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BREAKFAST EVENT

October 6, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CDR KYLE CALDWELL, USN

COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCES,

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET, (N433)

FORCE AIR SYSTEMS OFFICER

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



"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

Friends and Family of the San Diego Navy League. We had a fantastic turnout at our largest breakfast event of the year in September with our OMBUDSMAN Appreciation that had 150 guests in attendance. During this special event we honored 29 military spouses who volunteer and serve as OMBUDSMAN in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Additionally, we had the pleasure of Captain Nichol Schine, Naval Information Forces Technical Director for Information Warfare Readiness as our guest speaker and we were able to recognize our Maritime Forces service members for their outstanding performances. Our Council was also honored to receive a donation of \$2k from the San Diego U.S. Navy Mustang Association in support of our upcoming Navy Birthday Ball. During the month of September we also hosted 96 guests for our IFWG Social Reception and 200 guests in our Chalet at the Annual MCAS Miramar Air Show. Special thank you to all our sponsors. Our next breakfast event is scheduled for October 6th at Admiral Baker Golf Course, where we will be celebrating the Navy's 248th Birthday. Lastly, don't forget to check out our website and purchase your tickets to our U.S. Navy Birthday Ball being held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt on Saturday, October 14th. As always, I want to thank the entire NLSD Team, our Chairs, Board of Directors, Councilmembers and let's not forget our Sponsors for all the hard work and support they provide to our mission! — Ed Naranjo, President



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



Is observed on the third Friday of September, most recently on September 15th where it honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. It is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War. The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, the date in 1973 when the last US combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. In 1979 President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation, commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Their sacrifice for our country does not go unnoticed. Come join us at our October's breakfast event, and meet Prisoners of War Survivors; CAPT Jack Ensich, USN(Ret) and CDR Henry "Jim" Bedinger, USN(Ret) and celebrate with us the Navy's 248th Birthday and recognize Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners for their outstanding performance. May we continue honoring their sacrifices. Get your tickets today by registering and pre-paying on line at; <https://navyleaguesd.com/product/breakfast-event/>



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Commander Caldwell reported to Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific as the Force Air Systems Officer in February 2023, responsible for readiness and upkeep of all Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Systems onboard aircraft carriers. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on October 4, 1990 and was commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer in January 2001.



Officer Assignments include: Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Maintenance Officer (ALREMO) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) March 2001- February 2003 and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN-76) March 2003 - September 2005. He served as OIC and Training Officer at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Det Lakehurst, NJ September 2005 to January 2009. Personnel Exchange Program Officer, French Aircraft Carrier Charles DeGaulle (R-91) in Toulon, France, February 2009 - September 2011. In October 2011 he reported as Fleet Liaison Officer at COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PMA 251, with follow-on orders September 2013 to USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) as the Aircraft Handling Officer. In June 2015 he reported to Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific as the Force Aviation Fuels and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Lead N433. August 2018 he reported as Executive Officer at CNATT Unit North Island and assumed command in February 2020. In June 2021 he reported to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN as the Weapons Officer (Gun Boss).

Commander Caldwell is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering. He earned his Graduate Degree with distinction from Florida Institute of Technology in Acquisitions and Contracts in May 2013 and obtained his JPME-I in May 2019 from the Naval War College, including a Graduate Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He is also a graduate from the Defense Language Institute (French) and is a member of the Acquisition Corps with LCL Level III and PM Level II.

Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (8 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards), French Commendation and various service campaign medals. He is a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Leadership Awards onboard USS RONALD REAGAN, USS CARL VINSON and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 2004, 2014 and 2022 respectively. Commander Caldwell and his wife Eve have four children, Francois, Danielle, Kyle and Kaitlyn.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well Done to IFWG Reception Lead & Board of Director Austin Krivanec in leading the 2023 IFWG Social Reception that hosted 96 guests from nine countries that operate the Oliver Hazard Perry Class Frigate at Liberty Station San Diego Carruth Wine Cellars on Sept 11, 2023. Special thank you to Raytheon Technologies; CAPT Jeff Westin, USN(Ret) as the sponsor.



Well Done to Air Show Lead & Board of Director Shane Steinfeld and committee members; Ira and Jasmine Heid, Charles Clark, Chelsea Buss in leading the 2023 MCAS Miramar Air Show that hosted 200 families and friends in its Chalet at MCAS Miramar on Sept 23, 2023. The guests enjoyed front row seating to the largest aerodynamic show in the country, that included the Navy's Blue Angels. Special thank you to our Sponsor Presidents, Business Owner & Representatives - MCP Gov; Raj Ghai, Strategic Data Systems; Jeff Wylie, North Island Credit Union - Roger McTighe, General Atomics Electromagnetics; Alec Gordan and Rolf Ziesing, LC Embroidery; Rolan Patzi, and Parker Aerospace; John Miles.



RECOGNITIONS

Council recognized OMBUDSMAN from various Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard commands during its September's Breakfast Event that hosted 150 guests in attendance. All OMBUDSMAN received complimentary breakfast, roses and tickets to win 50 door prizes from numerous sponsors during its opportunity drawing that had a total value of \$10k in door prizes. Including, receiving gift bags sponsored by USAA, Brigantine Seafood & Oyster, San Diego Sockers, Wave and the Zoo. Additional pictures can be obtained from the QR code or link on page 4.



Council recognized Coast Guard Cutter Petrel & Sector San Diego; MK3 Travis Kosner, GM3 Guillermo Morales and MST2 Kathrine Hayes for outstanding service, awards sponsored by Manchester Grand Hyatt. 12th Marine Corps District Recruiter of the Quarter (3rd Qtr); SSgt Kevin Duffy and GySgt Kendall Ripp, and MCRD Drill Instructor of the Quarter (4th Qtr); Sgt Israel Gomez and Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter (4th Qtr) SSgt Will Standley, awards sponsored by USAA. Sailor of the Quarter Award Winners; Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 - BSOQ(3rd); LS3 Thomas Boe, JSOQ(2nd) AD2(AW) Kaitlin Setting, JSOQ(3rd) AO2(AW) Elizabeth Schiller, SOQ(3rd) AT1(AW) Juliana Moore, awards sponsored by Strategic Data Systems. Tactical Air Control Squadron 12 - BSOQ(2nd) AC2 Kristina Jolie, BSOQ(3rd) AC3 Samuel Acosta, JSOQ(1st) YN2 Ash Calipes and SSOQ(3rd) AC1(AW/SW) Isaiah King, awards sponsored by LC Embroidery. All awardees received gift bags sponsored by; Navy Federal Credit Union, USAA, San Diego Sockers, San Diego Wave and San Diego Zoo.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thank you to Naval Information Forces, CAPT Nichol Schine serving as guest speaker. Including her donation of \$2k on behalf of the San Diego U.S. Navy Mustang Association in support of the Navy Birthday Ball. CAPT Schine was presented an autographed book by Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor Jim Bedinger.



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Download Photos from the SEPTEMBER Breakfast Event QR or link here https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OhtLPsdPTyG1U_6oiQreBAR-GeCnWAAq



Last Call - Get your Navy Birthday Ball Tickets today being held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, Oct 14, 2023; <https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/Navybirthdayball/>

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2023 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

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COLONEL MICHAEL OGDEN, USMC
 COMMANDING OFFICER,
 12TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT

Dec 8 Naval Service Training Command
 Director of Operations

2024 DATES

Feb 2 - Maritime Security Response Team West
 Mar 1 - 3rd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD
 Apr 5 - OPNAV N95 DCNO Executive Assistant
 May 3 - Vice Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. FIFTH Fleet
 Jun 7 - Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
 Jul 12 - USN Independence
 Aug 9 - USCG Bday
 Sep 6 - USN OMBUDSMAN Appreciation
 Oct 4 - USN Bday
 Nov 1 - 3rd Marine Air Wing
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 - Breakfast for Non-Members; \$30
 - Breakfast for Members; \$25

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