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San Diego Council, Navy League Of The United States

Breakfast Meeting

February 3rd breakfast

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUB HOUSE

Guest Speaker:

Christopher Graham

**Regional Manager, Education and
Employment Initiative Southwest for
the Wounded Warrior Care**



Lunch Meeting

February 15th Lunch

ADMIRAL BAKER CLUB HOUSE

Guest Speaker:

CAPT Donald Shunkwiler

Commanding Officer

Expeditionary Warfare Training

Group Pacific

The time is 11:00 A.M. social hour;
Remember to RSVP by calling or emailing
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*The raising of that
flag on Suribachi
means a Marine
Corps for the next five
hundred years.*

—James Forrestal, Secretary of the
Navy; 23 February 1945

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Our Local COAST GUARD – Always Ready

Jim Bedinger

On January 13, 2012 the Commander, Coast Guard Sector San Diego and Captain of the Port, CAPT Sean M. Mahoney, USCG addressed the council on the state of our local Coast Guard forces and how they were executing their many missions and integrated into the Department of Homeland Security. First, CAPT Mahoney thanked our Council for supporting San Diego Coast Guardsman with quarterly recognition and our adopted Cutter the EDISTO. He recounted how Maria



Capt Sean Mahoney, Commander, Sector San Diego addresses the members at the Jan Breakfast meeting.

Taggart has been coming to Coast Station San Diego for 40 years and how the whole station saluted her by signing 'Happy Birthday' to her on the occasion of her reaching 94 years. CAPT Mahoney covered some of the San Diego local history of the Coast Station in its early days and how it was commanded by legend, CDR Elmer Stone, who was Coast Guard Aviator #1 and Naval Aviator #38. CDR Stone was awarded the Navy Cross for being part of the first crew to do a Trans-Atlantic Crossing and CDR Stone worked with early manufacturers on how to design aircraft for rescues at sea. He died of a sudden heart attack as CO on the flight line at Lindberg Field in 1936 but his work and spirit continue to this day.

CAPT Mahoney reviewed some of the new vessels and aircraft like the H-60T that are coming on line that have new LCD displays and enhance vertical insertion capabilities. He also covered how many of the 599 Coast Guard Auxiliary help along the Colorado River with Patrol and boating safety inspections. With about 350 active duty Coast Guardsmen assigned to San Diego, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a vital part of the force that gets "many of our more routine missions accomplished." There were several questions about smugglers and recent drug interdictions that received much media coverage. CAPT Mahoney emphasized that the Coast Guard works closely with the Harbor Police and the U.S. Attorney on these cases and the key is to keep everyone well informed and working together to follow the prescribed procedures. The central command center at Coast Guard Station San Diego is a great asset to help make this happen day by day. Plus, CAPT Mahoney concluded: "Our current Coast Guard forces, both officer and enlisted, are some of the best trained and most highly dedicated forces that have served in this role. Our future is in good hands."

Dave Grundies, Council President, then presented CAPT Mahoney with a Navy League had so that all those speeding boaters would slow down knowing that the Navy League was on the waterfront.

RECOGNITIONS



(l-r) Ed Riley, VP Sea Services; San Diego Naval Medical Center Command Master Chief, Master Chief Yenhung Duberek; HM1 Brandon Jackson, 2011 NMCS Senior Sailor of the Year; HM2 Don Giuy, 2011 NMCS Junior Sailor of the Year; standing in for HN Samuel Giles 2011 NMCS Bluejacket of the Year, HM3 Laserna; Chief Nicola and Council President Dave Grundies.



Coast Guard Chair Maria Taggart presents PA2 Henry Dunphy, Outstanding Coast Guardsman of the 3rd Quarter, a Certificate of Appreciation for his accomplishments as Commander, Sector San Diego, Capt Sean Mahoney looks on.



(l-r) Laura Black, SSgt Matthew L. Medina, Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Command Rep GySgt Michael D. Blua; Council President Dave Grundies; Sgt Jose E. Toro, Drill Instructor of the Quarter; and Command Rep Capt Jonathan F. Barr.



(l-r) Navy League members Bob & Sandy Berman, U. S. Army Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant First Class Leroy Petry and Dean Ridgway at the San Diego Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Convention.



(l-r) Bob Berman, Council Photographer; Joan Mitchell, VP Women's Activities and President Dave Grundies received Letters of Appreciation from Ed Riley, VP Sea Services on behalf of Capt. G.W. Baumann, USN, Dept of the Navy Naval Sea Systems Command for their work for the International Frigate Working Group Symposium.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Grundies

We're certainly off to a grand start for 2012. We had a great briefing from Captain Sean Mahoney, USCG, the Captain of the Port. Amazing how much that little service does.

Navy League San Diego hosted a booth at AFCEA West for the first time ever! We marketed ourselves to the 5,000+ attendees and helping celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sea Cadets. We certainly will inform more people of our goals and mission and hope to bring in some new members. Thanks to all who signed up to be watch standers, and a big BZ to the Senior Watch Officer, Hillary Henderson!

After that we'll have a Board of Directors meeting following our February Breakfast meeting and then take advantage of the Navy League's International Trainer, Bill Waylett, who will be in our area late February. Our new Executive Committee will be trained by the expert and he will stay for our March Breakfast meeting, which will feature RDML Smith, ComNav Region Southwest.



Also be sure to come hear our February speaker Christopher Graham, Regional Manager, Education and Employment Initiative (E2I) Southwest Region Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy Office (WWCTP). It should be very interesting listening to how we transition our War fighters.

Be sure to reserve your table and/or become a sponsor for our Enlisted Women of the Year Luncheon on March 28 at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel. Contact Jay for more information.

See you on the waterfront! *Dave*



San Diego Council

Presents the All Services Enlisted Ball

May 12, 2012
Sheraton San Diego
Hotel & Marina

Save the Date!

ON THIS DATE IN

February

Feb 4, 1959 - The keel of the USS *Enterprise*, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier was laid in Newport News, VA

Feb 5, 1854 - The dedication of the first chapel built on Navy property in Annapolis, MD.

Feb 9, 1948 - The first Marine helicopters were delivered to the Marine Corps.

Feb 13, 1943 - The U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve is formed.

Feb 14, 1778 - John Paul Jones aboard the USS *Ranger* receives the first official salute to the U.S. Stars and Stripes flag by a European country, at Quiberon, France.

Feb 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Feb 15, 1898 - The USS *Maine* is sunk in the Havana Harbor, Havana, Cuba.

Feb 16, 1926 - Congress authorized the Secretary of Treasury to acquire a site at New London, CT, without cost to the United States, and construct thereon buildings for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

Feb 20, 1962 - LtCol John Glenn, USMC becomes the first American to orbit the Earth. He did three orbits in 88 minutes.

Feb 20 - PRESIDENT'S DAY!!!

Feb 21, 1941 - Coast Guard Reserve is established.

Feb 22, 1909 - The Great White Fleet returns from around the world cruise to Hampton Roads, VA.

Feb 22, 1974 - LtJG Barbara Ann Allen becomes the first Navy designated female aviator.

Feb 23, 1795 - HAPPY 217TH BIRTHDAY SUPPLY CORPS!!!

Feb 23, 1945 - Five Marines and a Corpsman raised the American flag on Mt. Surbachi, Iwo Jima and captured by AP photographer Joe Rosenthal.

Feb 25, 1933 - The USS *Ranger*, the first true aircraft carrier, was commissioned.

Feb 26, 1811 - Congress authorizes the first naval hospital.

Feb 26, 1944 - Sue Sophia Dauser, Superintendent of the Navy's Nurse Corps becomes the first woman in Navy to receive the rank of Captain.

Mark Your Calendar

THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MEETING DATES AT THE ADMIRAL BAKER CLUB HOUSE ARE LISTED BELOW:

BREAKFAST

3 February
2 March
6 April
4 May
1 June
13 July**
3 August
14 September**
5 October
2 November
7 December

LUNCH

15 February
21 March
18 April
16 May
June | July | August
Summer Break
5 September
17 October
20 November

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed on committees for the upcoming year. If you would like to volunteer to help make one or more of these events successful, contact Jay Lott at 619 230-0301

GOALS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE

1. Educate national leaders and the nation.
2. Support the men and women of the sea services.
3. Provide assistance to sea service families.
4. Support youth programs.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

WHO WAS CHAD REGELIN??

Last month, this legislative column discussed a determination by the United States Supreme Court to hear in the spring/ summer of 2012 the First Amendment rights of an imposter who claimed he was a United States Marine who was awarded the Congressional "Medal of Honor". It was an admitted lie. But, the United States Supreme Court is going to hear arguments whether the "Stolen Valor" act, passed by Congress, prohibiting such claims, is an abridgement of the liar's first amendment rights to make the false claim (read: the right to lie about military service ...or lack thereof). This month, this legislative column discusses the right to protest at a military funeral. Readers are familiar with the Westboro Baptist Church who affiliates believe the United States military's fallen combat heroes deserve to have protests accompany their funeral services and internments. This column will not go into the logic or merits of the logic.

Westboro's protests at military funerals have led to numerous court cases. One case made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court last year. In the end, the high court ruled that protests outside military funerals are protected under the First Amendment. However, cities and counties can create their own ordinances governing protestors



at funerals or churches. There are rules in place regarding veterans' cemeteries, like the one in Igo, CA. The "Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act" went into effect in 2006. It states protestors have to stay more than 300 feet away from the cemetery's entrance from an hour before to an hour after a military funeral. The penalty for breaking the law is \$100,000.00 and up to a year in jail.

So who was Chad?

In addition to being a beloved brother and a son, 24 year-old Petty Officer First Class Chad Regelin, an Anderson, California, High School graduate was the USO's Sailor of the Year last year. EOD1 Chad Regelin served as an Explosive Ordnance Technician and was stationed at Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3 at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, CA.

Respectfully, *Henry*



200 plus volunteers who ensured our warriors got home for Christmas, and they did it in style. The group assembled 600 gift coolers for our warriors at Naval Base San Diego, Camp Pendleton and Naval Medical Center San Diego. The coolers contained a coin tray, under-armor gear, an American flag sticker, tool kits, underwear and towels and most of the warriors received round trip tickets home for the holidays. This is what makes our Warrior Foundation the success that it is...San Diego taking care of our injured warriors.

THE MEN WHO RAISED THE FLAG



Strank



Block



Sousley



Hayes



Gagnon



Bradley

Mike Strank was born in 1919 in Jarabenia, Czechoslovakia. He died in 1945 in Iwo Jima, Japan. Their leader and Sergeant, it was Mike who got the order to climb Mt. Suribachi. Mike picked his “boys” and led them safely to the top. Mike explained to the boys that the larger flag had to be raised so that “every Marine on this cruddy island can see it.” It was Mike who gave the orders to find a pole, attach the flag and “put’er up!”

Harlon Block was born in 1924 in Yorktown, Texas. He passed away in 1945 in Iwo Jima, Japan. Harlon was an outgoing daredevil with many friends at Weslaco High School. A natural athlete, Harlon led the Weslaco Panther Football Team to the Conference Championship. He was honored as “All South Texas End.” Harlon and twelve of his teammates enlisted in the Marine Corps together in 1943.

Franklin Sousley was born Sept. 19, 1925 in Hilltop, KY, and he died March 21, 1945 Iwo Jima, Japan. Franklin was a red-haired, freckle-faced “Opie Taylor” raised on a tobacco farm. His favorite hobbies were hunting and dancing. Fatherless at 9, Franklin became the main man in his mother’s life. Franklin enlisted at 17 and sailed for the Pacific on his 18th Birthday.



Ira Hayes was born January 12, 1923 in Sacaton, Arizona, and died January 24, 1955 in Bapchule, Arizona. Ira Hayes was a Pima Indian. When he enlisted in the Marine Corps, he had hardly ever been off the Reservation. His Chief told him to be an “Honorable Warrior” and bring honor upon his family. Ira was a dedicated Marine. Quiet and steady, he was admired by his fellow Marines who fought alongside him in three Pacific battles.

Rene Gagnon, was born in Manchester, N.H. on March 7, 1925, and died in Manchester, N.H. on October 12, 1979. Rene Gagnon was the youngest survivor and the man who carried the flag up Mt. Suribachi. He was the first survivor to arrive back in the US.

John Bradley was born July 10, 1923 in Antigo, WI, and passed away January 11, 1994 in Antigo, WI. “Doc” Bradley was a Navy Corpsman who “just jumped in to lend a hand.” He won the Navy Cross for heroism and was wounded in both legs.

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Z Microsystems	9 years

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

**ENLISTED WOMEN OF THE YEAR
 LUNCHEON**

March 28, 2012 • Marriott Mission Valley

Christopher Graham

Regional Manager, Education and Employment Initiative Southwest for the Wounded Warrior Care

Breakfast Guest Speaker on February 3rd

Christopher Graham is the son of an Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War. Raised primarily in Southeastern Alabama, Christopher graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelors of Science degree in Political Science in 1991.

Christopher reported to his first ship in San Diego, California, USS Ranger (CV-61) in 1992. He served as Navigator and Operations Officer onboard USS Anchorage (LSD-36) through 1995, and as Sea Launched Attack Missile Exercise Officer for Pacific Fleet until 1998, before reporting onboard USS Paul F. Foster (DD-964) as Combat Systems Officer in Everett, Washington. He returned to San Diego as Operations Officer for COMPHIBRON

SEVEN in 2001, before attending the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he received a Masters of Art degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2003.

Christopher returned to San Diego as Executive Officer onboard USS Preble (DDG-88) in 2003 before becoming Officer in Charge, Opposing Forces (OPFOR) at Commander, Strike Force Training Pacific in San Diego from 2005-2008. He then became Operations Officer at Commander, Naval Beach Group ONE in 2009 before retiring in 2011.

In an interest to remain engaged with the military community, Christopher serves



as Regional Manager, Education and Employment Initiative Southwest for the Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy Office (WWCTP), Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

CAPT Donald Shunkwiler

Commanding Officer Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific

Lunch Guest Speaker on February 15th

Captain Donald R. Shunkwiler

hails from Callender, Iowa. He received his commission at Officer Candidate School in 1982, and was designated a Surface Warfare Officer in 1984. Early in his career, CAPT Shunkwiler served as a Division Officer aboard USS Dubuque (LPD 8), and USS McClusky (FFG 41). He was then assigned as a Department Head and served as Operations Officer and Navigator aboard USS Peoria (LST 1183), and subsequently as Operations Officer aboard USS Duluth (LPD 6), where he won the 1989 Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year award.

Captain Shunkwiler then reported to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP 094) where he served as a Program Analyst. From there, he returned to sea duty as the Force Scheduling Officer on the staff of the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Central Command, Bahrain. Upon completion of duty at COMUSNAVCENT, Captain Shunkwiler attended phases I and II of Joint Professional Military Education and was then assigned as the Saudi Arabia and Qatar Desk Officer at United States Central Command based in Tampa, Fla. He next served as Executive Officer of USS Rushmore (LSD 47), which was designated as the Pacific Fleet "Smartship." From USS Rushmore, he then reported as Chief Staff Officer for Amphibious Squadron SEVEN. While assigned to Amphibious



Squadron SEVEN, he also served as the Deputy and Command Center Director for the aircraft crash recovery of Alaskan Air Flight 261.

Captain Shunkwiler then commanded USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) and USS Germantown (LSD 42) after completing the first ever LSD class Hull Swap. He then returned to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served as the Head, East Asia and Pacific Branch, Maritime Security Cooperation Division (N52) and then as Executive Assistant, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85). Captain Shunkwiler then assumed command of USS Tarawa (LHA 1) and following this tour served as Chief of Staff, for Expeditionary Strike Group THREE. Captain Shunkwiler assumed command of Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific in May 2010.



Captain Shunkwiler is a graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Defense Institute of Security Assistance and the Joint Military Tactics Course. He is designated as a Joint Specialty Officer, is a graduate of Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a Masters in Military Studies from the Marine Corps University.

Captain Shunkwiler has been awarded the Legion of Merit with two gold stars, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, the Navy Commendation Medal with four gold stars and numerous campaign and unit awards.

Supply Corps History

The primary mission of the Supply Corps is to provide expertise to the Navy and other services...including logistics, acquisition, and financial management...afloat and ashore. The 2,695 Naval Officers...from Warrant Officer to Rear Admiral...who proudly wear the "Oak Leaf" insignia of the Supply Corps are the business managers of the Navy, responsible for the supply and logistic support of the ships of the active Fleet and hundreds of Naval shore installations located worldwide.

The U.S. Navy's Supply Corps traces its 200 year history from its beginnings in 1795 with the appointment of the nation's first Purveyor of Public Supplies, through a series of organizational and name changes, to today's competent group of Navy businessmen and women.

The Supply Corps' history is the story of its people, those who served first as Naval agents, and finally as Supply Corps Officers. Over the years, the men and women of the Supply Corps have come to exemplify the characteristics of ingenuity, creativity, perseverance, and dedication in their efforts to provide "Service to the



Fleet." Each of their stories has a place in the context of American Naval history and reflect the struggle of the nation to evolve into the world's most modern and efficient sea power.

Since 1795, when the Supply Corps was assigned the task of supporting six frigates, its duties and responsibilities have kept pace with the expanding scope of the modern Navy's mission. Supplying the Navy with items essential to the operation of modern ships, aircraft and facilities, and providing fuel, food,

transportation, clothing, and services to the men and women of the Navy in an effective, expeditious, and economic manner demands the dedication and know-how of an expertly trained and highly skilled Officer Corps. To meet this challenge, the Supply Corps requires its officers to be schooled and experienced in a variety of disciplines, such as inventory control, financial management, contracting, information systems, operations analysis, material and operational logistics, fuels management, and physical distribution. Officers of the Supply Corps are aware of the challenges ahead and will continue to make an essential contribution to the operational efficiency and fighting effectiveness of U.S. Naval and Joint Forces. Their continuing vision is to be combat ready logisticians, supporting Joint and Naval operations around the globe.

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