



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 3 Blue Angels Night | 5:30 pm
- 14 Valentine's Dinner | 5-9pm |
NAF Mirage Club
- 15 Imperial Valley Council 66th Birthday
- 27 Desert Outing 2015
- 28 Desert Outing 2015

MARCH

- 3 Blue Angels Hangar Tour & Dinner
(see insert)
- 13 NAF El Centro Food Fest | 5:30 pm
Hangar 8
Pre-Air Show Party | 9pm-1:30 am
Sundowner Club
- 14 Blue Angels Air Show | 9:00 am

NATIONAL NAVY LEAGUE

April 13-15

Sea-Air-Space Exposition
National Harbor, Maryland

June 16-21

National Convention, Ship
Commissioning & Cruise
Tampa, Florida

Meet the 2015 Flight Demonstration Team

The Blue Angels are back, and you've likely seen them soaring over our clear desert skies. Following the 2013 Sequestration, the flight officers remained with the squadron through the 2014 season, and did not rotate out. The 2015 team has officially begun to train, and the new members are on board. We invite you to join us at our February dinner as Captain Tom Frosch introduces the 2015 Flight Demonstration Team.

The Blue Angels represent the finest from the Navy and Marine Corps. Each member, whether officer or enlisted, is hand-picked from the fleet to be part of the Blue Angels team. Every year, this select group begins a two or three-year rotation traveling across the country and around the world to perform for millions of spectators.

In addition to the flight officers, the support team is comprised of non-flight officers that serve as Events Coordinator, Maintenance Officer, Flight Surgeon, Administrative Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Supply Officer and approximately 100 enlisted 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. Applicants go through extensive screening, including interviewing with the members of each of the 15 squadron work centers. The keen selection process secures the squadron's tradition of excellence, ensuring the Blue Angels are a direct reflection of the professionalism of today's Sailors and Marines. After completing their Blue Angel tour, individuals return to the fleet to continue their naval careers.

Selected enlisted personnel volunteer for a three-year tour with the squadron. Though every team member brings skills in a distinct job specialty, each is expected to work beyond that specialty, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Blue Angels. The squadron consists of seven distinct departments, jointly responsible for guaranteeing command readiness. A tribute to this dedicated team is the fact that the Blue Angels have never canceled an air show due to a maintenance problem.



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Navy League: Jones Act amendment will gut U.S. shipbuilding industry

The Navy League of the United States opposes the McCain Amendment (amendment #2) to S.1, which would gut the U.S. shipbuilding industry by striking the U.S. build requirement provisions of the Jones Act.

The Jones Act requires vessels in domestic waterborne trade to be owned by U.S. citizens, built in the United States and crewed by U.S. mariners. These provisions keep American shipping companies, shipyards, mariners, maritime academies and thousands of people working. It is a critical component to the long-term sustainability of the U.S. fleet and the health of the U.S. shipbuilding industry. The Jones Act aids in controlling shipbuilding costs for the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard by ensuring the health of the industrial base.

The Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act of 2015 demonstrates the national security importance of the Jones Act, stating that "coastwise trades laws [such as the Jones Act] promote a strong domestic trade maritime industry, which supports the national security and economic vitality of the United States."

The loss of the American-built provisions in the Jones Act would have devastating ripple effects on all the sea services. Its immediate impact would be a reduction in the number of ships built in U.S. shipyards, which would result in a loss of jobs, a loss of industrial knowledge and skills, and a loss in America's edge in shipbuilding quality and technology. This would mean all ships used by our U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, which of course will be built in the United States, would have a higher cost per ship due to increased overhead costs, and would have a less reliable industrial base. A strong industrial base is necessary for innovation and quality. This amendment would increase costs for the sea services during a time of sequestration and tightening budgets, when each dollar our sea services spend must go farther. The impacts would be extremely detrimental to the sea services.

As a Navy League member, make your voice heard. We encourage you to write to your Senators through our online website at: <http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/> or call Senators Boxers and Feinstein. Let us know if you need assistance contacting them.

Your efforts really do have an impact and your voices are being heard.

The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition was founded in 1965 as a means to bring the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event located in the heart of Washington, DC. Sea-Air-Space is now the largest maritime exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support.

- More than 200 dynamic, innovative and sophisticated defense and maritime industry exhibits displaying the latest in technology and equipment.
- Abundant opportunities to learn about, test and see the most advanced military equipment.
- Professional development sessions featuring:
 - * High level discussions on important strategic policy issues.
 - * Panelists from the U.S. Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and State; the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard; and the Maritime Administration.
 - * The most up-to-the-minute developments in policy, programs and needs for the maritime services.
- Daily exhibit hall floor speaker sessions featuring:
 - * Tactical, real-life application perspectives.
 - * Speakers represent each of the sea services from the program level.
 - * Discussions of technology, programs and products currently in use.
 - * Discussions of technology applications and needs for the future.

The Sea-Air-Space Exposition will continue to support the mission of the Navy League and lead the way as "THE" Exposition to attend each year to display the most current information and technology relevant to maritime policy. There is no charge to attend the exposition for qualified attendees.

Imperial Valley
Council

Blue Angels

HANGAR TOUR & TACO BAR DINNER

March 3, 2015

6:30 pm

\$15.00 per person

RSVP by March 1, 2015

In lieu of a T-Bone dinner, we have been invited to a "behind the scenes" Tour of the Blue Angels Hangar. Enjoy a Taco Bar with the Blue Angels Enlisted personnel.

This is a unique opportunity that you won't want to miss!

We will meet in the Commissary Parking lot and walk over to the Hangar. Reserve your space now.

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Navy Leaguers and Sea Cadets Take to the Skies at Aviation Day

The Imperial Valley Council and the Desert Eagle Squadron again supported Aviation Day with an information booth complete with President Steve telescope for solar viewing. Each year the Council hosts the Solar Experience and provides booth visitors with solar glasses to view the sun. The experience provides viewers to see solar spots, and introduces youth to STEM opportunities.

Youth aged 8-17 were given an opportunity to take a short flight in an airplane. Our Cadets as Aviation volunteers were each given a flight. The Cadets also provided the color guard for opening ceremonies, and manned the booth—while still having lots of fun throughout the day. Special thanks go out to volunteers: President Steve Benton, Desert Eagle Squadron and Cadet parents, Blue Angels flight team members, Liz Gonzales, Max Castillo, Marie and George Gardener, and Ted and Lisa Gallinat.



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Desert Outing 2015



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BLUE ANGELS NIGHT

FEBRUARY 3

Early Start Time

5:30 PM