



September 2019

IV Navy League Dinner | September 3 at 6:30 pm

### **Navy Recruiting Command --**

**Mass Communications Chief Carla Burdt, USN**

**Public Affairs Officer | Navy Recruiting District San Diego**

Every year, Navy Recruiters enlist nearly 30,000 new recruits. From the time of the Revolutionary War, Navy recruiters have been a part of our country's history.

In 1775, the first Navy recruiters were assigned to the Marine Committee, established during the nation's war for independence. As the importance of a naval force grew, the Secretary of the Navy assumed direct responsibility for recruiting. The mission of recruiting was later delegated to the Bureau of Construction and Repair, and then to the Bureau of Navigation, with assignment to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in 1942.

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Navy recruiters work tirelessly to find, inspire and recruit the best and brightest young



men and women to serve this country in the diverse, high-tech Navy of the 21st century. We are pleased to welcome our September speaker, Mass Communications chief Carla Burdt who is the Public Affairs Officer for Navy Recruiting District San Diego.

Chief Burdt is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee [[Read more...](#)]

## In Case You Missed It



We had a blast at the VMA-214 Lake Bash. We fed our Marines a pollo asada BBQ lunch at Lake Martinez, and everyone got some sun with their fun!

We extend our thanks to the VMA-214 command for letting us host their day, and thank our Navy League volunteers Ramiro and Mary Castillo, Roy and Sue Caldwell, Janie Almendariz, Will Coston, and Ted and Lisa Gallinat for preparing lunch.



To celebrate the 229th birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard, we hosted the USCGC PETREL crew and their families with an evening of Padres

Baseball. A total of 46 crew and Navy Leaguers enjoyed a cool evening in San Diego at Petco Park.

The Padres won the game, and the Padres recognized the PETREL.



## National Convention Recognition



Our council was recognized nationally at our Navy League National convention in Norfolk, VA for the work we're doing in our community.

We congratulate all councils around the globe for the commitment they're making to further the Navy League mission of supporting the sea services.

Imperial Valley was one of 10 councils of over 217 councils worldwide who received the Outstanding Council Award. We

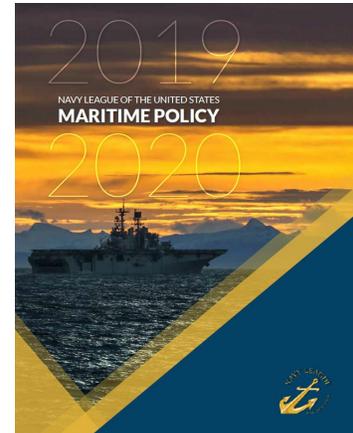
also received recognition for our website, newsletter and social media communications.

Photo: Imperial Valley Navy League receives four awards for council performance and excellence. (L-R) MCPON 13 Mike Stevens, Navy League's Executive Director, National President-Elect William Stevenson III, Imperial Valley President Ted Gallinat, Imperial Valley Council Web and Newsletter Editor, Lisa Gallinat, Pacific Southwest Region

## Maritime Policy Statement

Our members are experts on the issues driving decision-making on our sea services. Every other year, we analyze and recommend a way forward, so our legislators have a clear playbook on the best way to advocate on behalf of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

We are a maritime nation, and we must make the right investments in our sea services for the future. Get educated on our issues by downloading our brand new report from 2019-2020!



## Join Us and Support the Sea Services on Capitol Hill



The Navy League is proud to announce its fourth Anchors Aweigh Congressional Fly-In on Nov. 14 in Washington, D.C. All Navy Leaguers are invited to participate as we meet members of Congress on Capitol Hill and present the Navy League's legislative priorities.

We will storm the hill Thursday, Nov. 14, the day before the national [Board of Directors Meeting](#). If you plan to attend, we encourage you to arrive for the legislative orientation in Arlington, Virginia, no later than 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 to be included in training.

Our Headquarters staff will provide training, messaging, and leave-behind documents and book all the meetings. Come join one of the most high-profile, mission-focused and high energy Navy League events!

## Active Duty Spouse Membership

### **For All You Do ... Let Us Give Back to You**

Spouses of those currently serving in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard are eligible for a complimentary electronic membership with the Navy League of the United States.

The Navy League is your partner supporting those currently serving and their families, advocating for the sea services and educating the public and government officials about the

importance of a strong sea services. Offering a complimentary e-membership is just one more way we are here for you.



## In Memorium

Our Navy Leaguers are more than members -- they are part of our extended family. We offer our most sincere condolences to the families of those whose friendship and support we have enjoyed so much.



**Marie Woods Gardner**  
1938 - 2019

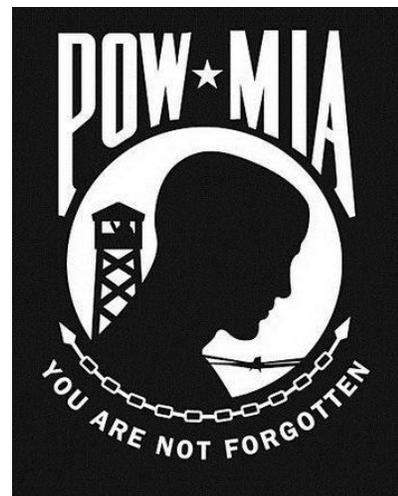


**Patricia Canchola Currie**  
1962 - 2019

## President's Message

I always enjoy summer -- well, let me qualify that, I enjoy summer outside of Imperial Valley. Yes, this has been a milder-than-usual summer, but these last few days have have me yearning for summer to be over.

For as much as I enjoy the freedom of summer, I also know that I'm soon going to enjoy a T-Bone steak dinner after our summer respite. With summer nearly done, I'm looking forward to our fall and winter season and doing what we do best -- taking care of our adopted commands.



The calendar is already filling up, we have a number of exciting speaker presentations planned for you that I know you'll want to hear.

This month, we will be celebrating the 57th anniversary of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet

Corps, and taking a moment to pause and remember our fellow citizens lost in 9/11, and National POW-MIA Recognition day on September 20th.

Did you know that September 21st is World Gratitude Day? While I'm happy to know there is a day set aside to recognize our gratitude, I am even more pleased that we as Navy Leaguers do this with regularity. We show our gratitude by hosting BBQs for Marines, and taking our Coast Guard to the ballgame. Each of these gestures are a way of showing our gratitude to our military members and families.

We'll have another opportunity to show our gratitude by being a sponsor of the upcoming Navy Ball and Marine Corps Ball, as well as our Joint Operation Give Thanks in November.

I hope you will join me next week as we show our gratitude for the excellence of our Sailors in the jobs they do each, and every day when we recognize them with 3rd Quarter Sailor Awards.

We're going to have a delicious, cooked-to-perfection, T-Bone steak dinner for you next Tuesday, September 3rd -- still only \$25. I look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Labor Day!  
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## UPCOMING DINNER MEETINGS

**Sept 3** | Speaker: Mass Communications Chief Carla Burdt, USN  
Navy Recruiting District, San Diego  
Mirage Club, Naval Air Facility El Centro | 6:30 pm  
T-Bone steak Dinner only \$25 pp

**Oct 1** | Navy League Dinner | Speaker: CDR William "Bill" Gay, USN (Ret.)

**Oct 11** | NAF El Centro Navy Ball | 6:00 pm | \$60pp

**Nov 5** | Navy League Dinner | Speaker: John Collver, War Dog Air Shows

**Dec 3** | Navy League Dinner | Speaker: Capt Dan Pederson, USN (Ret)/ Top Gun

**Dec 6** | NAF El Centro Holiday Parade



# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Nov 2 | [2nd Annual Heroes Honor 5k Run/Walk](#)

Brawley Cattle Call Rotary Park | 6:30 am

Nov 14 | [Anchors Aweigh, Congressional Fly-in](#)

Washington, DC

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If you haven't done so, NAF El Centro's Base Security Office is standing by to help process your application for your DBIDS access card which will authorize you to drive your vehicle on base for Navy League events.

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Email: [W\\_ELCN\\_BASE\\_ACCESS\\_GS@navy.mil](mailto: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
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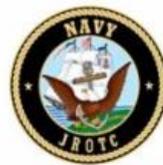
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