



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 6 Dark – No Dinner
- 24 Yuma Navy League Cruisin Car Show | 10am-3pm

FEBRUARY

- 3 Blue Angels Night | 5:30 pm
- 14 Valentine's Dinner | 5-9pm | NAF Mirage Club
- 15 Imperial Valley Council 66th Birthday
- 27 Desert Outing 2015
- 28 Desert Outing 2015

MARCH

- 7 Blue Angels 10k Fun Run | 8:00 am NAF El Centro
- 13 NAF El Centro Food Fest | 5:30 pm Hangar 8
Pre-Air Show Party | 9pm-1:30 am Sundowner Club
- 14 Blue Angels Air Show | 9:00 am

Blue Angels return to El Centro



The Blue Angels returned to El Centro on Saturday, January 4 to begin their winter training. Blue Angels "Boss," Captain Tom Frosch said "El Centro is probably the most important part of the whole year because it's where we come together as a team and set the foundation here. This is where we build our team and get ourselves ready for the show season," Frosch said.

The Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron has been training in El Centro since 1967. During their training, they'll complete at least 120 training flights during their 10-week winter training which will conclude at Naval Air Facility El Centro's air show on March 14.

Following the arrival of the F/A-18 Hornet arrival, the Team's C-130 transport, Fat Albert also arrived carrying maintenance and support personnel.

Join us on Tuesday, February 3 to meet the 2015 Blue Angels Team.

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CELEBRATE THE 4TH ANNUAL BLUE ANGELS 10K FUN RUN...

It's a family event for all ages! Run, walk, or bike the course. Strollers welcome! All registered participants receive an event T-shirt.

Race begins at 8 am at Sunbeam Lake, on Sunbeam Lake Rd. and ends at the NAF El Centro Blue Angels Park.

POST-RUN/WALK PARTY

Invite your friends to cheer for you at the finish line and celebrate at the post race party at Blue Angels Park aboard NAF El Centro. Enjoy refreshments, music, jumpers and free health screenings. Food and Drinks are available for purchase.

For registration and information, call 760-339-2627 or visit WWW.NAVYLIFESW.COM/EL_CENTRO

ENTRY FEES (Price does not include online registration fee)

| | Before 2/6/15 | After 2/6/15 |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Adult (13 yrs and older) | \$25 | \$30 |
| Military Active Duty | \$20 | \$25 |
| Seniors (65+) | \$20 | \$25 |
| Children (5-12 yrs) | \$15 | \$20 |

Children 4 and under participate FREE!

No registration required. Does not include t-shirt

GROUPS OF 15 OR MORE

Team entries must be submitted together with the team or group name on the registration form. *Price per person \$20*

Toys For Tots Thanks You for Your Support

Dear Navy Leaguers,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for taking part in our Imperial County "Toys for Tots" toy program. This year, we served over 2,000 children, aged newborn to teen, from throughout Imperial County.

With this program, children from struggling and/or unstable homes are able to feel the magic and excitement that the holidays bring. Parents who too often must say "no" to frivolous expenses many of us take for granted, can see their children's faces light up with the joy while opening gifts on Christmas morning. More than about toys and gifts, this program offers hope to families and children who might otherwise have none.

Please know that through your generosity of gifts and contributions, made a huge difference to the recipients. You can only imagine the gratitude expressed by these parents.

On behalf of the Marine Corps League's Desert Leathernecks Detachment 1171, Imperial Valley Navy League, and myself – *Thank you!* We wish you all the best of holidays, and peace and prosperity in the New Year.

With sincere appreciation,

James Mulvihill

Imperial County Coordinator

Toys for Tots

Sea Cadets visit Hospital Ship USNS MERCY (T-AH 19)

During winter break our Sea Cadets of the Desert Eagle Squadron and Escondido Battalion and Training Ship Kit Carson were guests of Mercy's Ship Master, Captain Tom Giudice (our November speaker). The Cadets and their leaders were given a 2.5 hour tour of the ship's various compartments including the bridge, surgical, recovery, and radiology rooms, flight deck, temporary berthing, galley facilities, and fitness center.

The Cadets, aged 11-17 years learned about the ship's characteristics, and mission of providing support during disaster relief and humanitarian operations around the world.



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Desert Outing 2015



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NEXT DINNER MEETING

FEBRUARY 3

5:30 PM

(early start time)