



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Miramar Air Show featuring Blue Angels
- 6 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 10 U.S. Navy Birthday Ball | 6:00 pm
NAF El Centro Hangar 8

NOVEMBER

- 3 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
- 10 U.S. Marine Corps 240th Birthday

DECEMBER

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

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U.S. Navy



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Coast Guard Pacific Southwest

Commander Coast Guard Sector 11 to speak in September

US Coast Guard Station San Diego conducts Maritime Law Enforcement, enforcing Federal Law for a maritime area 200 nautical miles off shore from the U.S. - Mexico border north to San Mateo point and inland on navigable lakes and portions of the Colorado River in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada.

Sector personnel also works with Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in Southern California as part of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (ReCoM). The ReCoM was formed as a means to share intelligence and integrate operations to target transnational crime along the Southern California coast.

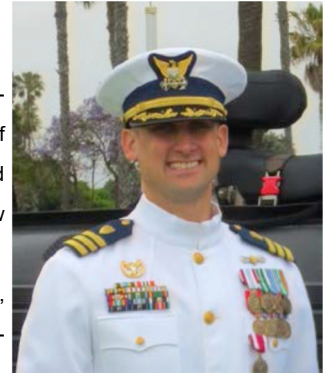
The Station stands by 24/7 for Search and Rescue, mostly recreation boaters in distress and cruise medevacs. Also, ensuring Homeland Security, the Station escorts each cruise ship and some Navy assets entering and leaving San Diego Bay.

Commander Eric Cooper assumed the duties of Deputy Sector Commander, San Diego in July 2015, where he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Commander Cooper most recently served at the White House as the Director for Maritime Security and the Director for Arctic Region Policy for the National Security Council. Commander Cooper's previous assignments include: Commanding Officer at Maritime Safety and Security Team San Diego; United States Northern Command, where he served as a maritime planner and Crisis Action Team member in the Operations directorate; Executive Officer of Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston (91110); US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he served in the Naval Architecture Division of the Marine Safety Engineering and Standards Department and as a U.S. delegate to the International Maritime Organization; USCGC WILLOW (WLB 202) as Operations Officer; and aboard the USCGC CHASE, where he enforced UN sanctions in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

Commander Cooper joined the United States Coast Guard in 1992 and is the third generation in his family to serve as a United States Coast Guard officer. He is a 1996 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington. CDR Cooper was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he received a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2008.

CDR Cooper's personal awards and honors include the advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, both the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Coast Guard Overseas Service Ribbon and various service and unit awards.



Commander Eric Cooper
United States Coast Guard

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US NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

What Did You Do On Your Summer Vacation?

Desert Eagle Cadet receives Sea Cadet Citation Ribbon and Award at Master at Arms Training at NAS Lemoore

From July 26 to August 8, 2015, Desert Eagle Squadron Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Dalles Bell attended Master at Arms (MA) training at Naval Air Station Lemoore. He has attended numerous trainings while in the Sea Cadet program and without a doubt, PO2 Bell said, "MA training was the most challenging training I have attended."

During training, he became very good friends with all his fellow shipmates. "We were trained in Mechanical Advantage Control Holds (MACH) moves and take downs, vehicle and personnel inspections, tactical team movements, and many different scenarios ranging from domestic disturbances to active shooter." The Cadets had an opportunity to go on a ride-along with the Fresno Police Department.

Bell said, "Although MA training was very challenging, it is also my favorite training that I have attended. This training provided me with important life skills that I will use for many years to come. The MA instructors and staff were very motivating. They encouraged me to push myself beyond my expectations.

PO2 Bell's hard work and commitment to training paid off as he was recognized as the Training's Honor Cadet. Commanding Officer of the Training Contingent, LTJG Jessica Lawrence presented Bell with the honor, citation and award. She stated "PO2 Bell trained extremely hard, was always the first to volunteer to assist, and often did so without being asked, and he demonstrated natural leadership skills. His passion for the topic of training and for helping his shipmates made him surpass his peers to become Honor Cadet."

Each summer this council suspends its dinner meetings, and asks our members to consider making a donation lieu of attending a dinner. The funds donated go directly to our adopted Sea Cadet units, and assist with underwriting training opportunities such as this Master at Arms Training for our Cadets and Leaguers. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities and a "help up" in life for our youth. Though summer is nearly through, and we're back in the swing of holding our meetings again, your tax-deductible donation to our Cadets is always appreciated, and very much needed. If you didn't do it already, it's not too late to financially support our Cadets.



Petty Officer Second Class Dalles Bell

Naval Sea Cadet Citation Ribbon



U.S. Navy Birthday Ball Celebrating 240 Years

Saturday October 10, 2015

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00-8:00 p.m. Ceremonies

8:00 Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment

NAF El Centro Mirage Club

Early Bird tickets on sale Aug 1st, Civilian rate \$35

Regular tickets on sale Sep 1st, Civilian rate \$45

For more information contact (760) 339-2656



For 56 years U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been making history...



Spotlight on Adopted Unit Escondido Battalion and Training Ship Kit Carson

Escondido Battalion, or EBN, was established in 2011, in Escondido, CA at the California Army National Guard Armory in Escondido. EBN was established out of a need for a local unit in the San Diego North County area.

EBN began with a very small number of cadets who transferred from a nearby San Diego unit. It struggled to stay afloat until it came under the current leadership of LTC Patrick Healey (US Army, Ret.) in 2013. Under LTC Healey, the unit acquired sponsorship from the Imperial Valley Council of the Navy League and began to thrive. EBN has also found support from the American Legion Post 149, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. These organizations are devoted to EBN cadets, providing them with banquet facilities, fundraising events, and community service opportunities. EBN has also received a great deal of support from the Escondido Fish & Game Association, who provide the cadets with numerous opportunities to hone their marksmanship skills.

Training is the top priority of Escondido Battalion. Unit drills are mandatory, and EBN adheres to a strict policy of 75% attendance for advancement in rank. The command believes that showing up, being on time, and calling in excused absences are critical life skills. The staff has dedicated themselves to helping cadets reach their full potential as competent and honorable citizens. EBN cadets are also required to complete community service hours for rank advancement. EBN is dedicated to serving the local community. Escondido Battalion provides cadets with a wide exposure to various vocations, activities and even service branches. Cadets have participated in such activities as scuba training, aviation simulators, Navy and Coast Guard vessel tours, self-defense classes, field medical training, land navigation skills, among a host of others. Most of our cadets have been proactive in attending monthly junior rifle and pistol qualifications, earning themselves the marksmanship ribbon in one or both categories.

Escondido has grown from a handful of cadets in 2011 to a total of 32 cadets, including EBN and its sister unit, NLCC Training Ship Kit Carson (KIT). Since its inception, Escondido Battalion has formed a color guard, a CyberPatriot team and a SeaPerch team. EBN has sent cadets to the National Sea Perch competition two years in a row. EBN is now in the process of trying to organize a drill rifle team but is looking for sponsorship to provide drill rifles for our eager and ambitious cadets. Escondido Battalion is a rising star within the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Please visit our website to learn more about our unit <http://www.escondidobattalion.org/>



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Investing in the
Navy-Marine Corps Team

We need your Voice!

The United States Department of the Navy is underfunded and overextended, placing our national defense, our Sailors and Marines, and the stability of the global economy at risk. Congress must provide a significant investment in the Department of the Navy's fiscal year 2017 budget to meet the Navy-Marine Corps team's needs. Without a significant increase in the Department of the Navy budget, we believe that the Navy-Marine Corps team will be unable to continue their critical work of protecting commerce at sea, responding to humanitarian crises and promoting regional stability. Show your support of the America's Strength campaign and its mission, please visit our website to send your letter to Congress:

<http://www.americas-strength.com/>



On Saturday, August 22nd, we took this photo of a "Welcome Home" sign posted on a family's fence at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Our Sailors and Marines are on deployments for longer, and longer periods of time. Long deployments take their toll on morale, contribute to the breaking down of families, and cause a multitude of problems for our troops, and national security too numerous to list.

Contact Steve Benton or Lisa Gallinat to find out how you can help make a difference in America's Strength.



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NEXT DINNER

SEPTEMBER 1st

6:30 PM