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BREAKFAST EVENT

August 7, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

GUEST SPEAKER;
CAPT ROBERT C. TUCKER, USCG
COMMANDING OFFICER,
U.S. COAST GUARD, SECTOR SAN DIEGO

NAVY HERITAGE

At the request of Alexander Hamilton, the head of the Revenue-Marine, on August 4, 1790, Congress approved the construction of ten vessels to protect the coast of the United States of America with enforcing tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress. Up until 1798, when the Navy was re-instated, these ten Coast Guard vessels were the only naval force in the U.S. Early Coast Guard crews' duties included transporting government officials and sometimes they even carried mail. The Coast Guard as we know it today was formed in 1915 with the merging of the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. Eventually, the Coast Guard became so essential in protecting the United States, that it was moved from its original place at the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, in order to aid the United States efforts against terrorist attacks. In times of war, the Coast Guard has occasionally operated as a service of the U.S. Navy. The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and second smallest of the six Armed Services and maintains a larger full-time force and active reserve of 7,000 personnel from Space Force. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security. The Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. Happy 236th Birthday U.S. Coast Guard!



*"The Coast Guard
has long been
known, as the
armed service that
gets more done for
less."*

—Howard Coble

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined our July's Breakfast Event, where we had 85 guests in attendance. Thank you Chief of Staff, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE; CAPT Jessica J. O'Brien in serving as guest speaker and Chaplain Megan Menard for the invocation. A special thank you to Navy League Foundation in sponsoring the breakfast and recognition for the new Scholarship Award Recipients. I want to give a special shout out to our Scholarship Chairman; Jeff Wylie in leading this year's 2026/2027 Scholarship Selection Board, Golf Chairman; Greg Via in leading this year's 6th Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament and our CFO; Sheldon Margolis in maintaining our foot print at this year's MCAS Miramar Air Show and managing the funds associated with this year's Navy Birthday Ball. Lastly, I want to invite everyone to our Sept 4th breakfast event where we will be honoring our military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in the Navy & Coast Guard and Family Advisors in the Marine Corps. Thank to all our members and sponsors for volunteering support and generous donations that continue to contribute towards our mission in serving our brave service members. I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. - Tracy Owens, President



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CONGRATS & THANK YOU

Congrats to Peyton Rader as the PADRES 2026/2027 Scholarship Recipient sponsored by; Randy Jones Scholarship to receive \$20k towards his college education. Peyton was recognized on the Jumbotron in front of 41k fans on Aug 12, 2026. Thank you DoD Training San Diego Raymond Hughes of \$1,250.00 for Navy Birthday Ball and Liberty Military Housing Matt Ruane of \$1,700.00 for the Sea Services Golf Tournament.



BREAKFAST SPEAKER

CAPT Robert C. Tucker, USCG Commanding Officer, USCG Sector San Diego

CAPT Tucker grew up in Ashland, NH and a 1996 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He holds a Master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. After earning his degree from Virginia Tech, he enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1996 and graduated boot camp class A-150; with his first unit being station Gloucester, MA. CAPT Tucker became a qualified Aviation Maintenance Technician and was station at Air Station Clearwater in 1998 prior to attending Officer Candidate School in 2000. After becoming a commissioned officer, he began Naval Flight School in Pensacola, FL in 2001. CAPT Tucker's first tour as a pilot was Air Station Miami in 2003, followed by an Instructor tour at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL training new aviators in the H65 and serving as the Standardization Officer for the fleet. After his ATC Mobile Tour, he was the Aviation Budget Manager at the Office of Aviation Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters. He then returned Mobile as Chief of the H65 Training Department in 2015. CAPT Tucker was then assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Houston as the Executive Officer from 2018 to 2021. He was then assigned the Chief of Field Support at Coast Guard Headquarters. CAPT Tucker's most recent assignment was Deputy Commander at Sector Mobile, AL, where he was the alternate Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and SAR Mission Coordinator for 18 sub-units, including 4 Cutters, 6 Stations, 5 Aides-to-Navigation Teams, and a Marine Safety Detachment. His area of responsibility was from Gulfport, MS to Big Bend, FL. CAPT Tucker assumed command as USCG Sector San Diego on 13 June 2025. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals and Presidential Unit Commendation and many other awards. He was appointed Honorary Chief in May 2021.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Congrats to this year's 2026 Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal JROTC Award Winners; Cadet Master Chief Eddie Mendoza of Ramona High School on 31 May and Cadet Seaman Apprentice Stephens Crosby of Westview High School on 1 June. During Westview's ceremony VP; Marty Magana addressed the audience to over 250 guests and met with the Prospective Commanding Officer; CAPT Randy Van Rossum. BZ Marty & Jay Rindler.



Council celebrated the 128th Hospital Corpsman Birthday with Naval Medical Center San Diego at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel on June 13, 2026. The event included music, dinner, dancing and the traditional cake cutting ceremony with 500 guests in attendance. In attendance was HM3 Donald "Kalani" Stone who is currently attached USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) and formally served as Cadet Chief Petty Officer with the Gunfighters Squadron, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. BZ HM3 Stone on your successful journey!



RECOGNITIONS

Congrats Expeditionary Strike Group THREE, USS JOHN CANLEY (ESB6) and Beachmaster Unit ONE Awardees; ITSN Tristan Chapetta, CM3 Mark Schloss, ABF2 Kodzo Sowu, LS2 Aracely Vasquez, YN2 Makeisha Burks, Sgt Collins Drake Flores, BM1 Daven Arce & IS1 Kandis Guyton. USMC Recruiting Station San Diego & 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion; Cpl Harmoni Schaeffer, Sgt Miguel Nieto Jr., SSgt Esmeralda Cervantes, & SSgt Kristoffer Harrah. USCG Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific; YN3 Tyler McIntyre, ME2 Joaquin Manor, & HS1 Spencer Jefferson. Thank you CAPT O'Brien serving as guest speaker and LT Megan Menard as Chaplain. Well done to Peyton Rader, Abigail Scanlon and Pedro Serrano as 2026/2027 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship Winners. Thank you Elite Funding Solutions, Buffalo Reclaimed and Lifer Dog Creations in donations for opportunity drawing.



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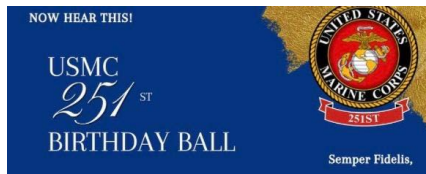


Registration now open till Aug 24th.
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (CONT'D)

Council President participated in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Reception aboard the Destroyer; JS KASHIMA (TV3508) on June 9th. This event provided an opportunity to strengthen professional relationships, exchange perspectives, and learn more about the JMSDF's mission.



Council participated in the first-ever Naval Base Coronado NASCAR Race on 18-21 June 2026. This event celebrated America's 250th Birthday bringing together the collaboration of the U.S. Navy, NASCAR and community. Thank you Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet and NASCAR for its partnership and "America's Favorite Carrier" USS CARL VINSON and the InterContinental Hotels Group in hosting our Council Members.



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2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

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

CAPT BRIAN C. BUNGAY, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO

2026 DATES

Oct 2 - DCOM, NETC Force Development
Nov 6 - 3d Low Altitude Air Defense
Battalion
Dec 4 - USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62)

2027 DATES

Feb 5 - USCG
Mar 5 - USMC
Apr 2 - USN CPO Bday
May 7 - Maritime Forces SSMoY
June 4 - USN
Jul 9 - Maritime Forces - Spirit of Indy
Aug 6 - Sector San Diego - USCG Bday
Sep 3 - Naval Base San Diego
Oct 1 - USN - Navy Bday
Nov 5 - USMC Bday
Dec 3 - USN - EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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