

Imperial Valley Council



T-bone Tidbits

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps 240th Birthday
- 11 Imperial County Veterans Day Parade
City of Holtville | 10:00 am
- 19 Joint Operation Turkey for the Troops
NAF El Centro Commissary |
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 4 NAF El Centro Christmas Parade
- 11 Council Adoption of USCGC Petrel
Naval Base Point Loma | 10:00am

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 2016

- 26-27 Desert Outing

Navy League of the United States
Citizens in Support of the Sea Services



U.S. Navy



U.S. Marine Corps



U.S. Coast Guard



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Merchant Marine

U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Boat Joint Adoption

Imperial Valley and Palm Springs Councils to adopt USCGC Petrel and USCGC Sea Otter

In July 2011 the Imperial Valley and Palm Springs Councils held a joint ceremony for the adoption of the USCGC Sherman (WHEC 720) and the USCGC Boutwell (WHEC 719) in San Diego. In January of this year, our Council learned Sherman had been reassigned to Japan, and as a result we were "losing" our San Diego-based cutter.

At the same time, Palm Springs Council has learned that Boutwell's long-storied service is coming to an end, and is scheduled for decommissioning in 2016. As the adoption of both our cutters come to a close, we have been seeking to replace our Coast Guard sponsored ships to continue to provide support to all our sea services.

During our September dinner, our guest CDR Eric Cooper, Deputy Commander of Coast Guard Sector 11 has been working with both our councils to locate two "unadopted" assets in San Diego. As a result, we are pleased to announce an upcoming adoption ceremony whereby Imperial Valley will adopt USCGC Petrel, and Palm Springs will adopt USCGC Sea Otter on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Naval Base Point Loma. Following the ceremony, lunch and tours of the USCGC Petrel and USCGC Sea Otter will commence.

We invite you to make your plans now, and join us in San Diego as we make our formal commitment of support to the command and crew of these fine Coast Guard ships. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the crewmembers and their families, and show them how much we appreciate their service.

Reservations are required to attend. Please RSVP no later than December 5th to (760) 791-7345.

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Miramar

MCAS Miramar Combat Camera to speak in November

The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (3rd MAW) is the major west coast aviation unit of the United States Marine Corps. It is headquartered at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California and provides the aviation combat element for I Marine Expeditionary Force. The wing is made up of a headquarters squadron, four flying groups, an aviation command and control group and an aviation engineering group.

The mission of the Wing is to provide combat ready expeditionary aviation forces capable of short notice world wide deployment to Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), fleet and unified commanders.

Our speaker's bio was not available prior to press time. Please join us to recognize our Marine Corps speaker in celebration of the Corps' 240th birthday.



**OUR ADOPTED
COMMANDS
AND UNITS**



Marine Corps to Celebrate 240th Birthday

Founded on November 10, 1775

The Marine Corps is celebrating its 240th birthday this month. Established in Philadelphia when the Continental Marines were charged with fighting from the land and the sea. The Corps has about 194,000 active duty members throughout the world.

The Marine Corps' motto is "Semper fidelis" (always faithful) but there's plenty of other unique things about the Corps you may not know about them. According to the USO, here are some interesting facts:

- The Marine Corps' first amphibious raid was only weeks after its creation when Marines successfully stormed a British weapons cache in the Bahamas.
- The Marines' first land battle on foreign soil was in Libya, where 600 Marines stormed the city of Derna to rescue the crew of the USS Philadelphia from pirates.
- Male Marine recruits attend boot camp in one of two locations, depending on which side of the Mississippi they're from: Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego for West Coast recruits and MCRD Parris Island for East Coast recruits. Female recruits only attend MCRD Parris Island.
- You can see Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego from the air if you fly into or out of San Diego International Airport.
- Marine recruits are finished eating the moment their drill instructor is finished. This is why Marines eat so fast.
- Fewer than 100 people have received the title of honorary Marine, a title that can only be bestowed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Here are a few of their names and ranks in order of seniority: Brig. Gen. Bob Hope, Master Sgt. Bugs Bunny, Cpl. Jim Nabors, star of Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C. and actor Gary Sinise.
- The license plate of the Commandant of the Marine Corps reads "1775."
- Marines in uniform are not authorized to put their hands in their pockets.
- In the Corps, because of the total hours off, a three-day weekend is called a "72" and a four-day weekend is called a "96."
- Marines are often called jarheads because of their high-and-tight haircuts.

Happy Birthday Marines!



PACIFIC OCEAN (Sept. 28, 2015) An AV-8B Harrier II assigned to the Black Sheep of Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 214 lands on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) during flight operations. Boxer is underway off the coast of Southern California conducting routine training exercises and maintenance in preparation for its upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Michael T.Eckelbecker/Released)



The Navy League is a qualified charity under the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Federal, civilian, postal and military personnel are eligible to make charitable contributions through payroll deductions until Dec 15. Tax deductible donations support the Navy League's worthy causes which is to support the men and women in uniform and their families, and youth programs. For more information, visit www.cfctoday.org

Campaign #58495

Sequestration Action Center

What is Sequestration?

Sequestration refers to \$1.2 trillion in mandatory across-the-board cuts from the federal budget as required in the Budget Control Act. In the summer of 2011, Congress was in deadlock over the issue of whether to raise the debt ceiling and how to reduce the federal deficit. In the Budget Control Act, both sides agreed to form a "budget supercommittee" which was required to find \$1.3 trillion in cuts or else \$1.2 trillion cuts would be made across-the-board. As a result of the committee's failure to reach a deal, half of the \$1.2 trillion in mandatory cuts will come from security spending and half from non-security discretionary spending. A bipartisan budget deal avoided sequestration for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. This deal will expire at the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2015, opening the door to a new round of draconian cuts. Many bipartisan reports and independent studies continue to show that the indiscriminant cuts would result in another recession and would gut our national defense.

The Navy League recognizes the danger that sequestration poses to our military, homeland security, defense industrial base and the economy at large. The Navy League urges the Congress to avoid sequestration and find a bipartisan solution that finds targeted cuts that reduce waste while preserving those programs that are important to the health, safety, security and success of our great nation.

Take Action!

Are you concerned about how sequestration will affect you? The best way for a citizen like you to help avoid Sequestration is to contact your Congressman and Senators and urge them to find a solution that does not hurt our economy and national security. Let them know this is an issue you care about. The most direct method is to call the Member's Washington DC office. We have a sample phone script and talking points. If you prefer to write or email your congressman or senator visit our website for a draft letter with a defense focus. You can also help by reaching out to your neighbors and other community groups - this is an issue that affects everyone.

How To Make Your Voice Heard

We want to assist you in making sure your voice is heard! Let us show you how to contact your Congressman, Senator, and the White House. Call us at (760) 791-7345, or visit our National Navy League website at www.navyleague.org and click on the **Legislative Affairs** link.



How will across-the-board budget cuts affect our military?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING ONE OF OUR ADOPTED COMMANDS? CONTACT GAYLLA FINNELL TODAY (760) 336-0015

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We extend our very special THANKS to **BETTY TUCKER** for providing 200 Halloween cupcakes for NAF El Centro's Fall Festival!

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GIVING THANKS TO OUR TROOPS



We all have our nation's brave service members to be thankful for this and every year. Joint Operation 2015 is one way we wish to thank these courageous men and women this Thanksgiving.

For many years, the Imperial Valley Council of the Navy League has provided Thanksgiving turkeys to the active-duty servicemen and women who have families stationed at Naval Air Facility El Centro.

The Council wishes to continue this tradition, and for the past two years, you have made it possible with your donations and partnership. We are again seeking to partner with our Navy League members, Imperial Valley community, and businesses to help us fund the NAF El Centro turkey donation in a joint effort called "Joint Operation Give Thanks 2015."

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 2015. Your sponsorships are tax-deductible.

YES! I want to be a part of Joint Operation Give Thanks 2015!

I would like to sponsor _____ Turkeys at \$15.00 per turkey for a total of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to IMPERIAL VALLEY NAVY LEAGUE, and mail to:

**Imperial Valley Navy League
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Honor to the Soldier and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause." ~ Abraham Lincoln

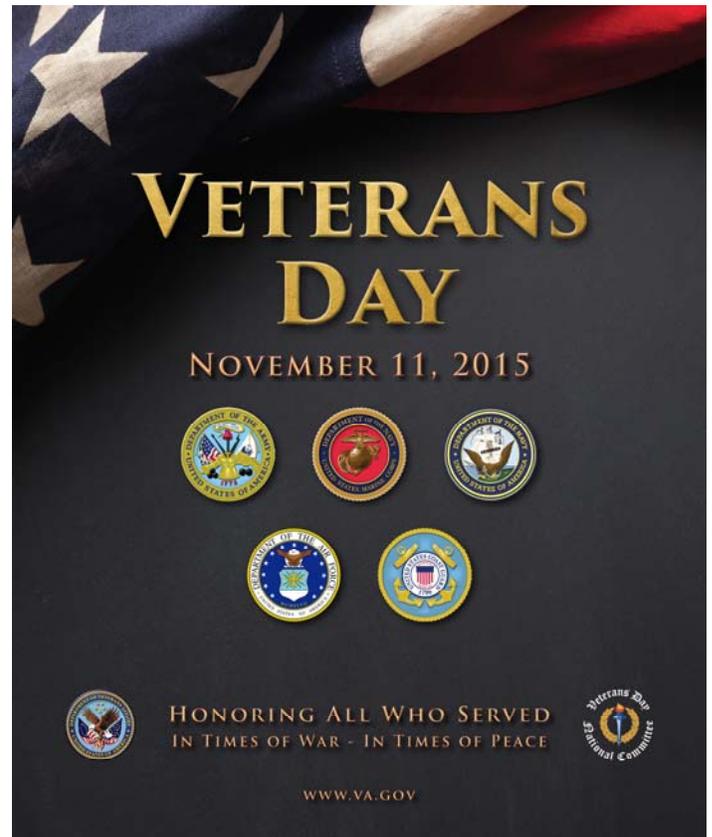
2015 Imperial County
VETERANS DAY PARADE
A Patriotic Tribute to America's Veterans

Wednesday, November 11, 2015
10:00 a.m.

5th Street in Holtville, California
Parade Route: Walnut Avenue west to Pine Avenue

Live entertainment
Car and Motorcycle show
Farmers Market
Food, Crafts and more

Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Reservists
and members of the public are invited to join us.
Bring your family and friends!



VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2015

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
IN TIMES OF WAR - IN TIMES OF PEACE

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Don't miss the excitement . . .

mark your calendar now, and join us for our major fundraising event.



Save the Date
DESERT OUTING 2016
FEBRUARY 26-27, 2016

Reservations accepted after December 1, 2015



*United States Coast Guard Command and Crew
of the
USCGC Petrel WPB87350 and USCGC Sea Otter WPB87362
along with the*



*Navy League of the United States
Imperial Valley Council and Palm Springs Council
requests the pleasure of your company at the Adoption Ceremony at which
Imperial Valley Council will adopt USCGC Petrel
and
Palm Springs Council will adopt USCGC Sea Otter
on Friday, the eleventh of December at 10 o'clock*

*Naval Base Point Loma
San Diego, California*

*Please arrive in order to be seated no later 9:45 a.m.
Lunch and Tours following ceremony*

*Must RSVP by Dec 5th to attend
(760) 791-7345*

*Civilians: Business Attire
Military: Service Dress Blue*



Navy League of the U.S.

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NEXT DINNER
NOVEMBER 3
6:30 PM