



February 2019

IV Navy League Dinner | February 5 at **5:30 pm** *Early Start!*



Welcome Team 2019

You would think we would get "used to" it, but we never tire of seeing our Navy's finest aviators streaming across our blue skies. Now in their 51st year of training in the desert, the 2019 Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron will make their first public appearance at our council dinner next Tuesday,

February 5th.

Captain Eric Doyle in his second year as commanding officer, and flight leader of the Blue Angels will introduce Team 2019 to our members and guests.

Captain Doyle is a native of League City, Texas, graduating from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1996. Following college, Eric attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, where he earned his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in December 1996.

Eric was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1999, and received orders to the "Rough Raiders" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 125 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California, for F/A-18C Hornet training. He completed two deployments aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In July 2003, he was selected to attend Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), where he remained as a staff instructor.

Following his TOPGUN tour, Eric deployed again, this time with USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During this time, he was selected as the recipient of the 2009 LCDR Michael Hoff G. Attack Aviator of the Year.

Prior to joining the Blue Angels in September 2017, Eric served as an Operation Test pilot with the 422nd Test & Evaluation Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada.

During his naval career, he has accumulated more than 4,000 flight hours and has 750 carrier-arrested landings.

Join us in welcoming Team Blue Angels next Tuesday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Registration Now Open...only 9 Days left to RSVP

[Desert Outing 2019](#) | March 1-2, 2019

DESERT OUTING 2019



Got DBIDS? | February Dinner Access



We know life can get busy. If you haven't done it already, we've got you covered. NAF El Centro will be working with us to ensure you get to the February dinner on time.

If you haven't registered for your Base security card, the Base will be offering a shuttle van from the Gate to the Mirage Club to trans. We'll have extra forms on hand for you to fill

out that evening.

There will no longer be a guest list at the gate, but if you did receive your DBIDS card, you'll be authorized to drive your vehicle to the club. It's that easy!

If you still need to apply for your card, download and submit your application with this information:

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.

USCGC PETREL | Government Shutdown Support

Turn on the news, and the conversation has been all about our recent government shutdown. When that occurred, the crew of our adopted USCGC PETREL was hit hard.

That meant no paychecks, and as we all know, not receiving a paycheck is a big deal -- especially when you're trying to support your family without one.

We immediately went into action, and made a donation to our ship's crew. On your behalf, we donated \$100 commissary gift cards to each of the crew to ensure we did what we could to provide some bit of relief for them. We know it wasn't nearly enough, but in the words of Master Chief Bowen, the ship's Officer in Charge, he conveyed to us:



"The crew was very appreciative of the Council's donation during our shutdown. I can't say enough how lucky PETREL and her crew are to have the I.V. Council always there for us. Please pass along to the council a Coast Guard Thank you for us."

It's important to us that we are able to respond to the needs of those we have made a commitment to support. But our support doesn't stop there. It goes beyond to a wider message we must send to our elected leaders -- whether it's ending a 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.

We urge you to lend us your voice as often as you are able on important issues.

[Visit our website to be our voice today.](#)

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps | Desert Eagle Squadron



Our Desert Eagle Squadron of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps recently provided essential support to the Imperial County Airport for the Aviation day fly-in.

Aviation Day in conjunction with the Young Eagles program promotes aviation and STEM-related activities to

our youth. The event provided free introductory airplane flights to children ages 8-17 throughout the day.

The Desert Eagle Squadron is continuing to grow its ranks, and is seeking girls and boys to participate in the program. Please [contact Mr. Rivera](#) to get involved today.

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

Talk about bursting into 2019 with a real charge!

We've welcomed the Blue Angels to El Centro, have provided support to our PETREL crew, and we've been busy with our major fundraising event--Desert Outing, which is off to a good start, with space filling up fast...and that's just January! Before you know it, Airshow will be behind us, and we'll be sending off the Blue Angels.

If you missed it last month, I want to take a moment to remind you that our council was "born" on February 12, 1949 in a chartering ceremony in Calexico, California. We will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of our charter next Tuesday at our dinner meeting. Come on out and help us celebrate the good work that we've been doing over seven decades in Imperial Valley.



IMPERIAL VALLEY COUNCIL

Supporting the Sea Services since 1949

Last week the Board of Directors of the council voted to approve a \$59,500 budget for CY2019 and our ongoing support of our adopted commands and activities. We are planning a number of events, and will look forward to providing recognition to Sailors,

Marines and Coast Guard personnel and their families with special events.

If you're not currently involved in a leadership position, perhaps you would like to volunteer on a committee -- or, if volunteering isn't something you have time for, but you are able to provide financial support instead, we have a number of program sponsorships for you to consider. Contact me today to find out how we can partner with one another.

We've placed a big order of T-Bone steaks with Ramey's for next Tuesday. Be sure to come on out and let us put one on the Bar-B for you. There will be steaks and Blue Angels a-plenty.

I'm look forward to seeing you!

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- **Blue Angels Night: Feb 5, 2019 | 5:30 pm** (early start time)
 - [Blue Angels 10k Run/Walk/Bike: Feb 23, 2019 | Sunbeam Lake](#)
 - [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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NAF El Centro

2019

Blue Angels

AIR SHOW WINGS OVER THE DESERT

**10K FUN RUN/WALK
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

Participants run, walk with strollers or bike the course as the Blue Angels practice overhead. Refreshments and awards add to the fun of the Finish Line Celebration Party.

The Fun Run/Walk is a family event that attracts approximately 500 active duty, military family members and supporters throughout Imperial Valley.

SUNBEAM LAKE



MARCH 16, 2019

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WPB 87350



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