



IMPERIAL VALLEY COUNCIL
Supporting the Sea Services since 1949

January 2019

NEXT IV Navy League Dinner | February 5, 5:30 pm



The Blues are back!

We were pleased to welcome the Blue Angels as they returned to El Centro today. The Team will be training in their "home" away from home through March 16th as they prepare for their first public performance at Naval Air Facility El Centro's Airshow.

Captain Eric Doyle led the 2019 into El Centro where they will begin their

training.

Mark your calendars for February 5th, and plan to join us for Blue Angels night, and meet the 2019 Team members.

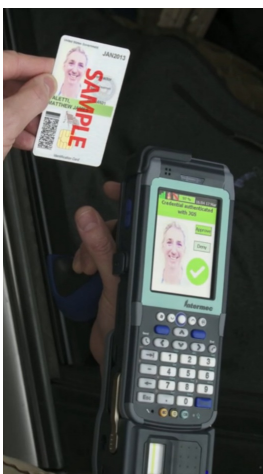
Registration Now Open. Limited space available.

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DESERT OUTING 2019



New Security Requirements at NAF El Centro | Got DBIDS?



If you missed last month's announcement about Naval Air Facility El Centro's new security requirements, you'll want to run over to our website and read the full story here.

For some time now, we have been requiring our members and guests to submit a SECNAV 5512 form to be eligible to be added to our gate list for meetings. The requirement to complete the form has not changed, but we will no longer be able to have a list at the gate. Instead, the new policy requires members and guests to be issued a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card when they submit their form. The DBIDS card will be valid for one year from issuance.

FEBRUARY DINNER ACCESS

No time to get your card? No worries. NAF El Centro will be working with us to ensure you get to the February meeting on time. The Base will be offering a shuttle van from the Gate to the Mirage Club. We'll have extra forms on hand for you to fill out that evening.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- [Download SECNAV 5512 form](#)
- [Steps to submit SECNAV 5512 form](#)
- [Steps to receive DBIDS card](#)

QUESTIONS?

Call: (760) 339-2524

Email: W_ELCN_BASE_ACCESS_GS@navy.mil

NAFEC OFFICE 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

Recognizing that we have members who work full-time and have some difficulty arriving to the Base prior to the close of normal business hours, The Base has previously arranged for extended hours for us. If you missed one of these dates, let us know if additional dates are needed.

Legislative Affairs | Your Voice to Congress

We have a robust grassroots legislative affairs program that our members can actively participate in.

Whether its ending the government shutdown, sequestration, repealing the Budget Control Act, our voice is stronger when our members help us reach out to our elected representatives on important issues affecting our sea services. Can we count on you to lend us your voice?



[Visit our website to be our voice today.](#) It's easy!

In Memoriam | Mary Muller Sperber



We are saddened to learn that Life Member Mary Sperber lost her battle with cancer just before Christmas. Mary and her late husband, Earle Sperber, were long-time Navy League supporters.

Mary was best known as the Librarian for Holtville High School, though she filled the role of "Mrs. Clause" to many NAF El Centro Child and Youth Programs Christmas events. She and Earle would arrive on "Santa's" Harley Davidson to the thrill of many children.

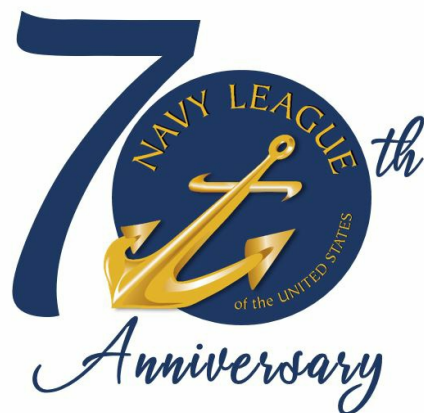
Services will be held Saturday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m. at St Josephs Catholic Church in Holtville, CA. Burial will immediately follow at Evergreen Cemetery in El Centro.

President's Message | We're celebrating our 70th Year!

Happy New Year!

We have much to celebrate. New opportunities in our future, as well as reflection as we look back at a very successful past. We're celebrating our 70th anniversary this year!

The Imperial Valley Council was given its charter on January 15, 1949. The chartering ceremony took place on February 12, 1949 at the De Anza Hotel in Calexico with 300 guests attending, and National Vice President Charles Davies presiding, with Senator Owen Brewster of the great state of



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Maine as the guest speaker.

It was on February 15, 1956 the council received permission from the Chief of Naval Personnel, J. Holloway, Jr. to hold its monthly dinner meetings in what was then the Commissioned Officer's Mess at Naval Air Facility El Centro. It was at that first dinner meeting that we began to serve our famous T-Bone steak dinners, and aptly providing our speakers with the equally (in)famous T-Bone plaque, cast from an actual T-bone!

Though we have seen a lot of changes in our history, one thing that hasn't changed, is our passion for supporting the men and women of the sea services.

Today as part of our support, a contingent of our Navy League Board Members and Honorary Blue Angels along with the command at NAF El Centro welcomed the Blue Angels' return to El Centro for their 2019 training season.

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to seeing them decorate our blue skies with smoke oil and vapor trails.

I'm also looking forward to a T-Bone steak dinner on February 5th. Come along and join us as we celebrate our 70th birthday, and meet the fine men and women of NAF El Centro and the Blue Angels.

Happy New Year, and Happy Birthday Imperial Valley Council -- 70 never looked so good!

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) Commissioning: Jan 26, 2019**
- **Imperial County Aviation Day: Jan 19, 2019, 9:00 am**
- **Blue Angels Night: Feb 5, 2019 | 5:30 pm** (early start time)
- [Desert Outing 2019 | March 1-2](#)
- **Blue Angels Men In Black: March 5, 2019 | 6:30 pm**
- **Food Fest | Naval Air Facility El Centro: March 15 | 5:30 pm**
- **NAF El Centro Airshow: March 16, 2019**

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