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June 2023

Still the Best T-Bone in Town

Next Dinner: June 6, 2023, 6:30 pm

Reservations Recommended

Our steaks are specially hand-cut for us each dinner meeting. Due to our inability to store extra steaks at our new meeting site, we will only order as many steaks as we have reservations for. We typically have 1-2 extra steaks on hand, but cannot guarantee you a steak dinner without an advance reservation.

[Call or email us if you have questions.](#)

New Location:

Imperial Moose Lodge
2310 Myrtle Rd
Imperial, CA 92251

Pay in Advance.

Pay in advance by cash or check, or click the link below to pay with our Square Card site.

There is a \$2.00 credit card convenience fee.

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Dinner \$30.00**

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Vegetarian Dinner
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June Speaker

**BMCS John Lowell, USCG
Officer in Charge
USCGC PETREL WHEC 87350**

Many of you had an opportunity to meet Boatswain's Mate Senior Chief John Lowell, who is the Officer in Charge of PETREL at our February dinner earlier this year. It's been a while since we've had an update from the PETREL's command, so we're looking forward to having them join us this month.

BMCS Lowell hails from Cape Code,

Massachusetts, and has been a member of the Coast Guard for more than 14 years.



Lowell took command of PETREL in the summer of 2022, and has served aboard three other small boat stations in New York, and the CGC OLIVER BERRY, a Fast Response Cutter homeported in Honolulu, Hawai'i before arriving to San Diego.

The crew of PETREL continues to be busy handling drug interdictions, and it will be interesting to receive an update on how the ship and crew are doing along our coasts.

The PETREL is an 87-foot long Marine Protector Class Coastal Patrol Boat. With a 25-knot speed, PETREL also is equipped with a rear-launching ramp which allows the vessel to quickly deploy and retrieve its water-jet propelled RHIB launch. The RHIBS allow the crew members to perform routine boards of other vessels when necessary, or as part of inspections to ensure the other vessel's crew has required safety equipment on board and complies with other applicable maritime regulations.

Upcoming Events...Only 2 Baseball Tickets Left!

Get them before they're gone. Only two tickets remain for the Padres baseball game in San Diego. Call to claim them today!

We're hosting both the USCGC PETREL and USCGC SEA OTTER crews and families for this annual celebration of the Coast Guard's Birthday -- which has become the largest Coast Guard event in August -- and we're pretty proud of that! We receive tremendous financial support from our partner sponsor, USAA to assist with this event, and give them special "THANKS" for thier partnership.

Following Tuesday's dinner, we'll be packing our trailer in preparation for making our way to Lake Martinez to feed our VMFA-214 Marines. Join us for this great day of BBQ and fun. It's a great way to get to know these men and women who serve. You won't be disappointed. Let us know if you would like to come along to make sure they're well-fed.

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In Case You Missed It | May Recap

We love recognizing Sailors and Marines! For the first time since the USS FITZGERALD has re-homeported in San Diego, it was our pleasure to host their 2022 Sailors of the Year, and and 1st Quarter Sailor recipients, as well as officers and members of the Chiefs Mess. The FITZ's Executive Officer, LCDR Sean Hurley generously came to our rescue as our speaker, due to a last-minute cancellation of our scheduled speaker. We appreciate the XO's accommodation.

The Marines at VMFA -214 continue to excel, and we were able to recognize four Marines.

We had some fierce competition between our adopted units for our monthly door prize -- the Marines prevailed and took home a corn hole game. We extend our thanks to all who attended -- we had a great time!



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Have you tuned in? Listen to Voices of the Sea Podcast.

On Episode 3 of Voices of the Sea, we speak to guest Ian LaBlance about his journey as a sailor, artist, and now exhibit specialist at the National Museum of the American Sailor. Come listen to this veteran's stories of life at sea and the incredible exhibits he designs in honor of enlisted Sailors throughout history.

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If you know active-duty personnel with an incredible story or want to share your own, please email us at voicesofthesea@navyleague.org. You just might be our next guest!

Your Voice Matters | Letters to Congress

The Coast Guard needs our support

We are still urging Congress to support H.R. 2693 Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023. If you haven't sent your message through our email campaign to your representative yet, you can do so by [clicking here](#).



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President's Message

Summer is officially just a few short weeks away, and before we cross that milestone, we'll mark the 79th anniversary of D-Day on June 6th. D-Day was one of the most important battles in World War II in the European theater.

We'll be hosting our last scheduled T-bone steak dinner before taking a Summer break, and we'll mark the



anniversary of D-Day that evening.

A summer break however, doesn't mean that our council is taking the summer off. We are just changing our focus:

On June 15th we will take our grill on the road to Lake Martinez, Arizona and prepare lunch for the Marines of VMFA 214 in our annual Beach Bash for the Blacksheep. We'll cook, while they let their "hair down" and have FUN!

If you would like to pitch in and help with this event, please let me know.

We will do some celebrating of our own in August with the Coast Guard vessels USCGC PETREL and SEA OTTER as they celebrate their 233rd Coast Guard Birthday. We've invited the crews and their families for a day of baseball as the San Diego Padres take on the Florida Marlins on August 23rd. We only have two tickets remaining, if you would like to purchase them, again let me know.

Don't forget to take time and celebrate our nation's birthday on July 4th -- We'll be 247 years old!

Before you know it we end summer and we'll be ready to host you again for another T-bone dinner on Tuesday September 5th. Mark your calendars, there is still plenty to do!

See you next Tuesday!



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Upcoming T-Bone Dinners and Events

JUNE 2023

6 | Navy League Dinner | 6:30 pm

Location: Imperial Moose Lodge, 2310 Myrtle Rd, Imperial, CA 92251

15 | VMFA-214 Bash & BBQ | Depart El Centro at 7:00 am

Location: Lake Martinez, Yuma AZ

JULY 2023

4 | Happy Independence Day!

AUGUST 2023

23 | USCG Birthday & Padres Baseball Game | 1:10 pm

Location: Petco Park, San Diego

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