseas deployment with HSM 78 "Blue Hawks" and VMR1 "Road Runners" on July 16, 2025 and USS CARL VINSON on Aug 14, 2025.



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2025 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

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

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2025 DATES

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

2026 DATES

Feb 6 - USCG
Mar 6 - USMC
Apr 3 - SURFDEVGRU 1
May 1 - Maritime Forces SSMoY
June 5 - USMC
Jul 10 - Maritime Forces - Spirit of Indy
Aug 7 - USCG Sector San Diego
Sep 4 - NBSD
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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