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Navy League of the United States | San Diego Council

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BREAKFAST EVENT

November 6, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**2400 ADMIRAL BAKER ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120**

BREAKFAST EVENT GUEST SPEAKER;

LT COL MARCO A. ARRIAGA, USMC

COMMANDING OFFICER

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BATTALION

"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

NAVY HERITAGE

Marines across the globe will recognize and acknowledge 251 years of service to their country, the sacrifices made to defend democracy, and the Marine Corps' enduring legacy as America's premier fighting force. The Marines are responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations with the United States Navy as well as the Army and Air Force. The Marine Corps annual tradition celebrates the establishment of the organization on November 10, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress. Following their role in the American Revolution, the Marines were abolished following the Treaty of Paris in April 1783. Then, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Marine Corps signed by President John Adams and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy. The birthday, also known as Marine Corps Day, was originally celebrated on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when Major General Lejeune issued an order Number 47 to formalize the tradition and establish the official day to its original birthdate on November 10th to honor the birthday of the Marine Corps. The ceremony traditionally includes a guest of honor, a reading of Gen. Lejeune's birthday message and the current Commandant's message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and a cake cutting ceremony. While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937. Major General Thomas Holcomb, the Commandant, presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers, including the cutting of a huge cake in the shape of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Marine Corps. Today the Marine Corps Birthday celebration has expanded by various organizations in the community in celebrating and recognizing Marines and its birthday through many special events, exhibits and parades, such as ours on November 6th, but on November 10th, regardless of where Marines are stationed, or deployed, whether they are still on Active Duty, Reserve, Veterans or Retired, you will always hear "Happy Birthday, Marine."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who joined our October Breakfast Event, MCAS Miramar Air Show, and Navy Birthday Ball (NBB) in celebrating the U.S. Navy's 251st Birthday. Special thank you to Vice Admiral Marc Miguez, Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet as our guest speaker at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel with over 500 guests in attendance. We could not had a successful birthday ball without sponsors, table supporters and ticket donors and the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. Come join us at November 6th Breakfast Event in celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps 251st Birthday and save the date for December 4th with our 5th Annual Toys-for-Tots Drive at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse. —Tracy Owens, President



SAN DIEGO NATIONAL COUNCIL EXCELLENCE

Congratulations San Diego Council as the Premier Navy League Council on the west coast in winning the National "Outstanding Council", Sea Service Adoption Excellence Award in the "Extra Large" Council Category and the "Donald Mackie" Awards for Excellence in Platinum Newsletter, and Gold for Social Media and Website. The awards were announced at the 2026 National Convention held a few months earlier for our Council's outstanding support of our sea services in the community. On behalf of the National Navy League, the awards were presented Council President; Tracy Owens, Vice President; Marty Magana & Committee Chairmen; Homecoming - Jay Rindler, Sea Services & Youth Programs - Shane Steinfeld; & Scholarships - Jeff Wylie. Bravo Zulu to all Members & Volunteers!



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SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to MCAS Miramar Air Show Sponsors; General Atomics (Electromagnetics) VP; Rolf Ziesing and COO Alec Gordan, Walter Andersen Nursery Business Owner; Ken Andersen and Parker Aerospace Regional Manager Service & Support Operations; John Miles who were presented the Sea Services Appreciation Awards for their strong support on Sept 26, 2026. Additional thank you for the generous donations to USS Midway Museum Director of Docent Programs; Jack Gale of \$5k and Steinfeld Family, Lilian & Shane Steinfeld of \$6,600.00 in support of Navy Birthday Ball.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Council hosted its Annual Miramar Airshow Event with 108 guests in its Chalet with front row seating to the largest aerodynamic show in the country, featuring U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. Special guests included; MCAS Miramar Base Commanding Officer; Colonel R. Erik Herrmann & Marine Air Wing 3; Major General Robert B. Brodie who met with guests and took part with enjoying the festivities.



Well done to our Homecoming Committee, and Navy League Region President; Kevin Button in joining President; Tracy Owens & VP; Marty Magana celebrate with over thousand family & friends in welcoming home USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) from its overseas record breaking deployment at Naval Base Coronado on 8 Oct 2026.



RECOGNITIONS

Council celebrated the Navy's 251st Birthday at its October Breakfast Event that included Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor; CDR Jim Bedinger, USN(Ret) and Commanding Officers; USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62); CDR Matthew Intoccia and USS HALSEY (DDG 97); CDR Molley Lawton participating in the cake cutting ceremony and Naval Base San Diego Chaplain; CDR Aaron Miller with the invocation. Congrats to the 3rd Quarter Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners being recognized; YNSA Tessa McRae, EM3(SW) Martin Woolford, CTR2(SW) Abbie Parish and FC1(SW) Cory Adams and HT3 Jesus Fuentes, FC2 John Sullivan, BM2 Angie Gonzales and QM1(SW) Danielle Calugcugan. Thank you Awards sponsors; LC Embroidery & Navy Federal Credit Union.



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GIVING TUESDAY

On Tues, Dec 1st, You can make a difference supporting our servicemembers by donating at;
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product/donate-to-your-san-diego-navy-league-council/>

Your support is needed; Bring a brand new unwrapped toy for children up to age 12 at our 5th Annual Toys for Tots Drive at Dec 4th Breakfast Event.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2026 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES
AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE
DECEMBER 4, 2026**

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

**CDR MATTHEW J. INTOCCIA, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER,
USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62)**

2027 DATES

Feb 5 - USCG TACLET Pacific
Mar 5 - USMC Recruiting Station SD
Apr 2 - USS HALSEY (DDG 97)
May 7 - COMTHIRDFLT - SSMoY Awd's
June 4 - USN
Jul 9 - Maritime Forces - Spirit of Indy
Aug 6 - USCG 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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- BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS; \$35

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