



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 NAF El Centro Navy Ball | 6:00 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 4 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
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NOVEMBER

- 1 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 16 Joint Operation Turkey

DECEMBER

- 2 NAF El Centro Christmas Parade
- 6 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage ClubDay

JANUARY

- 3 DARK | No dinner
- 14 Aviation Day | Imperial County Airport

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Navy Legend - David Glasgow Farragut

October marks the birthday of the U.S. Navy; and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Lt. j.g. Chloe Morgan, Naval History and Heritage Command Communication and Outreach Division

Admiral David Glasgow Farragut was a Hispanic Sailor who devoted a remarkable 59 years of his life to naval service, ultimately becoming the U.S. Navy's first admiral.

The Early Years: A Tale of Two Fathers

Born at Campbell's Station, near Knoxville, Tennessee, on July 5, 1801, his birth name was James Glasgow Farragut. Farragut's father, Jordi Farragut Mesquida, was from Minorca, Spain, and was the captain of a Spanish merchant ship. His ship was operating around the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico when the United States declared its independence from Britain in 1776. After Spain announced its support of the United States, he changed his name to George and joined the South Carolina Navy as a lieutenant, serving the young nation proudly.

After losing his wife to yellow fever in 1808, George called on his friend and fellow naval officer, David Porter, to help with family matters. Since he felt unable to care for a young child, George Farragut asked then Capt. Porter if he could take his son and raise him as his own. His friend agreed, and in 1809, James Farragut joined his new family.

Immediately, Porter introduced the eight-year-old Farragut to the Navy and he began spending time at sea with his newly adopted father. Receiving a naval appointment to midshipman one year later, at the very young age of nine, Farragut grew up quickly and rose up to the responsibility. At this time, Farragut changed his name from James to David in order to show admiration and gratitude for his new family.

Farragut experienced life at sea off the coast of the United States aboard man-of-war ship Essex in 1811. During the War of 1812, Essex captured so many whaling vessels that Farragut was made the prize master of the Alexander Barclay. Farragut, at the incredibly young age of twelve, captained her safely to Valparaiso, foreshadowing his future naval legacy.

Taking Command

Farragut's first command was the schooner Ferret in 1823 at the age of 22. However, it wasn't until the Civil War where he really began to show his legendary leadership.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Farragut was called upon to serve, but had to choose between his native state, Tennessee, and the federal government. In January 1862, after declaring his loyalty to the Union, was given command of the Western Blockading Squadron.

Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead! ~ Admiral Farragut

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October Speaker

We regret our speaker and biography information was not available before press time. We look forward to having you join us for a great evening of friends, delicious T-Bone steaks, and an informative program.



Admiral David Glasgow Farragut

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David Glasgow Farragut (Continued from Page 1)

After Commodore Farragut's astonishing victory over the Confederate Navy in New Orleans on April 28, 1862, the United States Navy honored him by creating the rank of rear admiral. It was on June 16, 1862, that David Farragut became Rear Admiral Farragut, becoming the first U.S. Navy Sailor to reach the rank of admiral. He went on to support the Union campaign at Vicksburg and was instrumental in the success of securing the Mississippi River fort, Port Hudson, from the Confederates.

In 1864, Adm. Farragut displayed his tenacity and toughness in battle by confronting the last Confederate stronghold of the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile Bay. As his armada arrived in the bay, they were met with mines anchored to the sea bottom (during that era, mines were referred to as torpedoes, which, given present-day language, has been known to cause some confusion). One of his ships, the *Tecumseh*, struck a mine and sunk immediately. The entire armada came to a harrowing halt.

Although some dispute his actual words, one thing is for sure, Farragut understood the importance of momentum in battle, and it's been said it was during this battle that he cried out the famous phrase "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" Impassioned by his boldness, the armada continued through the mines and won a decisive victory. For his efforts, the Navy yet again created a new rank, vice admiral, to which he was appointed. His promotions were not finished, however, because shortly after the war, President Lincoln promoted Farragut to the newly created rank of full admiral.

A Lasting Legacy

Adm. David Farragut died in 1870 and received a hero's farewell. President Ulysses S. Grant led 10,000 soldiers and Sailors through the streets of New York during his funeral procession. In 2013, Farragut's gravesite at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx was honored as a National Historic Landmark. A tall marble pillar marks the gravesite with symbols of his naval service.

Farragut's "ever-bouyant spirit" continues to live on in history books and in the Navy. His bold leadership style and infamous line, regardless of its factual accuracy, remains a battle cry for Sailors 152 years later.

MCAS Miramar hosts Blue Angels at Airshow

We caught up with both the Blue Angels and our Blacksheep squadrons who were representing at Miramar airshow. We weren't the only spectators who were amazed by high-flying aerial demonstrations by the F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter, the AV-8B Harrier, the MV-22B Osprey, the Blue Angels, as well as an intense Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration.

This year's show celebrated the Centennial of the Marine Corps Reserve, and was dedicated to the late Blue Angels #6, Captain Jeff Kuss, USMC.

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, is the home of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and is also the "World's Largest Military Air Show." It's 23,000-acre facility is home to more than 10,000 Marines that supports this unit.



Grow the Fleet: We Need a bigger Navy

Tell Congress you want a strong Navy with a force to match threats

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has directed the Navy to slash its Littoral Combat Ship order from 52 to 40—a dangerous reduction when the Navy's ship presence is already strained. He criticized the Navy for "overemphasizing" its investment in shipbuilding—at a time when the shipbuilding industrial base needs significant investments. Secretary Carter highlighted other investments that must be made as well: but the Navy is too important to suffer trade-offs. Numerous independent studies have shown that the Navy must increase in size and capability in order to meet tomorrow's challenges. The Navy admits its needs a larger attack submarine fleet than planned. Tell Congress to fund the Navy at a level that will defeat and deter wars.

Use our online tool to send a letter to your representative: <http://cqcengage.com/navyleague/sequestration>

Did you know?

Navy Trivia

The term "bluejacket" is widely used in today's Navy to refer to an Enlisted Sailor below the rank of E-7 (Chief Petty Officer). This nickname comes from a clothing item that was part of the original Sailor's uniform. This short, double-breasted jacket provided protection for the Sailors but remained out of the way when they handled sails and lines. The bluejacket, was standard issue until the peacoat came along in 1886.

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We all have our nation's brave service members to be thankful for this, and every year. Joint Operation Give Thanks is just one of the many ways Navy League gives its thanks to the courageous men and women who wear our nation's cloth.

For more than 25 years, the Imperial Valley Council of the Navy League has provided Thanksgiving turkeys to the active-duty servicemen and women whose families are stationed at Naval Air Facility El Centro.

This year, the Council will extend its circle of giving to include the crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter PETREL (WPB 87350). We are seeking your partnership to help us fund this important program we're designating "Joint Operation Give Thanks 2016."

With your help, we will be able to show our appreciation to our service members and their families and "Give Thanks" for their sacrifice to our nation.

Please join us in supporting Joint Operation Give Thanks 2016. Your sponsorships are tax-deductible.

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Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) allows Federal workers to become involved in their communities and to have their giving and volunteering efforts viewed as a direct extension of their commitment to public service. If there was ever a time when the U.S. Sea Services need a strong voice – it's now. We know that a strong national defense is essential to realizing a lasting peace, at home and around the world. Your generous contribution plays an important role in helping the Navy League serve as the supportive voice through educating Americans and our government about the importance of our country's sea power, global peace and economic stability. Please consider Navy League when making your designation. Every dollar makes a difference! **#58495**



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Upcoming Events

- October 1** **United States Navy's 241st Birthday Ball | NAF El Centro** | Tickets on sale now. Contact Janie at (760) 604-8428
- November 11** **Veterans Day Parade | City of Holtville** | Participation registration due by October 16th | Denise Garcia, (760) 356-3013
- November 16** **Joint Operation Turkey at NAF El Centro** | Help us provide Thanksgiving Turkeys for active duty families (see insert)
- December 2** **Christmas Parade at NAF El Centro** | Kick-off holiday season with this lighted night parade.



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U.S. Navy Birthday Ball

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Black Tie
Civilian Tickets \$45
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NEXT DINNER

OCTOBER 4

6:30 PM