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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

55-12 | December 2025

BREAKFAST EVENT

December 5, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPT ANDREW "ANDY" KOY SR., USN
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)

NAVY HERITAGE

On Sunday Morning December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked U.S. Navy Base in Pearl Harbor killing 2,403 Americans. The raid by aircraft carrier-borne warplanes sunk and damaged 21 U.S. Navy warships that included USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma, destroying and damaging 347 aircraft. Japan, and Nazi Germany had conquered much of Asia, Europe and North Africa by the end of 1941. The shape of the future world began to turn in the midst of the attack on Pearl Harbor, where America overcame the shock of sudden attack and began to fight back. USS Nevada was the only battleship to set sail that morning, and continue to serve with distinguished service in the war and helped lead the D-Day invasion of Europe in 1944 and the final attacks on the Japanese home islands in the summer of 1945. USS West Virginia also survived the Pearl Harbor attack, but at the loss of 106 Sailors, and was able to triumphantly sail into Tokyo Bay to witness the surrender of Japan and the end of World War II aboard USS Missouri as Japan formally signed documents of surrender on September 2, 1945, with the ceremony lasting only 23 minutes. Yet it ended more than a total decade of devastating global conflict that killed 60 million people in Asia, Europe and Africa, and in other battles fought on land, air and sea around the world. "Today, the guns are silent. A great tragedy has ended. A great victory has been won," U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in an international radio address while officiating during the ceremonies aboard USS Missouri. Today, USS Missouri still serves the country in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where she is the centerpiece of the Battleship Missouri Memorial



*"December 7th,
1941. A date
which will live
in infamy"*

— President Franklin D. Roosevelt

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our November Breakfast Event in celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps 250th Birthday with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion and 12th Marine Corps District Recruiting Station San Diego. Special acknowledgement and thank you to the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in sponsoring November's Breakfast Event and the donations received from Hyatt and General Atomics (Electromagnetics) and the support of Navy Federal Credit Union, USS MIDWAY Museum and Krank Elite Fundraising donations for our opportunity drawing. I look forward to seeing everyone at our December 5th, Toys-for-Tots Drive. I want to thank our sponsors and volunteers for their support towards our mission in serving our Maritime Forces servicemembers.



SAN DIEGO COUNCIL EXCELLENCE



Congratulations to Council President; Tracy Owens being recognized as San Diego Business Journal "Back to Back"; Top 50 Veteran Business Leaders of Influence in the Community for 2025, and Executive Director; Ernie Belmares recognized by Navy League Pacific Region for his outstanding service in 2025.

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TRACY OWENS
PRESIDENT
NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL
SAN DIEGO

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

Community Appreciation Print was presented to Navy League Community Affiliate of the Year "Triple Crown" Award Winner Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel; Rick Mitrovich for their strong support of our 2025 Navy Birthday Ball and record breaking attendance of 1,136 guests held at this year's Navy Birthday Ball on Oct 11th. Special thank you to Hyatt for the generous donation of \$7,300 and General Atomics (Electromagnetics) donation of \$21,600 presented by Board of Director; Shane Steinfeld.



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Captain Koy hails from Bellville, Texas. He is a 2001 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, earning a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is also a 2002 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, earning a master's in information systems and operations.

At sea, he served as Auxiliaries Officer and First Lieutenant aboard USS Russell (DDG 59); Navigator and Weapons Officer aboard USS Anzio (CG 68); and as Operations Officer aboard USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Mobile Bay (CG 53). His most recent sea tour was as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USS Sterett (DDG 104), completing a deployment to the Middle East, Mediterranean, Africa, and Western Pacific.

Ashore, he served at the U.S. Naval Academy as a seamanship and navigation instructor, Flag Secretary for the Superintendent, and Executive Secretary for the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors. He also served as Deputy Executive Assistant and Executive Assistant to Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and as Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Officer at U.S. Pacific Command. Following command he served as the Weapons Branch Head for Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96C1) and the Director of the Commander's Action Group for the Commander, Naval Surface Forces.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other campaign and unit awards.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to Homecoming Committee; Jay Rindler & Charles Clarke in joining family & friends of USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) at Naval Base San Diego on Oct 24, 2025 and 3rd Marine Air Wing & Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Marine & Sailor Quarter Award Presentation on Nov 5, 2025. Congrats H&HS; Cpl Josh Coronado, Lcpl Alicia Castillo, LS2 Donte McDougal, and LSSN Zion Jones, VMFA 323; Lcpl Yasmin Becerra, MAG11; Cpl Benjamin Cassar, HM3 Armand Magrans, and MAG16; Cpl Giorgi Agadjanov and HM2 Crystal Bailey and MAG38; HM1 William Madson.



Board of Director; Jeff Wylie & Executive Director; Ernie Belmares presented The Sea Services Certificate of Appreciations to Liberty Tobacco Business Owner; Charles Hennegan, Brigantine Portside Manager; Adam Williams and USS Midway Museum Senior Executive Assist; Lori Cartmill for their strong support of Sea Services Golf Tournament, OMBUDSMAN Appreciation Event and Navy Birthday Ball respectively on October 21, 2025.



RECOGNITIONS

Council celebrated the Marine Corps 250th Birthday with 70 guests in attendance on Nov 7th, that included award recognition to Marines assigned to VMGR 352; LCpl Oswaldo Solisramirez, Cpl Benjamin Cassar, Cpl David Garven and Cpl August Hamp, 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; LCpl Nkosi Barnes and Sgt Karen Kwon, 12th Marine Corps District; Recruiting Station San Diego; Sgt Jeremiah Taylor and SSgt Laurenwalt Go-Cong. The Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony was performed by; 12MCD RS SDiego; SgtMaj Bryan Crane and VMGR 352; LCpl Monserrat Sanchez. Additional recognition was to be presented to Mrs. Emily Johnson for her volunteer service with the cake presentation and a \$1,500.00 donation presented to VMGR 352; SgtMaj Daniel Sandil, 3d LAAD Btn; SgtMaj Christopher Thomas and SgtMaj Crane in support of their respective 2025 Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration held from Oct 25 through Nov 8th, 2025.



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4th Annual Toys for Tots Drive - Everyone is encouraged to bring a brand new unwrapped toy for children up to age 12 at Dec 5th Breakfast Event.

Your charitable donation may qualify for a tax deduction and, encourage to provide them our Tax EIN#95-3864195. You can make a difference today by donating at; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>



Effective January 1, 2026 Breakfast Cost will be increasing for Members at \$35; Non-Members at \$45; and Breakfast Promo at \$55; The breakfast promotion includes the purchased breakfast and an additional complimentary breakfast and one year San Diego Council membership (Valued at; \$115). NEW - Exclusive Breakfast Membership

Promotion at \$374 that covers breakfast for 11 months and one year membership.

Council celebrated the 250th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration with 3rd Marine Air Wing & Marine Corps Air Station at MCAS Miramar Base on Nov 5th and in support of VMGR 352 Raiders, 3rd LAAD Battalion, and 12th MCD RS San Diego Birthday Balls held at various locations respectively at Westin Gas Lamp San Diego, Pechanga Resort & Casino, Temecula, CA and Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, NV from Oct 25 - Nov 8, 2025.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

NO BREAKFAST EVENT

IN JANUARY

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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

2026 DATES

Feb 6 - TACLET Pacific
Mar 6 - 12th Marine Corps District
Recruiting Station San Diego
Apr 3 - Surface Development Group 1
May 1 - USS PRINCETON (CG 59)
Jun 5 - 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense
Battalion
Jul 10 - Naval Surface & Mine Warfighting
Development Center
Aug 7 - US Coast Guard Sector San Diego
Sep 4 - Naval Base San Diego
Oct 2 - DCOM, NETC Force Development
Nov 6 - Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron
(VMM) 362
Dec 4 - USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42)

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\$40 - Includes Breakfast, 1 YR Membership and an additional complimentary breakfast.

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

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