



Imperial Valley Council

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June 5, 2018

IV Navy League Dinner | NAF El Centro Mirage Club at 6:30 pm



Doing More Together

One of the tenets of the Navy League's mission is to educate the American public about the importance of national defense in support of our well-being and economic prosperity.

In keeping with this, we are pleased to welcome Gloria Chavez, Chief Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol, El Centro Sector as our June speaker. Recently Chief Chavez welcomed the California National Guard troops to Imperial County. Chief Chavez will be speaking on the current state of the National Guard and the role the Guard will play in support of border protection.

Chief Chavez is responsible for managing all U.S. Border Patrol operations and administrative functions within the El Centro Sector, which encompasses 70 miles of land border as well as inland areas of California extending to the Oregon State line.

Chief Chavez began her career with U.S. Border Patrol on May 14, 1995. Her first duty assignment as a Border Patrol agent was at the Imperial Beach Station in the San Diego Sector. In December 2002, she promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent at the Imperial Beach Station and served as a Public Affairs Officer for the San Diego Sector. In 2005, she promoted to Assistant Chief at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington, D.C., assigned to the Office of Strategic Policy, Planning and Analysis and the Special Operations Division-Foreign Operations Branch.

In 2007, Chief Chavez returned to the field as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent in the San Diego Sector, where she had management oversight of administrative programs and station operations. She later transferred as the Patrol Agent in Charge of the Chula Vista Station in the San Diego Sector. In August 2010, she promoted to Chief Patrol Agent of the Spokane Sector located in the Pacific Northwest on the U.S/Canada

border. In November 2015, Chief Chavez promoted to the Senior Executive Service position of Deputy Chief for Operations under the Law Enforcement Operations Directorate at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Throughout her 22-year U.S. Border Patrol career, Chief Chavez has participated in numerous temporary enforcement and administrative assignments in the field and headquarters environment such as Operation Gatekeeper, Operation Rio Grande, and the El Centro Initiative. Most recently in fiscal years 2016 and 2017, she served as the CBP Commander for the CBP Migration Crisis Team (MCAT) where she monitored and addressed the day-to-day operational requirements and challenges for the CBP enterprise. In recognition of her efforts, Chief Chavez was presented with the 2017 DHS Secretary - Silver Medal Award.

Chief Chavez is a member of the Senior Executive Service. Chief Chavez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration, magna cum laude, from Columbia Southern University. Chief Chavez also holds a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School. Chief Chavez is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



Marine Attack Squadron 214 LAKE MARTINEZ BARRACKS BASH

It was Baa-shing Good Fun with our Blacksheep

We relish in every opportunity we get to show our appreciation to our hardworking Marines. Recently our Marines returned from a long deployment, and they were due for some serious R&R. There was plenty of fun, sun and Imperial Valley-style Pollo Asada BBQ being served up at Lake Martinez.

We can't say "Thank you!" enough to our crew who pitched in to haul cook equipment and put on a successful event at the Lake. I know our Marines appreciated the great food and opportunity to visit with us as much as we did pulling it all together.

Special thanks go out to members Ramiro and Mary Castillo, Benino Martinez, Ted and Lisa Gallinat, Jon Singh, Antonino Paolantoni, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Limon's 7th Grade students from Brawley Christian Academy who joined us to show their support of the squadron. The students enjoyed meeting and talking with the Marines and learning to BBQ.



No Meeting Fundraiser Sea Cadet Scholarship

We'll be taking our summer break after our June dinner. The temperatures are already soaring, and it will be time to escape the heat.

Last year we made the decision to fund a Sea Cadet Scholarship for graduating high school seniors in our adopted units. As we continue to create funding for the scholarship, we'll hold our annual "*No Meeting Fundraiser*" for our Sea Cadets during the months of July and August.

Here's how it works: In lieu of attending the monthly dinner meeting in July and August, we ask that you send an amount equal to the dinner (\$25, or any amount you choose) as your tax-deductible donation to the Council for this fundraiser.

Use our [Donate](#) button on our website to make a donation, or send a check made payable to Imperial Valley Navy League. All donations are completely tax deductible. Thank you for helping us create the leaders of tomorrow.

President's Message

"Proud to Serve Those Who Serve." That's a motto that Budweiser adopted in reference to the Armed Forces.

If you've been in Imperial Valley for any length of time, you know the Alford Distributing name, and their Budweiser products.

Last week we received a call from Jeff Alford seeking to donate the proceeds from their recent 2018 Crown Craft Beer Invitational. Only in its fourth year, this event offered participants an opportunity to sample craft beers, enjoy food and music, all while raising funds. We feel honored that the Alford Distributing family would find our mission of supporting the men and women of the sea services worthy of their hard-earned dollars. Today Alford Distributing donated \$1500 to be used toward funding two of our programs: \$1000 toward our 2018 Joint Operation Give Thanks campaign and \$500 to our Blue Angels Memorial project.



We have committed to partnering with Alford Distributing to make next year's event even bigger and better -- and, Navy League will again be the recipient of next year's proceeds. Thank you Jeff Alford and the Alford Distributing Team!

Budweiser isn't the only one that adopted the "serving" motto -- it's what we do too. Just two weeks ago we held a BBQ for our Blacksheep at Lake Martinez. I commend each and every one of our volunteers who selflessly gave up their Friday to prepare a meal and "*serve those who serve*."

We are planning an outing in August with our PETREL crew to celebrate their Coast Guard birthday. We'll push more details out to you in the coming weeks as our plans finalize. We know you'll want to be a part of this event.

With Father's Day is just around the corner, we invite you to invite your Dad, son, or father figure to our next dinner in celebration of their special day. This will be your last chance to get a T-Bone steak before we take our summer break, so treat "Dad" to the finest T-Bone in town.

Thank you for all you do for Navy League. We're doing more together.

See you next Tuesday!

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