



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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## BREAKFAST EVENT

February 6, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;  
CDR PAUL LEON, USCG  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
TACTICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM  
PACIFIC

## NAVY HERITAGE

The Coast Guard officially established the Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) program in 1982. The first LEDETs operated directly under Coast Guard groups and districts, where they served as law enforcement specialists, conducting training and local operations. In the 1990s, the individual LEDETs were consolidated under Tactical Law Enforcement Teams (TACLETs): Tactical Law Enforcement Team North based in Chesapeake, Virginia, Tactical Law Enforcement Team Gulf based in New Orleans, Louisiana, Tactical Law Enforcement Team South based in Opa-locka, Florida, and the Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team based in San Diego, California. In 2004, TACLET North was decommissioned and merged with Maritime Safety and Security Team to form a new counter-terrorism unit, now named the Maritime Security Response Team. From July 2007 to April 2013, the TACLETs and LEDETs were part of the Coast Guard's Deployable Operations Group (DOG) in an effort to organize the Coast Guard's various deployable specialized force under a single command. In April 2013, the DOG was disbanded and the TACLETs returned to control of the area commanders. Tactical Law Enforcement Teams provide specialized Detachments to conduct counter-narcotics law enforcement and Maritime Interdiction Operations from U.S. and allied naval vessels. Today, Tactical Law Enforcement Teams duties include; maritime interdiction missions, counter-piracy, military combat operations, alien migration interdiction, military force protection, counter terrorism, homeland security and humanitarian response. The men and women of Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific maintain one of the largest areas of responsibility in the Coast Guard and live up to its command's motto every day; "Enforce, Train & Interdict".



*"When storms and floods and tragedy strike, Americans know that they can count on the United States Coast Guard."*

— President George W. Bush

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are kicking off 2026 with our first breakfast event scheduled for Friday, February 6th, 2026 at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse. We are excited to have the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific; CDR Paul Leon as our guest speaker. We will also be recognizing Coast Guard service members for their outstanding service. Our Breakfast Event throughout the year 2026 and command guest speakers are listed on page 4. So mark your calendars for the upcoming dates and come join us. I want to thank our volunteers and sponsors for support towards our mission in serving our Maritime Forces servicemembers. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events —Tracy Owens, President



## SAN DIEGO COUNCIL EXCELLENCE



Well done to Council President; Tracy Owens in her recognition as the San Diego Business Journal "Back to Back" Top 50 Veteran Business Leaders of Influence in the Community for 2025. Bravo Zulu Tracy!

SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL  
**VETERAN LEADERS of INFLUENCE**  
2025



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## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Executive Director; Ernie Belmares visited with Flower Island Chula Vista Business Owner; Dani Moser to present the Council's Sea Services Certificate of Appreciation for their strong support of our Maritime Forces service members in the Community. Special Thank you to Liberty Tobacco Business Owner; Charlie Henneagan and his team for their in-kind donation support with the 2025 Sea Services Golf Tournament and LC Embroidery Business Owner; Rolan & Virginia Patzi for their in-kind donations in support of 2025 Navy Birthday Ball and 2026 Awards Program. Bravo Zulu!



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CDR Leon assumed duties as Commanding Officer, Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) Pacific on June 2024. As part of the Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF), TACLET Pacific's 12 Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETs), whose center of gravity is high-risk/high consequence counterdrug operations, deploy worldwide in support of Operational and Combatant Commanders, delivering a noncompliant boarding capability on U.S. and Allied assets for advanced law enforcement, defense readiness, and maritime security operations, along with providing technical assistance to partner nations.

A native of Phoenix, AZ, he enlisted in the Coast Guard in July 1998, where he completed Basic Training at Training Center Cape May, NJ. His enlisted assignments include Station San Francisco, CA and Station New Haven, CT. He earned his commission from Officer Candidate School in New London, CT in February 2007.

Upon commissioning, he was assigned to TACLET Pacific where he served as Officer in Charge and Deployable Team Leader for Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETs) 103 and 108 from 2007 through 2009, conducting global counterdrug operations that resulted in the apprehension of 25 narco-terrorists and seizure of 21 metric tons of cocaine valued at \$794 million. From 2009 to 2010 he assumed the responsibilities as the unit's Training Officer, where he ensured the operational readiness for the eight LEDETs and Airborne Use of Force Locker. In 2010 he reported to District Thirteen's Command Center in Seattle, WA, where he served as Command Duty Officer and Training Officer, providing oversight and guidance to three Sector Command Centers, three Air Stations, 14 major cutters, 10 surf stations, and five boat stations. In 2013 he was assigned to Maritime Safety and Security Team based in San Diego, CA, where he was charged with the development of the Coast Guard's west coast-based counter-terrorism capability. He served as the unit's first Direct Action Section Assault Force Commander, paving the pathway for the unit achieving its initial operating capability in 2017, establishing Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) West. In 2017 he was assigned to Atlantic Area, serving as the TACLET Force Manager, where he ensured the operational readiness and force allocation of the service's two TACLETs, resulting in the execution of 325 world-wide LEDET deployments and the interdiction of 307 metric tons of cocaine valued at \$11.6 billion. In 2020, he fleet up to the DSF Section Chief, where he managed the readiness and employment of Atlantic Area's nine armed-DSF commands. In 2021 he was assigned to MSRT East, the Coast Guard's east coast-based counterterrorism unit, where he served as Assistant Operations Officer for one year prior to fleet up to the Executive Officer.

He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix and his master's degree in national security Studies from American Military University. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (four), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Basic Training Honor Graduate, Expert Rifle Medal, and Expert Pistol Medal, in addition to other personal, unit, and Service awards. He earned the Tactical Law Enforcement Insignia, Boat Force Operations Insignia (Advanced), and Response Operations Ashore Insignia.

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In 1958, First Command was founded by Air Force Lt. Col. Carroll Payne with a simple goal: to improve the financial well-being of service members and their families. Today, more than 60 years later, First Command offers comprehensive financial plans consisting of what were referred to as the "three cardinal cornerstones" – savings, investments and life insurance. The San Diego Council is honored to have their support as a Community Partner.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Homecoming Committee joined over hundred families and friends in welcoming USS LENA SUTCLIFFE HIGBEE (DDG 123) from their 9 month overseas deployment on 19 December, 2025, and USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) on 6 January 2026. Well Done to Jay Rindler, and Charles Clark!





## RECOGNITIONS

Come Join our Homecoming Team and meet family & friends of service members returning home and help with welcome home signs and info on our council. Volunteers interested or support request contact Jay Rindler at (858) 663-3638 / karlort@aol.com.



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### NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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Michael Friedman  
Suzanne Tarro  
Amy Eremionkhale  
Michael Carroll  
Jeffrey Fishbeck  
Paul Markos  
Michelle Rusich  
Sarah Parish  
Lori Nottingham



Effective January 1, 2026 Breakfast \$35 Members; \$45 Non-Members; and \$55 Breakfast Promotion (valued at \$115). NEW Exclusive Breakfast Membership Promotion at \$374 covers breakfast for 11 months and 1 yr council membership. <https://navyleague-sd.com/events-tickets/>

Sea Service Member of the Year Award packages due Mar 31st. Award ceremony is Fri, May 1, 2026 at ADM Baker Golf Clubhouse from 7:30am-9:00am. All sea service members, E1 to E6 are eligible. For more info, email; [executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com).



CPO Birthday Celebration & Charity Fundraiser - Save the Date; Fri, Apr 3rd Breakfast Event includes a cake cutting ceremony and chance to win amazing door prizes. ALL service members invited!

2026/2027 Alexander Kreiglwa Scholarship packages due Apr 30, 2026. Up to \$15k/year for tuition, books, and academic fees for a maximum of 4 yrs.

Eligibility for students to apply; - Dependent child of active duty, retired, or deceased Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident in the state of California - Graduating High School Senior in the top 10% of class (if school ranks) or 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher (unweighted grades). - Evidence of acceptance by an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States. - At least 2 Letters of Recommendation. - Demonstrated Financial Need.

Email address: [scholarships@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:scholarships@navyleague-sd.com), [vp@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:vp@navyleague-sd.com).

[executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com), [cfo@navyleague-sd.com](mailto:cfo@navyleague-sd.com). Ceremonial Check Presentation will be held at June 5th Breakfast Event.



Donate and help! Whether it's \$25 or \$2500, your contribution matters. You can donate to a specific program, or you can elect to give to the organization as a whole. Either way, your generosity will help the lives of sea service members and their families.

- Awards Recognition; Supports the award recognitions of our Sea Service Members for their outstanding performance!
- Homecomings; Contributes to the joy and reconnections of family and friends with the reuniting of their service members during homecoming from overseas deployment.
- Youth Programs; Helps promote the development of America's future leaders and significantly contributes to the Annual Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Recognition.
- Scholarships; Assists college-bound students to buy books, and pay tuition. Including, scholarship recognition to the recipient and family members at our breakfast event.
- Un-restricted Giving; donation allows the Navy League to use your gift where our sea services need it the most.

Navy League San Diego is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that supports America's Sea Services. Your charitable donation will help local San Diego Sea Service Members and their families and may qualify as a charitable tax deduction. Consult your Tax Advisor and provide our EIN# 95-3864195. To donate you use our QR code on page 4 (bottom right corner) or at; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-yoursan-diego-navy-league-council/>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

**MARCH 6, 2026**

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

**MAJ ZACHARY R. BOMBRIA, USMC**  
**COMMANDING OFFICER,**  
**USMC RECRUITING STATION SAN DIEGO**

#### 2026 DATES

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 - USCG Sector San Diego  
Sep 4 - Naval Base San Diego  
Oct 2 - DCOM, NETC Force Development  
Nov 6 - Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 362  
Dec 4 - USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 52)

## SUPPORT THE NAVY LEAGUE

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### BREAKFAST MEMBERSHIP PROMO

\$55 - INCLUDES BREAKFAST, 1 YR MEMBERSHIP AND AN ADDITIONAL COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST.  
- BREAKFAST FOR NON-MEMBERS; \$45  
- BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS; \$35

### ASK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AFFILIATE, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, AND CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES; BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENT, AWARDS SPONSORSHIP, SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING, NUMEROUS COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST, YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTRIBUTION COMPLIMENTARY OR DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO MIRAMAR AIR SHOW, NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL, MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, AND END OF THE YEAR APPRECIATION.

-EXCLUSIVE BREAKFAST 11 MOS PROMO; \$374

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