



## Imperial Valley Council

Serving all Imperial County communities.

**May Day - May 1, 2018**

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



### **Providing an Anchor of Excellence**

We are pleased to welcome Commander Rick Jordan, USN (retired) as our May speaker. Commander Rick Jordan is the Area 11 Manager for the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program.

Commander Jordan will discuss the federally sponsored high school program that educates and trains students in leadership, personal responsibility and the values of citizenship.

The NJROTC program is motivational in encouraging cadets to graduate from high school and continue to higher education. The program helps to provide an anchor of excellence by developing better behaved students, who have higher self-esteem, develop positive life skills, and become role models for the avoidance of substance abuse, and living a healthy and fit lifestyle.

Commander Jordan is a 1982 graduate of the University of North Carolina and entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in March 1983 receiving his Naval Flight Officer wings in August 1984.

Commander Jordan flew over 400 hours in the F-4 *Phantom II* and 2000 hours in the F-14 *Tomcat* while logging over 450 carrier landings on nine different aircraft carriers. He had the good fortune of serving in five different Navy Fighter Squadrons – the *Chargers* of Fighter Squadron 161, the *Legendary Red Lightnings* of Fighter Squadron 194, the *Bounty Hunters* of Fighter Squadron 2, the *Hunters* of Fighter Squadron 201 and the *Devil's Disciples* of Fighter Squadron 301.

Following tours at Commander, Naval Air Pacific and the Navy Operational Support Center at Naval Air Station North Island, Commander Jordan retired in November 2007 with 24 years of Naval Service. He served as the Westview NJROTC Senior Naval

Science Instructor before assuming the duties of Area 11 Manager in December 2016.

Join us for a May Day celebration with a great evening of friends, and delicious T-Bones.



### **Sea Air Space Expo A Smashing Success!**

With over 15,000 registered attendees, 39 International delegates, 124 panelists, 327 exhibitors, and service chiefs from our sea services, this year's Sea Air Space exposition was the Navy League's largest, and most successful event ever.

A few of the week's highlights included an update on ships building, the future of naval aircraft, artificial intelligence, and more. Thomas B. Modly, Under Secretary of the U.S. Navy in one session spoke about how the service needs to think differently to prepare for great-power competition, the rationale behind his proposed clean-sheet education review, and driving efficiency. Visit our [Sea Air Space](#) page on Facebook to listen to panel discussions, and interviews.



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## New Navy League Video Released

We launched the Navy League's new promotion video during Sea Air Space. We encourage you to share the Navy League's vital mission with your friends, family and co-workers. You'll find the video on YouTube, and embedded in our Imperial Valley Council [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.





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## You Can Help Build the Coast Guard Museum

Did you know the Coast Guard is the only service without a museum to recognize its history and its heroes? Ask your representative to co-sponsor on a bill that would create a commemorative Coast Guard coin -- at no cost to the taxpayer. Proceeds from sales of the coin would help fund the new Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut. Send your online message to your representative today asking them to co-sponsor the bill now.

To learn more about the Coast Guard Museum project visit their [website](#).

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## We Remember

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

We encourage you to pause on Memorial Day to celebrate, honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



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## President's Message

I recently returned from Navy League's biggest event of the year -- its Sea Air Space Exposition (SAS). This event is a great opportunity to connect with our sea services, and to engage in the conversation with our elected leaders on the Hill, our nation's industry and technology partners. Not only were the panels informative -- it was

fascinating to see cutting-edge technologies on display. It wasn't all work, this year's SAS introduced its first Maritime Gala. The headliner and special guest was country music artist Lee Greenwood, who serenaded us and closed the evening with his signature patriotic song, "God Bless the USA."

We'll kick off May with -- May Day! Our next dinner will fall on May 1st, and what better way to celebrate than recognizing Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel who have performed head and shoulders above the rest to be selected as their command's representatives of excellence. Come meet these fine men and women, and thank them for their service.

Get a jump on Mother's Day, and treat your favorite gal to the finest T-Bone steak dinner in the Valley.

Thank you for all you do for Navy League. I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

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