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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

October 2, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

BREAKFAST EVENT GUEST SPEAKER;

RADM ROBERT NOWAKOWSKI
U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)

NAVY HERITAGE

The Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates celebrated annually – Navy Birthday and Navy Day. The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental Navy on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength. Navy Day was originally sponsored by the Navy League 1922. Navy Day is designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day. In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service." – CNO Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt

Happy 251st Birthday U.S. Navy!



"I can imagine a no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I served in the United States Navy".

—President John F. Kennedy U.S. Naval Academy August 1st, 1963

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want thank everyone who joined our September Breakfast Event where we had 130 guests in attendance in recognizing military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN and honoring our Maritime Forces service members. Thank you CAPT Brian Bungay in joining us as our guest speaker and the many sponsors that supported our special event. Photos can be accessed on our webpage and listed on pages 3 & 4. On behalf of the San Diego Council I want to especially thank CAPT Sheldon Margolis, USN(Ret) for his 34 years dedicated service to Navy League San Diego Council as Chief Financial Officer and as a lifetime member. Sheldon served on the Council's Advisory Board, where he lead all operations, fundraising, functions and activities with the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs in giving the proper strategic direction and vision to meeting the council's mission. Including, the collaboration with Military Senior Officers and Business Leaders in the community that significantly contributed to our awards recognition, homecomings, scholarships, youth programs and major event with the Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament, the largest Military Air Show in the country at MCAS Miramar and one of the largest Regional Navy Birthday Ball on the west coast. We wish Sheldon "Fair Winds & Following Seas". Sheldon will be relieved by Senior Chief Jeff Wylie, USN(Ret) who served on the Board of Directors and as Scholarships Committee Chairman during these past four years. Welcome aboard Jeff



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Community Partners for their generous donation, Mr. Carl Weiscope of \$100; Brigantine Portside Pier, Adam Williams of \$300 Gift Bag and USAA Retired USN CMDCM David Dearie & USMC Sgt Maj Tim Haney of \$5k in support of OMBUDSMAN Appreciation Event.



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NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



In 1979 President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation, commemorating the 3rd Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, with this year being held on Sept 18th, were America will honor those who were prisoners of war and still missing in action. Their sacrifice for our country does not go unnoticed, come join us at our October's breakfast event and meet Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Henry "Jim" Bedinger, USN(Ret) and celebrate with us the Navy's 251st Birthday.



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BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LC Embroidery is a veteran and family owned business since 1996. For 30 years it has provided superb customer service, dependable embroidery, sewing and dry cleaning services to its customers in the community, with many serving in the military. LC Embroidery was founded operating out of a back of a truck to operating multiple convenient locations throughout the San Diego community. To this day, it continues to keeping its clients first and foremost and always, when it comes to customer service and providing top notch quality services to its uniform services in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. LC Embroidery has a long history of benefitting the community through the sponsorship of many local organizations and is a strong supporter of the military and veterans. The San Diego Council is honored to have their support as a Community Partner.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to Council President; Tracy Owens in leading the 2026 Cammies to College event in hosting over 1,300 guests in attendance that included military and veterans, and their families with numerous educational, nonprofits and veteran associations at Liberty Station on July 25, 2026. During this event military families visited to hear and learn about numerous college programs, scholarships and opportunities available for 2026/2027. This included all military dependents to receive backpacks and school supplies for this upcoming new school year.



BRAVO ZULU to our Board of Directors; Jay Rindler and Charles Clark in attending the Marine Corps Air Station & 3rd Marine Air Wing "Marine & Sailor of the Quarter Awards Ceremony" at MCAS Miramar on August 5, 2026 and USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) return to homeport from its overseas deployment on August 9, 2026.



Council President Tracy Owens attended the "Navy Band by the Bay Concert", hosted by Rear Adm. David J. Faehnle, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, and the CNRSW Navy Band to over 100 guests in attendance that included non-profit organizations and business leaders from the community on August 27, 2026.



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2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
NOVEMBER 6, 2026

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

LT COL MARCO A. ARRIAGA, USMC
COMMANDING OFFICER,
3RD LOW ALTITUDE AIR DEFENSE BATTALION

2026 DATES

Dec 4 - Toys for Tots Drive

2027 DATES

Feb 5 - USCG TACLET Pacific

Mar 5 - USMC Recruiting Station SD

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

Sep 3 - Naval Base San Diego

Oct 1 - USN - Navy Bday

Nov 5 - USMC - 3d LAAD BTN

Dec 3 - USN - EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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<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

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-EXCLUSIVE BREAKFAST 11 MOS PROMO; \$374

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