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BREAKFAST EVENT

August 4, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

GUEST SPEAKER;

CAPT JAMES W. SPITLER, 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 the smallest of the six Armed Services. 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 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

Greeting friends and family of our San Diego Navy League Council, our July's Breakfast event was a big success with having 82 guests in attendance. I want to thank our multiple sponsors who significantly contributed to our success; USAA, RCP Block & Brick, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel San Diego, Raytheon Technologies and LC Embroidery. We were honored to have Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet's Assistant Chief of Staff (N7) Training & Readiness; Captain Brian Ribota as our guest speaker. In the spirit of our independence we recognized our Maritime Forces Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard service members. Our council was also honored to receive donations of \$1,250k from RCP Block & Brick and \$1,500k from Manchester Grand Hyatt in support of our 3rd Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament and awards recognition program. I want to acknowledge and thank Chris Catania in leading this year's Golf Tournament that hosted 92 Golfers and 11 Sponsors. Additionally, I want to thank our Sea Service Committee with the awards presented aboard USS SAN DIEGO (LPD22), USS TRIPOLI (LHA 7) and Submarine Squadron 11 and our Homecoming Committee support with the return of USS CHARLESTON (LCS 18) and USS DECATUR (DDG 73) at Naval Base San Diego. Well done to our Youth Program Committee in presenting the Youth Medal Awards to Navy Cadets at Point Loma High School and Westview High School and our Scholarship Committee with the 2023/2024 Ceremonial Check Presentation to our Scholarship Winners. Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to attend our August 4th breakfast event where we will be celebrating the U.S. Coast Guard's 233rd Birthday and upcoming events via our website; Miramar Air Show on Sat, Sept 23, 2023 at MCAS Miramar and Navy Birthday Ball on Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. As always, I want to thank the entire SDNL Council, Executive Team, Chairs and members for their everyday selfless contribution to our Council. —Ed Naranjo, President.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Generous Donations Appreciated; Thank you RCP Block & Brick Representative; Ryan Ertle for the donation of \$1,250.00 and the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel San Diego Representative; Gregory Seepersad donation of \$1,500.00. Both their donations are in support of 3rd Annual Sea Services Golf Tournament and Breakfast Awards Recognition. Additional thank you to former San Diego Council President; Phyllis Barber and Council Members; Anthony Collarusso and Captain Carl & Charlene Weiscopef donations in support of service members for July's Breakfast Event.

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Captain James W. Spitler assumed command on July 14, 2022 as Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego, California, where he serves as the Senior Coast Guard Officer in the Southwest region of the United States. He is responsible for leading all maritime operations to ensure the safety, security, law enforcement, and environmental protection from the U.S. - Mexico Maritime Border northward to Dana Point, CA, and east to the Colorado River, and inland navigable lakes of Arizona and southern areas of Utah and Nevada. Captain Spitler's previous assignments include the Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Directorate of Operations, United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where he led a division comprised of joint military and Department of Defense civilians from various fields of specialized expertise to include operations, plans, personnel, administrative, logistics, and medical to provide support as Joint Enabling Capabilities to National Guard headquarters in the 52 states and territories in the USNORTHCOM area of responsibility. The Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies with distinction; Commanding Officer of Air Station Houston, Texas, where he was responsible for the Coast Guard aviation response during Hurricane Harvey, saving over 1,700 lives; Engineering Officer at Sector Corpus Christi, Texas; Medium Range Surveillance Engineering Branch Chief at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Assistant Engineering Officer and Instructor Pilot at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama; Instructor Pilot at Air Station Miami, Florida; Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida; and Operations Officer aboard the USCGC PLANETREE (WLB-307), a 180-foot seagoing buoy tender homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska. Captain Spitler is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Purdue University, and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt graduate of the National Graduate School. He has held pilot designations in the Coast Guard's HU-25A/C/D, HC-144A, MH-65D and MH-60T airframes, and holds FAA certifications as an Airline Transport Pilot (FW/RW), Certified Flight Instructor (FW), Airframe & Powerplant mechanic and others. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Commendation and Achievement Medals, as well as various other military decorations.



BREAKFAST SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

"In the early 1950s, Air Force Lt. Col. Carroll Payne worked closely with the families of several crew members killed in a series of training flights. Saddened by the survivors' financial difficulties, he began laying the groundwork for the company that would become First Command. In 1958, First Command was founded with a simple goal: to improve the financial well-being of service members and their families. Today, more than 60 years later, First Command offers comprehensive financial plans consisting of what were referred to as the "three cardinal cornerstones" - savings, investments and life insurance. To include; the First Command Educational Foundation to provide scholarships to the children of active duty military members. First Command Bank, an online bank based in the company's Home Office in Fort Worth, Texas and has become a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA), a legal designation that requires firms to act as a fiduciary. A lot of things have changed in the time since Lt. Col. Payne founded First Command, but its focus on fulfilling his vision has not. First Command is committed to its Mission of "Coaching those who serve in their pursuit of financial security" and our Vision of "Lifelong financial security for our Nation's military families. First Command has a long history of benefitting the community through the sponsorship of many local organizations and is a strong supporter of the military, veterans and its families. The San Diego Council is honored to have their support as a Community Partner."



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to the Youth Programs; Shane Steinfeld and Charles Clark to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to NJROTC; Cadet Petty Officer First Class Jehu Perez-Gonzalez at Point Loma High School on May 23 and Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Adam Rabanal at Westview High School on June 5, 2023.

Charles Clark, USAF(Vet) presented awards aboard USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22) Sailor of the Quarter (1st Qtr) to BSOQ; HM3 Grace Ndukwo, JSOQ; EN2(SW) Michael Jackson, SOQ; IC2(SW) Payton Carrigan, SSOQ; QM1(SW/EXW) Sidarius Martin. Special thank you to First Command Ship Award Sponsors; Nick Wallace, Abigail Woods and Garry Badio



Well done to our Sea Service Committee! GySgt Ira Heide, USMC(Ret) visited Naval Base San Diego and Naval Base Point Loma to present Sailor of the Quarter awards to USS TRIPOLI (LHA 7) (2nd Qtr) - BSOQ; HN Diana Ornelas-Perez, JSOQ; RS3(SW) Essence Addison, SOQ; ABH2(AW) Quinton Calhoun and SSOQ; ABH1(AW/SW/EXW) Anthony Ramos. Special thank you to USAA Ship Sponsors; CMDCM David Dearie, USN(Ret). Submarine Squadron 11 Sailor of the Quarter (3rd Qtr) - JSOQ; FT2(SS) Caleb Sullivan and SOQ; RP1(SW) Marie Escano. Awards sponsor Raytheon Technologies.



RECOGNITIONS

Well done to U.S. Coast Guard - Small Boat Station and Maritime Security Response Team West; EM2 Riku Cotter and ME1 Skyler Baird for outstanding service, awards sponsored by USAA. Marine Corps - 12th Marine Corps District Recruiter of the Quarter (3rd Qtr); Sgt Kimberly Vasquez and GySgt Darryl Armstrong for professional excellence, sponsored by RCP Block & Brick. MCRD Recruit Training Regiment Drill Instructors of the Quarter (3rd Qtr); Sgt David Thomas and Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; SSgt Essozlim Amana, awards sponsored by Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. Navy - Sailor of the Quarter (2nd Qtr) Award Winners; USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) - BSOQ; DC3 Emmanuel Quintanilla, JSOQ; GSM3(SW) Brandon Lawrence, SOQ; BM2(SW/AW/IW) Ashley Zappier, and SSOQ; NC1(SW/AW) Michael Fisher, awards sponsored by Raytheon Technologies. USS BOXER (LHD 4) - BSOQ; CS3(SW/AW) Juanita McCurdy-Davis, JSOQ; RPSN Madison Harmon, SOQ; MR2(SW/AW) Katherine Chumbiray and SSOQ; HM1(SW/AW) Christina Ahman, awards sponsored by LC Embroidery.



Guest Speaker; CAPT Brian Ribota provided insight on Naval Surface Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet Training and Readiness and its role on how it serves the Pacific Fleet in today's modern era. He was presented an autograph book of "Patriot, Prisoner, Survivor: An American Family At War" by Vietnam Prisoner of War Survivor Jim Bedinger.



Congratulations to John Rader and Tom Taylor as the 2023/2024 Alexander Kreiglowa Scholarship recipients. John and Tom are two of three selected amongst 9 competitive applications. Both will receive up to \$15k towards their college education. Well done to our Scholarship Selection Board Committee; Suzie Johnson, Austin Krivanec, Gregory Seepersad, Ira Heide, Jay Rindler, Jeff Wylie, Mireyda Trueba, Marty Magana, Rosa Wilson, and Derek Barksdale for volunteering in selecting this year's winners. The 2024/2025 REVISED Application is now up on line at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Kreiglowa-Scholarship-Package-1-1.pdf>



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July's Breakfast Event photos can be accessed via QR Code or link at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FYIcWWLxQDMJ3HcJ9M5tnvGTF35IB0D3>



OMBUDSMAN Appreciation registration is now open until August 21st.

First 50 registered will receive complimentary breakfast, flowers, and ticket to win door prizes.

Friday, September 8th at Adm Baker Golf Clubhouse from 0730-0900.

To register email executivedirector@navyleague-sd.com



MCAS Miramar Air Show - Tickets & Sponsorships still available at: <https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/airshow/>

Amenities; Front row seating, shaded patio & umbrellas, centralized catered food throughout the day. Complimentary beer & wine. Including,

VIP parking pass & golf cart transportation. Portable Restroom facilities separate from general public.



Navy Birthday Ball Oct 14, 2023 @ Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel
 Early Bird Tickets & Sponsorship now on sale: \$100 Sponsor; \$1k.
<https://navyleague-sd.com/product-category/Navybirthdayball/>

Well done to our Homecoming Committee in welcoming USS CHARLESTON (LCS 18) from its overseas deployment on June 14, 2023 and USS DECATUR (DDG 73) on June 28, 2023.



Well done to Chris Cantania in leading our Golf Tournament at Admiral Baker Golf Course on July 20th that hosted 92 Golfers and 11 Sponsors!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2023 MONTHLY BREAKFAST DATES AT ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL NETWORK & REGISTRATION FROM 7-7:30AM EVENT 7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M

CAPT NICOLE SCHINE, USN COMMANDER, NAVAL INFORMATION FORCES, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION WARFARE READINESS

- Oct 6 Commander, Naval Air Forces U.S Pacific Fleet (N433) Force Air Systems Officer
- Nov 3 12th Marine Corps District, MCRD SD
- Dec 8 Naval Service Training Command Director of Operations

2024 DATES

- Feb 2 Maritime Security Response Team West
- Mar 1 USMC
- Apr 5 USN CPO Bday
- May 3 USN SSMoY
- Jun 7 USMC
- Jul 12 USN Independence
- Aug 9 USCG Bday
- Sep 6 USN OMBUDSMAN Appreciation
- Oct 4 USN Bday
- Nov 1 USMC Bday
- Dec 6 USN EoY & Toys for Tots Drive

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