



# Imperial Valley Council

Serving all Imperial County communities.

## August 2018

### Can't Handle the Heat? Get Outta Here! Baseball and Fleet Week

#### Scholarship No Meeting Fundraiser



The Desert Eagle and Escondido Battalion Sea Cadets have just returned from summer training camp.

These Cadets have learned valuable life skills, and attended not just basic Boot camp, but also advanced training in robotics, STEM, and seamanship. Two of our cadets from Escondido Battalion traveled abroad to Canada and Machu Picchu in the International

Exchange program. The international program is only available for qualified Sea Cadets who have an interest in learning about the cultural differences and nautical traditions that strengthen us as a global community. It is our hope that these enriching international exchanges lead cadets to a new perspective on their roles as global citizens.

On August 7th, we won't be hosting our monthly T-Bone steak dinner. Instead, we encourage you to consider helping our Sea Cadets in their next steps toward a college education by supporting our [No Meeting Fundraiser](#). All proceeds raised from your donations of what you would have spent toward a T-Bone dinner will be added to our Scholarship Fund.

Each individual who donates toward the fundraiser before the September 4<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be entered into a special summer gift basket raffle.

Use our [Donate](#) button on our website to make a donation, or use the [No Meeting Fundraiser](#) form to send a check made payable to Imperial Valley Navy League. All donations are completely tax deductible. Thank you for helping us create the leaders of tomorrow.

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## Celebrate the Coast Guard Birthday

Join us as we celebrate the United States Coast Guard's 228th Birthday at Petco Park in San Diego. We'll be getting together with the crew of the USCG PETREL to watch the [San Diego Padres](#) and [Colorado Rockies](#) on Saturday, August 31st.

Beat the heat for some baseball, cool(er) weather, and the great crew of our adopted Coast Guard vessel and their families.

We have reserved a 35-seat premium box seating with hospitality service at your seat (dinner and drinks on your own). We have only one (1) available seat remaining, so don't delay in getting on board for this great event.

**Only one ticket remains -- make it yours!**

Thank you **USAA** for underwriting a portion of the event with a \$500 donation!



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## LA Fleet Week

**August 31 - September 3**

Tickets available

for the first time today!



Get out of the Valley heat for this annual, multi-day celebration of our nation's Sea Services over the Labor Day Weekend.

Free to the public, the event welcomes visitors to the LA Waterfront in San Pedro. Visitors enjoy public ship

tours, military displays and equipment demonstrations, a kids' STEM Expo, aircraft flyovers, live entertainment, the 10th Annual Conquer the Bridge Labor Day morning 5.3-mile walk/run over the iconic Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Galley Wars culinary competition between military branches, and all-around fun for the entire family.

The **Beach Boys** purveyors of infectious surf music will be headlining a military appreciation concert on Saturday, September 1st. Don't miss it!



USS Michael Monsoor  
(DDG-1001)

## Commissioning of the USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG-1001)

On January 26, 2019, in Coronado, California, the Navy League's Coronado Council will host the Commissioning Ceremony and events surrounding it to commemorate the legacy of Navy Seal, Michael Monsoor, and welcome the ship that bears his name into the active fleet of the United States Navy.

USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) is the second ship of the Zumwalt class of guided missile destroyers. Christened on June 18, 2016, the future USS Michael Monsoor will be one of the largest destroyers and most technologically advanced surface combatants in the world.

You have an opportunity to support this event financially, and become a part of history as you join us at the Commissioning events and ceremony. Learn more about the commissioning, and request tickets [here](#).

## Congressional Update: Your Voice Matters

### The Coast Guard Needs New Ice Breakers

Help us celebrate the 228th birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard by writing your

representatives to ensure the fiscal year 2019 funding for the first new heavy icebreaker in decades doesn't get reallocated. The nation cannot risk falling behind our competitors, and as a Navy League member your voice matters in making sure our sea services have the funding they need to succeed.

Give the Coast Guard the birthday gift of a fully appropriated icebreaker program:  
<https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/home>

## Member Benefits



Navy League members can now save on custom and unique products from **CafePress** and experiences, travel, products and services in cities all over from Living Social.

Visit <https://portal.navyleague.org/member-benefits-details#discounts> to learn more and receive the discounts.

### Don't have access to the Member Portal? Get one today!

Headquarters is making it easier to manage your membership and benefits. [Create your account today.](#)

## President's Message



Hello Imperial Valley Navy League Members,

Six weeks of summer are gone for 2018 and that means only five more weeks until we have our next scheduled T-bone steak dinner meeting. I am looking forward to personally seeing each one of you there, after taking the summer off.

You might ask why we take the summer off from getting together and feeding some of the members of our Sea Service adopted units that we directly support? No, let me remind you, they are on watch, 24/7/365 protecting each and every one in the entire USA, not just us in the IVNLUS council.

I bring this up because in recent years we have less than 50 member show up to the September dinner meeting. I would like to see closer to 150 show up! I have only been

directly involved with this council for the past nine years and we are continuing to see fewer and fewer members attend our dinners. For any organization to function, we need support. By you attending the dinner meeting, the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard get to hear from some of you, and you get to hear directly from them what is really going on in their world. Your attendance directly benefits them!

In just three weeks, we are going to watch the San Diego Padres go head-to-head with the Colorado Rockies and the entire crew of the USCGC Petrel. Who is playing the ballgame is not nearly as important as supporting the crew of one of our council's adopted units!

We currently have one ticket remaining for the ballgame, but if there is enough interest, we can get more tickets. I heartily encourage you to attend the Baseball game and get to know your Petrel crew.

Every event. Every dinner. Every effort makes a difference in the lives of those who serve our country. I know we made the announcement in last month's newsletter, but the work we're ALL doing shows the rest of the nation that our men and women of the sea services are important. Our small, but strong council was selected as a Meritorious Council, and we received a 1st place award in Social Media, Newsletter and Website. We cannot maintain this momentum without help from our members. Please consider getting involved, and attending a dinner. It really does matter.

I hope to see you at the Ballgame.

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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **Coast Guard Birthday: Aug. 4**
- Purple Heart Day: Aug. 7
- **National Aviation Day: August 19**
- USCGC PETREL @ Padres v. Rockies: Aug. 31 - *Get your Tickets!*
- **LA Fleet Week: Aug. 31-Sept. 3**
- USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) Commissioning: Jan 26, 2019  
Coronado, CA

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## OUR ADOPTED UNITS



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SQUADRON VMA-214



USCGC PETREL  
WPB 87350



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