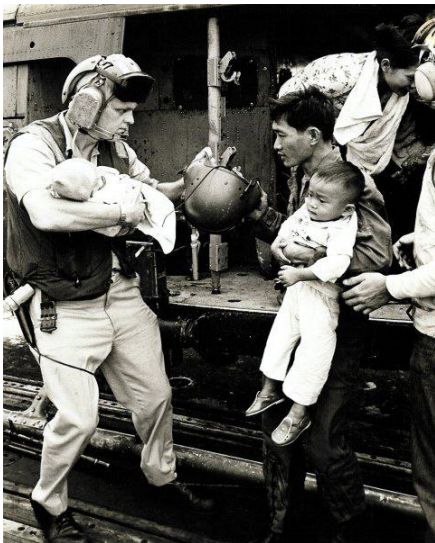




December 4, 2018

IV Navy League Dinner | NAF El Centro Mirage Club at 6:30 pm



Operation Frequent Wind USS Midway Museum

The USS Midway's final deployment to Vietnam was not to wage war. It was to rescue more than 3,000 refugees in South Vietnam's final hours. Experience the hair-raising Operation Frequent Wind that became the largest rescue mission in U.S. Navy history. A mission that broke rules, set precedents, and gave thousands a second chance at freedom.

We are pleased to bring to you just one of the incredible stories from the USS Midway's history. For 125,000 Vietnamese-Americans and their descendants, April 30, 1975 marks the day their lives changed forever. On that date, Saigon fell to the forces of North Vietnam and thousands of "at risk" Vietnamese joined the dwindling number of Americans still left in Vietnam to be evacuated by Operation Frequent Wind, a massive assembly of aircraft and ships that became the largest helicopter evacuation in history.

With the fall of Saigon imminent, the United States Navy formed Task Force 76 off the coast of South Vietnam in anticipation of removing those "at risk" Vietnamese who had ardently supported our efforts to stop the Communist takeover of South Vietnam.

The presentation will be given by Captain Douglas J. Bradt, USN (retired), who is a docent aboard USS Midway Museum. Captain Bradt was a Naval Aviator accumulating 862 aircraft carrier arrested landings, while flying the A-4, A-7, EA-6, F-14, and F/A-18. Captain Bradt served in the Vietnam Campaign from 1969-1970 with 110 combat missions. Captain Bradt retired from Naval service in 1994.

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New Security Requirements at NAF El Centro | Got DBIDS?

If you missed last month's announcement about Naval Air Facility El Centro's new security requirements, you'll want to run over to our website and read the full story here.



For some time now, we have been requiring our members and guests to submit a SECNAV 5512 form to be eligible to be added to our gate list for meetings. The requirement to complete the form has not changed, but we will no longer be able to have a list at the gate. Instead, the new policy requires members and guests to be issued a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card when they submit their form. The DBIDS card will be valid for one year from issuance.

DECEMBER DINNER ACCESS

No time to get your card? No worries. We will be working with you, and the Base to ensure you get to the December meeting on time. The Base will be offering a shuttle van from the Gate to the Mirage Club. We'll have extra forms on hand for you to fill out that evening.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- [Download SECNAV 5512 form](#)
- Steps to submit SECNAV 5512 form
- Steps to receive DBIDS card

QUESTIONS?

Call: (760) 339-2524

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NAFEC OFFICE HOURS:

- Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Closed for lunch 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- *Pass Office is closed on holidays and weekends*

EXTENDED HOURS OFFERED

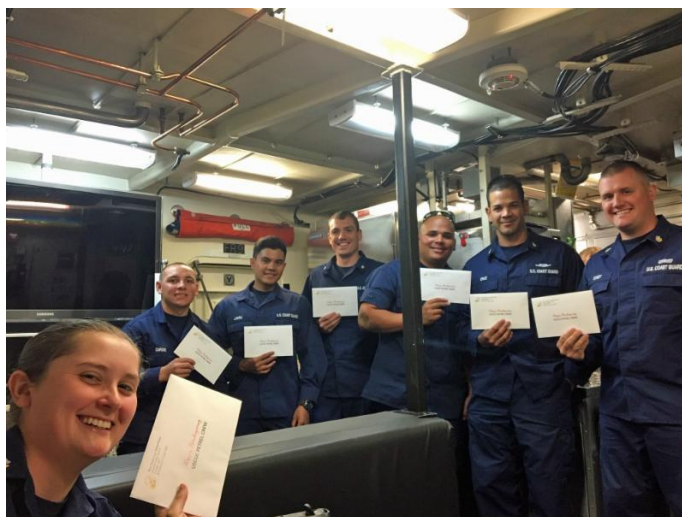
NAF El Centro recognizes that we have members who work full-time and will have some difficulty arriving to the Base prior to the close of their normal business hours. The Base has generously offered to accommodate us with extended Pass ID hours on the following dates for your convenience:

- Monday, December 3: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Tuesday, December 11: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Wednesday, December 19: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Thursday, December 27: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)

Joint Operation Give Thanks -- We Are So Thankful!

You outdid yourselves. You gave so generously to support the entirety of [Joint Operation Give Thanks](#). We were impressed to say the least.

Through your donations of \$2315, your financial support enabled us to underwrite the purchase a total 202 turkeys for families at NAF El Centro, and 12 gift cards to the crew of the USCGC PETREL at a total cost of \$4,190.



In addition to this, you stepped up when we sent out an urgent message to feed 200 Marines who are deployed to Imperial Valley as part of the NAF El Centro Feed the Troops luncheon. As it turns out, we were able to feed not just 200 Marines, but we were able to deliver a Thanksgiving meal to nearly 300 Marines and Army National Guardsmen.

We will be sending contribution statements and formal thank you letters shortly, but we wish to acknowledge these individuals who were instrumental in helping us accomplish our goal for this year. We could not have done this without your help. We are so thankful!

Captain Richard Daniels, USN Ret.
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Marie Woods & George Gardner
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Ed Motter & Capital '64 Band

Dr. Wayne Bemis
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Joe Nell Darr
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Richard & Carol Hann
Dean Currie
Gaylla Finnell
Janie Armendariz
Danielle Ingoglia
Connie Hendricks
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President's Message

Just four words: Go Navy! Beat Army!

That's all I want for Christmas...well, maybe not, but a "Win", would be pretty great. I'll be headed to Philadelphia to see the game in person for the first time. I hope you'll be tuning in at 3:00 pm Eastern on December 8th.



We've been very busy with Joint Operation Give Thanks. Your response was overwhelming, and we just can't stop saying how much we appreciate what you do for the troops, no matter which uniform they wear. It's what we've been called to do as Navy Leaguers, and I am proud of you, and our organization in the support you give.

As we turn to Christmas and New Year, there may be another opportunity for us to support the troops who are deployed to our community. We do not have all the information yet, but there may be a chance for us to put on a pollo asada BBQ for the troops just before Christmas. Just like Thanksgiving, we may have only a few days' notice to pull it all together. When I know more, I'll be sending out another urgent request for hands to pitch in to man the grill to serve several hundred troops a meal. Stay tuned!

We continue to ask for your cooperation in helping us comply with the new security

requirements at NAF El Centro. The Base wants to support our compliance as best they are able, and that includes providing shuttle buses for our December and February dinner until all our guests can be vetted through the new program. I urge you to take advantage of the Base's extended hours to receive your DBIDS cards.

As part of our annual reflection on our Veterans from past conflicts, we are hosting Captain Doug Bradt, USN retired from the USS Midway Museum. We appreciate his traveling from San Diego to give us insight to the Midway's important history. I know you don't want to miss this.

Of course, our cooks will be serving up juicy T-Bone steak -- the last for this year, as we prepare to ring in 2019 and the return of our Blue Angels for their winter training season. You'll get a chance to meet the [2019 Team](#) at our February dinner.

We have a number of outstanding service members to recognize for their excellent performance on the job. Come out and meet them, and enjoy the company of fellow Navy Leaguers.

Wishing you all the joy this holiday season will bring!

Ted

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **IV Navy League T-Bone Dinner: December 4, 2018, 6:30 pm**
Mirage Club at NAF El Centro
- **NAF El Centro Holiday Parade: Friday, Nov 30, 7:00 pm**
- **USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) Commissioning: Jan 26, 2019**
Coronado, CA request tickets [here](#)

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