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BREAKFAST EVENT

April 3, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPT GARRETT H. MILLER
COMMODORE,
SURFACE DEVELOPMENT GROUP ONE

NAVY HERITAGE

On April 1, 1893, President Benjamin Harrison signed General Order 409 in establishing the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. The first nine ratings (occupational specialties) as Chief Petty Officers were: Apothecary, Band Master, Boatswain's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Machinist's Mate, Master-At-Arms, Quartermaster, and Yeoman. Chief Petty Officer is the first Navy rank that comes with vastly expanded powers and responsibilities over those of that below it. In addition to their rating's duties, a Chief Petty Officer is responsible for training junior officers and leading their division of Sailors and Petty Officers. Today the Navy has expanded its Chief occupational specialties and its rank with Senior Chief and Master Chief. One thing that has not change, is Chiefs are recognized for exemplary technical expertise within their rating, superior administrative skills, and strong leadership ability. Most importantly, Chiefs bridge the gap between officers and enlisted personnel, acting as supervisors as well as advocates for their Sailors. 133 Years of Deck Plate Leadership.



“Even when obstacles may seem overwhelming, the great leader will improvise, adapt, and overcome. These are the bow waves of what a Chief does, to create that endearing wake.”

—GCMC Delbert Black, 1st Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our March Breakfast Event. We had a wonderful turnout with 52 guests in attendance. A special thank you to Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station San Diego; Maj Zachary Bombria in attending as guest speaker and 12th Marine Corps District Chaplain; CDR Mark Rodgers for his invocation as Chaplain. It was an honor to recognize Marines for their professional excellence and having Navy League New Hampshire President; Kevin Galeaz join us for the breakfast event. Lastly, 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



COMMUNITY PARTNER EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Navy Federal Credit Union; MCAS Miramar Branch Manager Bryan Geluz in being selected to lead Naval Base San Diego Branch and Assistant Manager Marjorie “Marie” Barrera selection to take lead as MCAS Miramar Branch Manager. BIG WIN across the board for our Community Partners and strong supporters of the San Diego Council.



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SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Anthony Collarusso - \$60; Huntington National Bank - \$89.50; Bradley & Geneifer Bianchi - \$100; & Liberty Tobacco - \$371 for a total of \$620.50 for their generous donation, in support of 2026 mission and NFCU Miramar Branch as March Breakfast Sponsors.





Captain Garrett H. Miller, a native of Daytona Beach, Florida, enlisted in the United States Navy as a Quartermaster in 1991 and was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of USS SHILOH (CG 67). He was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1996, attended San Diego State University, and commissioned in December 1997.

CAPT Miller's sea duty assignments include: Commanding Officer of USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001) from August 2020 to August 2023; Commanding Officer of USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) from August 2017 to January 2020; Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of USS DECATUR (DDG 73) 2013 to 2016; Combat Systems Officer and Weapons Officer in USS LABOON (DDG 58), one of three ships in the first Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Sea Swap experiment; commissioning Fire Control Officer on USS MCCAMPBELL (DDG 85); and Gunnery Officer and Damage Control Assistant in USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980).

Ashore, he completed a joint tour at United States Central Command, serving as the Secretary of Joint Staff Director. He also served as an Exercise Planner in U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. Fourth Fleet in Mayport, Florida and was the Commanding Officer of Regional Support Organization, Pacific Northwest, serving as COMNAVSURFPAC's Regional Executive Agent for the Pacific Northwest Region. His most recent shore assignment was serving at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations N96 as Deputy Director.

Currently, CAPT Miller serves as the Commodore of Surface Development Group One (CSDG-1).

CAPT Miller holds a Masters of Business Administration degree (Financial Management subspecialty) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

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for \$38.4 billion (85%), foreign government contracts for \$5.8 billion (13%), and commercial and other contracts for \$900 million (2%). Half of the corporation's annual sales are to the U.S. Department of Defense. Lockheed Martin is also a contractor for the Department of Energy and NASA. Lockheed Martin operates in four business segments: Aeronautics, Missiles and Fire Control, Rotary and Mission Systems, and Space. The company has received the Collier Trophy Award six times, including in 2001 for being part of developing the X-35/F-35B LiftFan Propulsion System and most recently in 2018 for the Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System. Lockheed Martin leads the development for the F-35 Lightning II and leads the international supply chain and for the implementation of technology solutions for the new USAF Space Fence, and the Orion command module. The company also invests in healthcare systems, renewable energy systems, intelligent energy distribution, and compact nuclear fusion. Lockheed Martin has a long history as a San Diego Council Community Partner in supporting it's Maritime Forces and their families in the community

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Congrats to Fall Brook High School Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Laila Balbier in her selection as the 2026 Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal Award Winner on 23 Feb 2026. Award presented by Board of Director; Sheldon Margolis.



Community Support requested in USS HOWARD (DDG 83) ship reunion sponsorship in downtown San Diego from June 5 - 7, 2026. Sponsorship categories are available as follows; \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 via our website link listed on page 4.

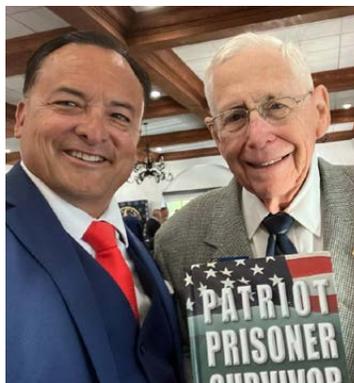


Well done to Council President Tracy Owens & Board of Directors Jay Rindler & Charles Clark in representing the Navy League in the Community in attending the 3rd Marine Air Wing "Hail & Farwell" with BGEN Brodie Assumption of Command on Feb 27th, Senior Enlisted Leader Change of Charge with CMDCM Pete Torres departure on Mar 6th and USS MANCHESTER (LCS 14) Change of Command, where CDR Megan Ricker relieved CDR Shawn Callahin as Commanding Officer on 5 Mar 2026.



RECOGNITIONS

Council recognized Recruiting Station San Diego FY-2025 Recruiters of the Year and FY-2026 First Quarter Award Winners at its March Breakfast Event. Well done to SSgt Jordy Pereznunez, SSgt Samuel Tavarezcabrera, SSgt Matthew Cowan and SSgt Shawn Polasko. Special thank you to Maj Zachary Bombria in serving as guest speaker and 12th Marine Corps District; CDR Michael Rodgers as Chaplain. During this event Navy League New Hampshire President; Kevin Galeaz and Vietnam POW Survivor Retired CDR Jim Bedinger joined in the award recognition and met with the Marine Corps finest. Awards were sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union.



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MEMBERSHIP

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

- Chelsey Gray BoD Mbr
- Nick Wallace BoD Mbr
- Lisa Russell
- Jacqueline Hickey
- Tracy Owens BoD Mbr
- Dave Grundies BoD Mbr
- Micah Gonzales, USMC(Ret)
- LCDR Dana Rockot, USN(Ret)



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, cc: vp@navyleague-sd.com, executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com, cfo@navyleague-sd.com. Ceremonial Check Presentation will be held at June 5th Breakfast Event.

Save the Date; Fri, Sept 4, 0730-0900. First 50 OMB receive complimentary breakfast, gift bags and ticket to win door prizes. Registration is Jul 10- Aug 28. For more info; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



EXCLUSIVE EARLY BIRD SALE now available at <https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/Navybirthdayball/> (Exclusive Early Bird Sale Ends May 5)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

May 1, 2026

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

CAPT JOHN M. LOOMIS, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS PRINCETON (CG 59)

2026 DATES

- Jun 5 - USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 52)
- 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 - 3d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion
- Dec 4 - USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 52)

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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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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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-yoursandiego-navy-league-council/>

Sponsorship (Cont'd) - San Diego Council is supporting USS HOWARD first ship reunion in celebrating 25 Years of Excellence. This 3 day event includes informal social meet & greet, dinner reception and farewell event at local establishments downtown San Diego from June 5 - 7, 2026. ALL HOWARD Alumni's are invited. Reunion Sponsorship is located via website: <https://navyleague-sd.com/product/uss-howard-reunion-jun-4-7-2026/>

For more info contact; executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com.



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