



## Imperial Valley Council

Serving all Imperial County communities.

**March 6, 2018**

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



### **Blue Angels Men In Black**

We are pleased to introduce to you [Command Master Chief Christopher Zeigler](#) who was recently selected to serve as the 8th Command Master Chief of the Blue Angels. CMC Zeigler will be our March dinner speaker.

The Blue Angels' enlisted maintenance and support team is comprised of approximately 100 Sailors and Marines. Alternating crews of about 45 team members travel to each show site. All career-oriented enlisted Sailor or Marine applicants come recommended for Blue Angel duty by their current commanding officer.

Don't miss an opportunity to meet CMC Zeigler and the entire Blue Angels Enlisted leadership next week.

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### ***Coming up at NAF El Centro***

#### **Food, Fireworks, Tim Hurley Concert, and more!**

NAF El Centro's annual Entertainment & Food Festival will be a time to remember. Meet the Blue Angels, and enjoy food from local Imperial Valley restaurants, listen to live entertainment, gaze at the fireworks and much more at Hangar 6. Friday, March 9th from 5:30-9:00 p.m.



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NAF EL CENTRO'S 21ST ANNUAL

# ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 • HANGAR 6 • GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM  
WITH PERFORMANCE BY COUNTRY MUSIC STAR TIM HURLEY!






## SATURDAY, MARCH 10 • GATES OPEN AT 9 AM

It's what we've all been waiting for...

Spectacular flying, static displays, souvenirs and concessions – there is no better way to spend a day with family and friends with NAF El Centro's 48th air show.

NAF EL CENTRO  
**AIR SHOW**



### Desert Outing Thank you

Last weekend we celebrated and concluded our annual fundraiser. This was our 34th event. Chairwoman Lisa Gallinat called it a "success!"

Navy League's National President Alan Kaplan and his son Ryan joined us for the event from Washington, D.C., as did our Pacific Southwest Region President Joan

Mitchell. It was great for our council to be supported by our national leadership. We had Navy Leaguers representing 12 councils from across our great nation join us for this exciting weekend. We even had a surprise visit from Rear Admiral James Bynum, who is the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) headquartered in Corpus Christi who enjoyed some Imperial Valley hospitality with a local T-Bone steak.

We wish to thank NAF El Centro's Commanding Officer Captain Alfonzo, Executive Officer Adam Schlismann, Command Master Chief Embrey, Public Affairs Officer Kristopher Haugh, MWR's Dennis Schouten, NC1 Carl Smith, Security's Force Protection and the numerous staff at the Mirage Club, Outdoor Recreation, MWR and AOC Services for their help in ensuring we had a successful event.

It goes without saying that we would not be able to execute on the event without the coordination with the Flight Demonstration Squadron to watch their practice performances.

Finally, if not for each one of our volunteers whose hard work goes into planning and executing on the event, we would not be able to successfully support each one of our

youth groups, and the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen and their families of our adopted units.

*We salute you all for a job well done!*

## **Fair Winds and Following Seas, Chops**

On Tuesday this week we lost a very dear and important member of our Navy League family -- Don Lambe passed away after a brief illness.



Don, or as he was affectionately known by his call sign "Chops" served as our Council President in 1984. He also served in many officer and Board of Director capacities, but his most significant contribution was as the creator of our major fundraiser, Desert Outing in 1985. Don along with Blue Angels Flight Leader Hoss Pearson established the first Desert Outing. Don's legacy will live on with the council, as will his many contributions.

## **President's Message**

It was a busy February with the hosting of our Blue Angels at our February dinner. We had a great turnout to show support of the 2018 Team. It was good to meet these fine men who will be the Navy's representatives of excellence as they travel our nation this year.

The Blue Angels were great inspiration to our Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts who were able to spend time with them last week. We were all inspired by the Blues, and our National President who spoke about how the Navy League mission and the Blue Angels mission are so similarly aligned. Mission focus, and excellence.

As a council, we are focused on providing for the well-being of our active duty members and their families. We'll be showing some of that support at our next dinner by recognizing Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year awards to some of the outstanding Sailors who make a difference in their service to our nation, and in our communities.

We are making a difference with our youth groups -- Sea Cadets and NJROTC Cadets. We have a new volunteer leader for our Desert Eagle Squadron who is already building up the Sea Cadet unit. Our NJROTC Cadets will be making a visit to the Blue Angels next week, and recently concluded tours of a Helicopter Squadron in San Diego, and the USS MIDWAY Museum. We are educating our youth, and inspiring them to do great things. That's what we do. That's what I hope you will want to get involved with.

We have many opportunities for you to participate. Do you have a willingness to lend us your talent? I look forward to talking with you so we may utilize you to improve our council.

Come on out and meet the Blue Angels who are behind the scenes on Tuesday, March 6th. We'll have a delicious T-Bone steak dinner waiting for you.

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