



## Imperial Valley Council

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### November Dinner Canceled

#### New Base Security Access Requirements for Members and Guests



We regret that we must cancel our next dinner on Tuesday, November 6th. Newly implemented security protocols at Naval Air Facility El Centro have resulted in our inability to be in compliance with these measures prior to our next dinner.

Since September 11, 2001, increased security measures were instituted at military installations all over the world. As a member, or guest, you have been asked to submit a form for authorization

to be included to our guest list. We are no longer able to submit a guest list for access to our sponsored events.

Each member, guest, and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet parent and volunteers who wish to have access to NAF El Centro for Navy League and Sea Cadet events, and who do not hold armed forces identification will now be required to annually submit a Department of the Navy Local Population ID Card/Base Access Pass Registration form (SECNAV 5512). If approved, each individual will be issued a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card.

The DBIDS card will be valid for one year from issuance. The DBIDS system allows military installations to receive frequent database updates on changes to an individual's status for law enforcement warrants, lost/stolen cards, and naval force protection conditions. The card system provides a continuous vetting anytime the DBIDS card is scanned at a military installation entry point. This is for your protection, and for the protection of your military members.

We recognize this new process creates significant inconvenience to our members, but we must do our best to help protect those who protect us. We appreciate that you will offer your full support to enable us to continue to hold our dinners at NAF El Centro.

## **STEPS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION & RECEIVING A PASS**

To expedite your application, we recommend that you complete the form which may be downloaded [here](#). The form is also available on our website [here](#). We ask that you complete the form and submit the form by email (preferred) or hand-deliver it to the NAF El Centro Pass Office:

- Email application to: [W\\_ELCN\\_BASE\\_ACCESS\\_GS@navy.mil](mailto:W_ELCN_BASE_ACCESS_GS@navy.mil)

or

- Hand-deliver application to NAF El Centro's Pass Office (located in the brown modular trailer just outside the NAF El Centro Main Gate) during business hours:

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

*(Pass Office is closed on holidays and weekends)*

## **EXTENDED HOURS BEING OFFERED**

NAF El Centro recognizes that we have members who work full-time and will have some difficulty arriving to the Base prior to the close of their normal business hours. The Base has generously offered to accommodate us with extended Pass ID hours on the following dates for your convenience:

- Monday, November 5: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Wednesday, November 14: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Wednesday, November 21: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)
- Friday, November 30: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed 11:00 am-Noon)

## **PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION AND CARD *(Expedited)***

Once the Pass Office receives your application via email or hand-delivery, they will process it for approval. The Base recommends that you allow **up to 72 hours** for the approval process.

Before going to the Pass Office to pick up your card, it is recommended that you:

1. Call the Pass Office at (760) 339-2524 to ensure you have been approved.
2. If approved, proceed to the Pass Office for a photo and fingerprinting.
3. Pass Office will issue you an ID card.
4. The estimated wait time for processing your DBIDS card is estimated at approximately 10 minutes.

## **SAME DAY VETTING IN PERSON *(Delayed Processing)***

Same-day approvals are possible. However, customer wait times can be expected. You may have a wait up to 30-minutes, or longer. The member will be required to complete the form, wait for approval, photo, fingerprinting, and card issuance. We highly recommend your complete and submit your forms by email in advance.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please call the Pass Office at (760) 339-2524.

We are looking forward to the holiday season, and more so for our annual Joint Operation Give Thanks--our tradition of providing Thanksgiving turkeys to active duty families.



Joint Operation Give Thanks is the perfect opportunity for you to personally show your appreciation for the sacrifices of our active duty families stationed at NAF El Centro and with the USCGC PETREL by sponsoring a Thanksgiving turkey.

Your tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more will purchase a Thanksgiving Turkey for one of these families.

With your help, we supported 181 families last year.

Your donations are completely tax-deductible. Thank you for giving so generously!

## President's Message

Dear Navy Leaguers,

It was not an easy decision to cancel our November dinner meeting. As far as we are able to tell, this was a first in our 69-year history.

Having served our United States Navy for nearly 32 years, I know that our armed forces must be ever vigilant in their force protection. Over the last several years, there have been a number of violent incidents against our military members and installations. It's the Base's duty to provide protection to those inside, and outside the fenceline.

I beg your understanding of our current situation, and ask for your cooperation in helping us comply with these new rules. I also recognize the burden this places on you -- our member volunteers. As we seek to comply with these new requirements, we are also assessing and researching the very real likelihood that we may need to move our meetings off Base and into town. This too presents problems.

As you know, we already struggle with declining attendance at our meetings each month, and we are concerned that these new requirements will further impact our attendance. I would like to hear from you -- and your thoughts on this matter.

In the next week, we will be sending out via email and U.S. Mail the security form, and a short survey about our meetings. We hope you won't wait to download a security access form from this message, but we hope you will complete the form, and return the survey to us. We will continue to keep you informed of important updates.

We are counting on you to get your forms submitted, and ready to welcome our already lined-up December speaker who will give us a very interesting program on the USS Midway's final deployment to Vietnam. The hair-raising "Operation Frequent Wind" became the largest rescue mission in U.S. Navy history -- A mission that broke rules, set precedents, and gave thousands a second chance at freedom.

Once again, I offer my apology, and most sincere thanks to you for all you do in support of Navy League and those we serve.

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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- United States Marine Corps 243rd Birthday: November 10
- **Joint Operation Give Thanks: November 16, 2018**
- NAF El Centro Christmas Parade: Friday, Nov 30, 7:00 pm
- **USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) Commissioning: Jan 26, 2019**  
Coronado, CA request tickets [here](#)

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