



Imperial Valley Council

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September 4, 2018

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



Captain Don Montoro **Deputy Sector Commander, San Diego** **U.S. Coast Guard**

We are pleased to welcome United States Coast Guard Captain Don Montoro as our September speaker. Captain Montoro assumed the duties of Deputy Sector Commander, San Diego in July 2017, where he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions in San Diego and Imperial Counties out to 200 nautical miles offshore, as well as Arizona, southern Utah, and southern Nevada.

Captain Montoro most recently served as the Chief of the Boards, Promotions, and Separations Branch, Officer Personnel Management, Personnel Service Center, Washington D.C. Captain Montoro's previous assignments include: Chief of Response, Sector San Francisco; Chief of the Command Center, Sector San Francisco; Chief of Force Readiness Branch, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Command; Commanding Officer, USCGC ORCAS (WPB 1327), Coos Bay, OR; Commanding Officer, Gulf of Mexico Regional Fisheries Training Center, New Orleans, LA; Executive Officer, USCGC PEA ISLAND (WPB 1347), St. Petersburg, FL; First Lieutenant, USCGC ALERT (WMEC 630), Astoria, OR; and Assistant Surface Operations Officer, Group Astoria, OR.

Captain Montoro enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and graduated from Enlisted Basic Training in September 1992 and is the third generation in his family to serve in the United States Coast Guard. He is a 1996 graduate of Officer Candidate School after he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of California, Davis. He holds a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

CAPT Montoro's personal awards and honors include the advanced Boat Force

Operations Insignia, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (3), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Coast Guard Birthday

Join us as we celebrate the United States Coast Guard's 228th Birthday at Petco Park in San Diego. We'll be getting together with the crew of the USCG PETREL to watch the San Diego Padres and Colorado Rockies on Friday, August 31st at 7:05 pm.

Beat the heat for some baseball, cool(er) weather, and the great crew of our adopted Coast Guard vessel and their families.

We have reserved a 35-seat premium box seating with hospitality service at your seat (dinner and drinks on your own). We have sold out our seats, but are able to expand our seating area if additional guests wish to attend. Contact us at 760-791-7345 by Thursday, August 30th if you wish to attend. Cost is \$40 per ticket.

Thank you **USAA** for underwriting a portion of the event with a \$500 donation!

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Sea Cadet Birthday

On September 10th our Sea Cadets will celebrate their 56th birthday.

This exceptional program promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

We had a number of Cadets from both our adopted units attend summer camp, and all returned inspired by their learning experiences.

If you didn't have a chance to support our Scholarship fund through the No Meeting Fundraiser in July and August, there's still time to make a tax-deductible donation of \$25 -- the cost of what you would have spent for a T-Bone steak dinner. You may make a donation online, or with this [downloadable form](#).

All donors will have their name entered in a chance to win a gift basket at the September dinner next week.



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LA Fleet Week

August 31 - September 3

There's still time to make plans to attend LA Fleet Week!

Free to the public, the event welcomes visitors to the LA Waterfront in San Pedro. Visitors enjoy public ship tours, military displays and equipment demonstrations, a kids' STEM Expo, aircraft

flyovers, live entertainment, the 10th Annual Conquer the Bridge Labor Day morning 5.3-mile walk/run over the iconic Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Galley Wars culinary competition between military branches, and all-around fun for the entire family.

The **Beach Boys** purveyors of infectious surf music will be headlining a military appreciation concert on Saturday, September 1st. Don't miss it!

Navy Birthday Ball

Friday, October 12

The Early bird tickets are available until September 3rd for the the Navy's 243rd Birthday Ball at Naval Air Facility El Centro.

For more information click on the photo to download the flyer. Contact a Navy Ball Representative for tickets, 760.604.8428.

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Blues in the News

Blue Angels to Receive F/A-18E/F Super Hornets

The U.S. Department of Defense has announced they have contracted with The Boeing Company for the retrofit to convert nine F/A-18E (single-seat) and two F/A-18F (tandem-seat) aircraft into a Blue Angel configuration.

For 30 years the Blue Angels have operated the F/A-18A, B, C and D models. The Super Hornet aircraft is 25 percent larger than its predecessor.

The work to retrofit the newer jets will be performed in St. Louis, Missouri, and is expected to be completed in December 2021.



Blue Angels Announce 2019 Officers

PENSACOLA, Florida (NNS) -- U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, announced officers selected for the 2019 air show season, Aug. 1. The squadron selected three F/A-18 demonstration pilots, an events coordinator, flight surgeon, and supply officer to replace outgoing team members.

Each officer was recommended for selection by Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Adm. Gregory Harris, and ultimately approved by Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller, for final selection to the 2019 Blue Angels team.

Many highly qualified Navy and Marine Corps officers submit applications to join the Blue Angels each year.

"It was an impressive slate of applicants this year," said Cmdr. Eric Doyle, commanding officer and flight leader of the Blue Angels. "Every officer that applied represented the high caliber of personnel serving in our Navy and Marine Corps. It was a hard decision, but one that will ultimately lead to an amazing 2019 show season."

The Blue Angels select "finalists" to interview at the team's home base of Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, during the week of the Pensacola Beach Air Show each year. The team makes selections at the conclusion of that week.

The newly selected 2019 officers include:

F/A-18 Demonstration Pilots

Navy Lt. James Cox, 35, of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Navy Lt. James Haley, 31, of Canadian, Texas.

Navy Lt. Cary Rickoff, 31, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Events Coordinator

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Adam Kerrick, 35, of Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania.

Flight Surgeon

Navy Lt. Aaron Hicks, 33, of Federal Way, Washington.

Supply Officer

Navy Lt. j.g. Kristin Toland, 31, of Sedalia, Missouri.

Pre-selected to join the 2019 team was:

Executive Officer

Navy Cmdr. William Schomer, 48, of Lorain, Ohio.

Expected to return for the 2019 season are:

Commanding Officer / Flight Leader

Navy Cmdr. Eric Doyle, 44, of League City, Texas.

F/A-18 Demonstration Pilots

Marine Corps Maj. Jeff Mullins, 36, of Memphis, Tennessee.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Hempler, 33, of Wamego, Kansas.

Navy Lt. Andre Webb, 35, of Lawton, Oklahoma.

C-130 Demonstration Pilots

Marine Maj. Mark Montgomery, 38, of Cartersville, Georgia.

Marine Maj. Kyle Maschner, 35, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Marine Capt. Beau Mabery, 29, of Lompoc, California.

Maintenance Officer

Navy Lt. Garrett Hopkins, 39, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Public Affairs Officer

Navy Lt. David Gardner, 37, of Warrensburg, Missouri.

The new team members will officially begin their training for the 2019 show season following the Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show at Naval Air Station Pensacola on November 3, 2018.

Congressional Update: Your Voice Matters

Support our Marines: Build More Amphibious Ships

The Issue

With only 32 amphibious ships currently in the Navy's fleet the Marine Corps lacks adequate training and lift capacity for an effective fighting force. The 2016 Navy Force Structure Assessment (FSA) called for 38 ships, but in its recent shipbuilding plan (shown below) that number wouldn't be reached until 2033. This will have devastating effects on the readiness of our Marines. Vice Admiral Andrew Lewis [told a House Armed Services Readiness subcommittee hearing](#) that half the amphibious fleet was unavailable while undergoing maintenance due to inadequate and unpredictable funding from Congress. This is not acceptable for the force we depend on to be our first responders in a crisis.

The Solution

The Navy League is urging Congress to fund amphibious ship programs sufficiently so the Navy reaches its goal of 38 ships earlier than 2033. We urge congress to provide long-lead funding in fiscal year 2019 for the Flight II San Antonio-class (LPD), as well as block-buy or multi-year procurement authority.

Why you should Act

We need your voice to highlight the readiness challenges facing Marine Amphibious Ready groups (ARGs) caused by a lack of available ships including reduced training, degraded capability, and increased operational risk. Tell Congress the Marines need

more amphibious ships in order to maintain enough capacity to remain ready to fight today. Send your online message to Congress today [here](#).

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President's Message

Hello Navy Leaguers,

September is a very busy month for us in the Imperial Valley. We'll have our first dinner meeting after taking the summer months of July and August off. Because our dinner follows the Labor Day weekend, our attendance is often low. I am asking you to show your support of our Speaker, and the men and women of the sea services. I guarantee you'll enjoy meeting them, as well as enjoy a locally raised T-bone steak cooked to perfection too!

You know that we live in a great country when we must will enjoy a day off from working to celebrate...working! Yes, Labor Day is most likely the only Monday that anyone will ever like! On a more serious note, I am reminded of Sophocles who said, "*Without Labor, Nothing Prospers*". Whether it is our careers, working in a garden, or the volunteer work we do. Nothing, including our Navy League will prosper without the work we all labor to do to ensure we carry out our mission. Thank you for all you do!

Patriot Day is also in September and this will mark the 17th year of that fatal day, when our homeland was brutally attacked in New York City, Washington DC and Shanksville, PA. Later this month, we will honor all of those Missing in Action and still held or were held Prisoner of War. Please consider setting aside some time to reflect on those who have sacrificed their all.

On Friday this week, many of our members will head to PETCO Park in San Diego to watch the Padres go head-to-head with the Colorado Rockies. We'll be joining up with the entire crew of the USCGC Petrel for an evening of baseball and fun. We were able to sell every ticket purchased for this game. I am confident that the Crew will enjoy

the game, and I am hopeful that they will know that this gesture is just one small way our council gets to say *"Thank you for your service to our country"*

Finally, we're planning a special event for our October meeting. We will make an announcement on Tuesday -- Stay tuned for more information!

I really hope to see you at the T-bone dinner meeting on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 6:30 pm.

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **USCGC PETREL @ Padres v. Rockies: Aug. 31**
- **LA Fleet Week: Aug. 31-Sept. 3**
- **Navy League T-Bone Dinner: Tuesday, Sept. 4**
 - Sea Cadet Birthday: Sept. 10
- **Patriot Day: Sept. 11**
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day: Sept. 21
- **Special Council Meeting: Oct. 4 - TBA!!!**
- NAF El Centro Navy Birthday Ball: Oct. 12
- **USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) Commissioning: Jan 26, 2019**
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