



# Blue & Gold

Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

56-3 | March 2026

## BREAKFAST EVENT

March 6, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;  
MAJ ZACHARY R. BOMBRIA  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
USMC RECRUITING STATION SAN DIEGO

*“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, but the Marines don’t have that problem.”*

— President Ronald Reagan

## IN THIS ISSUE

- Navy Heritage ..... Cover
- President Message ..... Cover
- Special Thank You ..... Cover
- Breakfast Speaker ..... 2
- Breakfast Sponsor ..... 2
- Community Involvement..... 2
- Recognitions..... 3
- Membership ..... 4

## NAVY HERITAGE

Recruiting Station (RS) San Diego is responsible for military recruitment of civilians into the Marine Corps. In addition to finding volunteers to join, it is also responsible for preparing them for Recruit Training or Officer Candidate School. The founding of the Marine Corps in 1775, the first recruiting drive was held at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. At the time, the recruiting of volunteers was the responsibility of the various barracks commanders scattered throughout the United States to guard naval installations and man ships. Recruiting posters through to the American Civil War promised prospective recruits of bounties and prizes for service at sea. After the end of the draft in the United States in 1972, recruiters had to shift from merely processing recruits to actively seeking and encouraging them to join an all-volunteer force. Marine recruiters are the public face of the Corps, seen most commonly by the civilian population. Recruiting is a complex process that involves two main focuses, prospecting and selling. All potential recruits are screened by recruiters for physical standards and fitness, adequate education for enlisted, and a bachelor’s degree for officers, lack of significant civil convictions and significant drug use, and other qualifiers. Marine Recruiting is divided into two regions, Eastern and Western Regions divided by the Mississippi River. The two regions are divided into three districts, each comprising several states. These are subdivided into Recruiting Stations located in large metropolitan areas, with smaller Recruiting Sub-Stations covering smaller cities and rural areas. Some Recruiting Sub-Stations have even smaller satellite offices called Permanent Contact Stations often staffed by a single Recruiter. The Marine Corps Recruiting Command has approximately 3,000 recruiters operating out of 48 Recruiting Stations, 574 Recruiting Sub-Stations, and 71 Officer Selection Sites across the continental U.S, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Guam. RS San Diego is attached to 12th Marine Corps District, Western Region.



## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our February’s Breakfast Event. We had a wonderful turnout with 54 guests in attendance. A special thank you to CDR Paul Leon, Commanding Officer, USCG Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific in joining us as guest speaker and allowing us to recognize his Coasties for their professional excellence. Well done to our council members, volunteers and sponsors who continue to support our mission in serving our Maritime Forces service members. I look forward to seeing everyone at future events –Tracy Owens, President



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

San Diego Council collaborated with the San Diego Coast Guard City nonprofit organization in its 2nd Annual Coast Guard of the Year Awards Ceremony, with many distinguished leaders and over 250 guests from the community in attendance at the USCG Sector San Diego Headquarters on January 28th. Congratulations to the FY2025 Coastie of the Year Award Winner; AET1 Williams James. Bravo Zulu First Command for your sponsorship!



Special Thank you to First Command’s; Nick Wallace and Jason Surya for their generous donation of \$4,000.00 in support of the San Diego Council. Special recognition and Bravo Zulu to Board of Directors; Jeff Wylie, Chelsey Gray and Greg Via for their volunteer service in 2025, and Well Done and Fair Winds & Following Seas to Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, Assistant Director of Sales; Gregory Seepersad for his volunteer service as a Board of Director from Jan 2022 to Dec 2025. Your presence will be missed!





Major Zachary R. Bombria graduated from Fitchburg State University in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education while playing four years of varsity baseball.

In September 2014 Candidate Bombria attended Officer Candidate School on a reserve ground contract. After graduating The Basic School and Infantry Officers Course, 2ndLt Bombria was assigned to First Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. From October 2015 to May 2016 2ndLt Bombria served as Platoon Commander, Company B, 1/25 and participated in Exercise NORDIC FROST.

As an individual augment to the 25th Marine Regiment 1stLt Bombria worked as Assistant Operations Officer for the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Southern Command 2017. During re-deployment the SPMAGTF Command Element was appointed to lead the joint response for Hurricanes Irma and Maria relief efforts in the Caribbean. 1stLt Bombria served as the Current Operations Officer for Joint Task Force Leeward Isles.

In 2018 1stLt Bombria volunteered for an additional augmentation billet to Marine Forces Special Operations Command aboard Camp Lejeune, NC. 1stLt Bombria served as the Special Operations Command – Africa Regional Engagement Officer in the G-35.

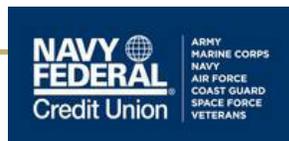
In 2019 Captain Bombria received orders to First Battalion, First Marine Regiment as the Battalion Assistant Operations Officer for deployment on Marine Rotational Force - Darwin, Australia. On deployment, Captain Bombria assumed command of Company C, participating in Exercise STEEL KNIGHT 19 and deployed to the United Arab Emirates for Exercise NATIVE FURY 20.

From 2020-2022 Captain Bombria was assigned to the School of Infantry – West as company executive officer and company commander. Captain Bombria completed Expeditionary Warfare School Blended Seminar Program before joining Advanced Infantry Training Battalion as Operations Officer and Advanced Course Officer in Charge of Infantry Unit Leader Training Company.

From May 2022 to June 2024, Captain Bombria served in First Battalion, Seventh Marines at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA commanding Company B. During this assignment, Company B completed Integrated Training Exercise 1-23 and deployed on Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan participating in Jungle Warfare Exercise and Exercise COBRA GOLD 2023 before redeploying and participating in Mountain Training Exercise 1-24 and 2-24 at Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA.

Major Bombria is currently serving as RS San Diego Commanding Officer.

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Navy Federal was originally incorporated on 17 January 1933 as the Navy Department Employees' Credit Union of the District of Columbia. Only Navy Department employees who were members of the federal employees' labor union and members of their families were eligible to join. The next year, President Roosevelt signed into law the Federal Credit Union Act, which would eventually become the basis of business for the credit union. On July 17, 1947, the credit union was granted a federal charter as a credit union, named Navy Department Employees Federal Credit Union. It also expanded membership to include all Navy personnel in the Washington, D.C., area, both military and civilian. In May 2008, Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) widened its membership to include the entire Department of Defense (DoD), which made eligible all active duty, retired, and reserve Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force personnel, as well as contractor and civilian personnel within the DoD. In March 2013, NFCU further widened its membership to include all Coast Guard members and employees and Space Force members in 2020. Since 1933, NFCU has grown from 7 members to over 13.5 million members and \$171B in assets as of January 2024, holding distinction as the world's largest credit union since April 1962. NFCU is an American global credit union headquartered in Vienna, Virginia, chartered and regulated under the authority of the National Credit Union Administration, where NFCU puts its members financial needs first with low fees, great rates and discounts at any of the 355 branches, many located near military bases. NFCU is proud to be a member-owned, not for profit credit union supporting all branches of the military, DoD, veterans, and their families through every stage of life. The San Diego Council is honored to have NFCU Miramar Branch as a community partner.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to Board of Directors; Charles Clark and Jay Rindler in participating with the recognition of nine Marine and Sailor of the Quarter/Year award winners attached to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on February 4, 2026. Bravo Zulu across the board!

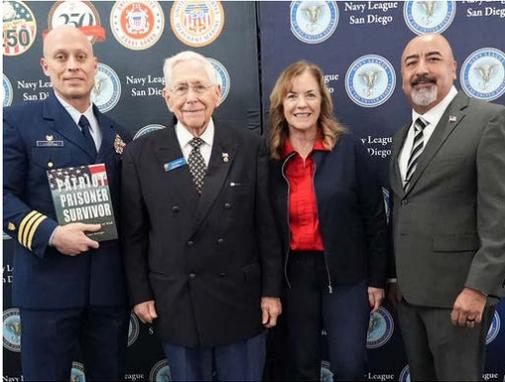


Come Join our Homecoming Committee in welcoming our Maritime Forces return home from their overseas deployment. Volunteers will meet with family and friends of the service members returning home and help with welcome signs and provide them info on our nonprofit organization. Volunteers interested or command requesting support can contact Jay Rindler at (858) 663-3638 or karlort@aol.com.



# RECOGNITIONS

Council held its first Breakfast Event of the year on February 6, 2026 with the Commanding Officer, Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific; CDR Paul Leon serving as guest speaker. During this event his Coasties were recognized for their sustained superior performance. Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) presented CDR Leon his auto biography book as a small token of gratitude in serving as guest speaker. Additional recognition was given to Board of Directors; Jeff Wylie, Chelsey Gray, and Greg Via for their strong support in 2025. Special Thank You to First Command for their generous donation of \$4,000.00.



# WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

## San Diego Corporate Members & Community Affiliates

### CORPORATE GOLD

- General Atomics (Electromagnetics)
- Krank Golf & Elite Fundraising Solutions
- LC Embroidery & Cleaners
- Lockheed Martin
- Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
- Parker Aerospace

### CORPORATE

- PENFED
- Steinfeld Family
- USS Midway Museum

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

- Bank of America
- DoD Training Center San Diego
- First Command
- Hyatt Regency La Jolla
- Impressions (DJ/MC) San Diego
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- RCP Block & Brick, Inc
- Ruehlin Associates
- San Diego Sockers.
- Walter Anderson Nursery

### COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

- Admiral Baker Golf Course
- Any Budget Printing & Mailing
- ASYMCA San Diego
- Boeing
- BPI Plumbing
- Brigantine Seafood & Oyster Bar
- Buffalo Reclaimed Flag Co.
- Curtiss-Wright
- Diana Photography
- Fairway Independent Mortgage
- Flower Island Chula Vista
- Fotex
- Front Wave
- Haichris Inc
- Hexhead Art
- Imagine Design & Graphic (IDG)
- JW Memorabilia
- Krvaric Capital & Risk Management
- Liberty Military Housing
- Liberty Tobacco
- Lifer Dog Creations
- Maritime Institute
- Minuteman Press Kearny Mesa
- Navy Mustang Association SD Chapter
- North Island Credit Union
- Pastrana Group
- Protector Brewery
- Ryon Lee Media - MCBB Events
- SD Century Club
- San Diego Gulls
- San Diego Padres
- San Diego Wave Futbol Club
- San Diego Zoo
- Spotlight Strategies
- TK Urban Garden
- USAA
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chp 472
- Visual Edge IT
- Your New Gate Company

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

- Charles Clark BoD Mbr
- Jason Surya BoD Mbr
- Rick Mitrovich BoD Mbr
- Sheldon Margolis BoD Mbr
- Jay Rindler BoD Mbr
- Jeff Wylie BoD Mbr
- Marty Magana BoD Mbr
- Lincoln Murithi
- Brian Budoff
- NCC Jennifer Hooks, USN(Ret)
- Timothy Frasure
- LCDR John Green, USN(Ret)
- Maili Bibbins
- LCDR Timothy Jacoby, USN(Ret)
- Armin Crnolic
- Taylor Williams
- Sandra Wetzel-Smith
- Joseph Arnold
- Brennan Doerr
- Kristin Dornbusch
- Robert Kellogg

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 and paygrades are invited!



2026/2027 Alexander Kreiglowa 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.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

APRIL 3, 2026

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

CAPT GARRETT MILLER, USN COMMODORE, SURFACE DEVELOPMENT GROUP 1

### 2026 DATES

- 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)

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/>

Recognitions (Cont'd) - Special Thank you to; ITCS Jeff Wylie, USN(Ret), Cpl Chelsey Gray, USMC(Vet) and BMCM Greg Via, USCG(Ret) for their strong support in 2025 and 54 guests attending our February Breakfast Event.



# SUPPORT THE NAVY LEAGUE

You Can Make A Difference! BECOME A MEMBER

<https://members.navyleague.org/become-a-member/individual-membership/join>

### 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

### SUPPORT & DONATE TODAY!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

On Sponsorship, Membership or Volunteering call us at; (619) 230-0301.