



Imperial Valley Council

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October 2, 2018

IV Navy League Go Cart Celebration | NAF El Centro Go Cart Track
6:00-8:00 pm

Race on Over 30th Anniversary Celebration

Hot Dogs
Drinks
Go Carting



Family
Fun!

FREE

VIP PASS

DATE	TIME	PRICE
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	6:00-8:00 PM	FREE Active Duty+Families and Navy Leaguers



**Naval Air Facility El Centro
Go Cart Track**

Sponsored by Imperial Valley Navy League

Join us for a night of fun!

Early start 6:00 pm

No formal dinner meeting, no speeches, just fun, fun, and more fun. We'll serve up hot dogs, drinks, and a special night of go-carting next Tuesday, October 2, from

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Go-Cart Track.



*1998 Go-Cart Track Dedication Photo:
L-R Don Lambe, Council President William "Bill" Plourd, Brad Luckey, Glen Huber, Captain Gus Gudmunson*

It was 30 years ago this month that our Navy League council dedicated the Go-Cart Track and golf driving range at Naval Air Facility El Centro. The track and range were constructed for the men and women

and their families who are stationed at, or transiting through the Base.

The Council, together with the Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department, Public Works, active duty Sailors, and a base contractor contributed funding, equipment, volunteer hours -- and a boatload of "blood, sweat, and tears" according to Captain Michael R. Boston in 1988.

It was during that time that the Department of Defense was dealing with an austere budget, and projects such as the track and driving range were simply not being funded and built. It was the Base Public Works Department who designed the facility, and turned their diagrams over to the Council. The Council in turn, worked with local engineers to finalize the design with the approval of the Base Commanding Officer.

Approximately 12 acres of land on the base was laser leveled, and heavy equipment was brought in to dig over three miles of irrigation piping and sprinkler heads for the track and golf driving range. Land on the Base was built up for the raised portions of the 1/4-mile track, and 344-tons of asphalt were used to construct the basic track area. Lighting, fencing and safety features were installed in both the track and driving range.

The project began construction in early 1988, with the largest part of construction occurring during that summer. Despite the use of heavy equipment, and temperatures in excess of 110 degrees, it was sheer physical labor that turned the desert into a recreational oasis.

The total cost of the project was estimated at \$225,500 for both the track and range with approximately 1545 man-hours expended for construction.

Though the driving range has since been replaced with a skate park, the Go-Cart Track remains as a reminder of the cooperative spirit of the local community through the Navy League to provide support to the Base.

[View more photos of the project as it developed.](#)

Celebrate the Navy's 243rd Birthday

Navy Birthday Ball

Friday, October 12

6:00 pm-Midnight

Tickets are still available for Naval Air Facility El Centro's Birthday Ball.

For more information click on the photo to download the flyer.

Call for tickets: (760) 604-8428



Joint Operation Give Thanks 2018

As we round the corner toward the holiday season, we're launching Joint Operation Give Thanks--our tradition of providing Thanksgiving turkeys to active duty families.

Joint Operation Give Thanks is a 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 last year, we supported 181 families. Thank you for your generosity!

Congressional Updates: Your Voice Matters

One of the most important missions of the Navy League is to inform Congress of the need for strong sea services. Navy League members are committed to supporting the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine, and volunteer their time and money to advocating for the sea services.

Our most effective method of making a difference is through grassroots outreach across the United States by delivering messages to our Congressional representatives.

We rely on your voice to highlight the readiness challenges facing our sea services. Our Voice to Congress website, available [here](#), has a number of pre-drafted letters that you can edit and send with just a few clicks. Send your online message to Congress today.

Sea Cadet Report: Escondido Battalion

Our Escondido Battalion and Training Ship



Kit Carson Sea Cadets experienced life as a Sailor during a day-long tour on USS MIDWAY Museum last weekend. The Cadets learned practical self-defense, and stayed overnight overnight in berthing aboard the Museum, and participated in the 9/11 Heroes Run. Their stay culminated with the Chief Pinning ceremony of Chief Petty Officer Devon Golding on the Museum's flight deck.

We are proud of Chief Golding whose dedication and leadership have earned him the privilege of wearing the Sea Cadet's highest rank of Chief Petty Officer. Congratulations Chief Golding!



President's Message

Hello fellow Navy Leaguers,

We're switching up our traditional meeting night for an opportunity for you to enjoy an

evening of fun with the families stationed at Naval Air Facility El Centro.

It was 30 years ago this month that our council dedicated the Go-Cart Track at the Base. This project was many, many months in the making -- and I applaud those who came before me that took on such a monumental task to realize this important recreational facility for the Base.

I have driven many miles, and participated in the annual Base Go-Cart Grand Prix -- a real morale booster for Sailors on the Base! We want you to experience the same thrill, and enjoy a hot dog with the families that you support by being a Navy Leaguer.

The event is F-R-E-E to you and your family. We'll start earlier at 6:00 p.m. for this one-time event, so come on out and experience for yourself this great facility.

The holidays will be here before you know it, and we're gearing up for Joint Operation Give Thanks 2018, and an opportunity for you to actively participate in sponsoring a Thanksgiving Turkey for an active duty family. You may donate online, or download a form. Your contributions are completely tax-deductible.

On October 13th, our United States Navy will celebrate its 243rd Birthday. I am reminded of all it has done to shape our nation. For these 243 years, our Navy has protected our interests at home and abroad, and ensured freedom of the seas -- proving that it is the world's preeminent maritime force.

It was President Theodore Roosevelt, who encouraged the founding of Navy League, who once said "A good navy is not a provocation to war, it is the surest guaranty of peace." His words then, are just as relevant today. Our Navy is deployed around the globe, vigilantly standing the watch, and providing measures that deter others from causing harm, as well as providing humanitarian aid to those in need.

We salute you, and say "Happy Birthday United States Navy!"

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **Go-Cart Track 30th Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 4, 6-8:00 pm**
- **NAF El Centro Navy Birthday Ball: Oct. 12**
- **Joint Operation Give Thanks 2018: November 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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