



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 7 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm  
NAF El Centro Mirage Club  
14-18 National Convention, Charleston, SC

### JULY

- 4 Freedom Fest  
Imperial Valley College | Dusk
- 5 DARK - U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps  
No Meeting Fundraiser

### AUGUST

- 2 DARK - U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps  
No Meeting Fundraiser

**TBD** USCGC PETREL Summer BBQ  
Coast Guard Station San Diego

### SEPTEMBER

- 13 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm  
NAF El Centro Mirage Club

### OCTOBER

- 4 Council T-Bone Dinner | 6:30 pm  
NAF El Centro Mirage Club

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## USS San Diego LPD-22 (Amphibious Transport Dock)

### Command Master Chief Ben Faulise to speak

Commissioned in May of 2012, the USS San Diego is a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock. It is the U.S. Navy's fourth ship to be named for San Diego, California, and is homeported in San Diego.

An amphibious transport dock, also called a landing platform dock (LPD), is a warship that is generally designed to transport and land Marines and their equipment into a war zone by sea, primarily using landing craft. These ships support amphibious although invariably they also have the capability to operate transport helicopters.

Our June speaker is Command Master Chief Benjamin Faulise, a native of Moreno Valley, California. He joined the Navy in March of 1996 and after boot camp, attended follow on training at Naval Aircrewman Candidate School, Aviation Electronics Technician Class "A" school and EP-3E ARIES II In-Flight Technician Class "C" School.

In 1997 he reported to the Rangers of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ-2) in Rota, Spain where he served as an In-Flight Technician, Assistant Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) instructor, Collateral Duty Inspector and qualified as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist while making multiple deployments to Crete, Turkey and Bahrain.

In 2000, he was selected for instructor duty and reported to Naval Aviation Maintenance Training Unit, Whidbey Island, Washington where he served as the assistant course manager for the Electronic Support Measures and Communication/ Navigation courses of instruction and qualified as a Master Training Specialist.

In 2003, he returned to VQ-2 in Rota, Spain where he served as the Avionics Leading Petty Officer, Full Systems Quality Assurance Representative and Fleet NATOPS evaluator while making multiple deployments to Crete, Bahrain, Germany, Italy, Qatar, Curacao and Japan.

Following his selection for advancement to Chief Petty Officer in 2006, he transferred to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes as Recruit Division Commander. During his tour at the "Quarterdeck of the Navy", he trained nine Recruit Divisions, served as a Fleet Quality Assurance inspector and was selected for advancement to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In 2010, he attended the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 151 (Grey) then transferring to the Goldenhawks of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE ONE TWO in Point Mugu, California where he served as the Avionics Department Leading Chief Petty Officer and Command Senior Chief following his selection as a Command Master Chief in 2011.

In 2012, he reported to the USS Thach (FFG 43) in San Diego, California as the Command Senior Chief, where he made one Eastern Pacific deployment and decommissioned the ship after 29 years of service in November of 2013. In 2014, he reported to the USCG Chief Petty Officer Academy in Petaluma, California, where he served as the Navy liaison and Operations Master Chief.

He reported to the USS San Diego (LPD 22) in May 2015.



Command Master Chief Benjamin Faulise

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## Recognizing our Best

### Council presents Quarterly Awards to Adopted Squadrons, Commands and Ships

It gives us great pleasure to recognize our adopted Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who consistently excel in their fields. Last month we honored these men and women who were selected as the 2nd Quarter award recipients:



**Naval Air Facility El Centro** | NC1 Carl Ross, Senior Sailor of the Quarter, MA2 Kevin Speer, Sailor of the Quarter, AC3 Jordon Salmon, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, ACAN Nicholas Lancaster, Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter



**USCGC PETREL** | BM1 Karen Sinkey, Senior Enlisted Person of the Quarter, Sponsored by Wymore, Inc.



**Navy Munitions Command Conus West Division** | AO2 Meliza Barraza, Senior Sailor of the Quarter, a native of Seeley, California!



**VFA-122 Flying Eagles** | AE1 Jeffery Ritchie, Senior Sailor of the Quarter, AD2 Malcolm Kindell, Sailor of the Quarter, AT3 Travis Staggs, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, AMEAN Jody-Lee Norman, Blue Jacket of the Quarter, ADAN Michael Conn, Plane Captain of the Quarter, sponsored by Imperial County Sheriffs' Aero-Squadron.

## In Case You Missed It...

### The Air Force's Most Interesting Man, Lt Col. Dean Hunter

Last month we were extremely privileged to have as our guest speaker, Lt. Col. Dean Hunter, who began his military career as an enlisted Marine, earned an



Air Force commission and flew 166 combat missions in the Vietnam War with the 1st Air Commando Squadron from 1963-1964

using a modified T-28 that was combat configured.

Hunter wrote a book about his experiences detailing his life in a book, *For Love of Life and Country*. We were spellbound during his talk. His book is available through Amazon, if you missed getting an autographed copy at the dinner.

The caliber of our monthly speakers continue to be very high. If you're missing a dinner meeting, you're really missing out! We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!



**REMINDER: We will be on Summer break from dinner meetings for the months of July and August. Stay tuned for details of a Summer BBQ and ship ride with our Coast Guard Cutter PETREL in August**

## Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony

### Desert Eagle Squadron provides Color Guard at Evergreen Cemetery

Each year, the Council and the Desert Eagle Squadron supports our local veteran organizations with conducting services at both Evergreen Cemetery and at the Elks Lodge in El Centro.



We are proud to continue this partnership with these organizations, and the educating of our youth in honoring our heroes for who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

We would also like to thank the following individuals who gener-

ously assisted with helping us provide refreshments for both ceremonies— Danielle Ingoglia, Richard and Carol Hann, Betty Tucker, Sandra Solorio, Brian and Mindy Connor, Ted and Lisa Gallinat.

## Fair Winds

### Past President Steve Benton Honored

It's never easy to say goodbye, so we won't. Past President Steve Benton, and his wife Jackie are leaving Imperial Valley after 26 years.

As Steve and Jackie head for Atlanta to be closer to their family, we wanted to give them a gift to remember Imperial Valley on those cool Atlanta nights.

Thank you for your service, Steve and Jackie!



## The Port of Los Angeles to Host Inaugural LA Fleet Week 2016

Save the date: September 2-5, 2016

While you're making your summer plans, don't forget to save the date for a trip to Los Angeles as they welcome a new end-of-summer tradition, the inaugural LA Fleet Week, September 2nd through 5th. LA Fleet Week will be hosted by the Port of Los Angeles on the LA Waterfront during Labor Day Weekend 2016, and will feature guided tours of active Naval vessels, military flyovers, displays and demonstrations, STEM Expos, 8th Annual Conquer the Bridge event, live music, Battleship IOWA events and other exciting activities in downtown San Pedro.

"L.A. Fleet Week will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the greatest fleet and sailors in the world [to] further strengthen the connection between the citizens of Los Angeles and their Navy," said Vice Admiral Nora Tyson.

"It's our goal to work with partners like the Battleship IOWA, the U.S. Navy League and a host of other local stakeholders to develop L.A. Fleet Week into a world-class event and honored Labor Day holiday tradition here in Southern California," added Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. For more info, visit <http://www.lafleetweek.com>



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# Highlights from



## CNO: Partnerships Will Drive Future Navy

By JOHN C. MARCARIO, *Seapower* Special Correspondent

The Navy needs to focus on partnerships with allied countries and other government agencies, Adm. John Richardson, chief of naval operations, said May 17 during his keynote address at the dinner that closed the second day of the three-day Sea-Air-Space Exposition at the Gaylord Convention Center at National Harbor, Md.

That theme has been echoed throughout the exposition by rank and file Navy officials during various presentations, but Richardson, the highest ranking Navy official, drove home the point, saying the Navy needs to explore this space more.

"There's a strength in partnerships and we will lose big time if we don't think that way," he said to a sold-out audience. As the Navy shifts its mission set to the Asia-Pacific region, he said there's a new normal being defined in various parts of the world. He said working closely with partners is the way of the future. "This is your Navy today," Richardson said.

The increased focus on partners is designed so the Navy can be a better customer and continue efforts to strengthen its fleet capabilities.

Amid budget cuts throughout the federal government over the last four years, lawmakers have touted the importance of partnerships to lower costs and become more efficient at missions. "It's imperative that we do work together ... all these partnerships must grow," he said.

In an effort to lower costs Richardson talked about adding on additional unmanned systems to the fleet over the next 15 years. "We are exploring this space," he said.

The Navy is working on a number of alternative fleet design studies and hoping to have some conclusions by the end of summer. The admiral said the service will then be looking to industry for help.

He posed the question: What is the maximum number of unmanned systems the Navy could use and how quickly could they put them into the fleet?

To a predominantly industry audience, he stressed maintenance lifecycle costs while trying to figure out what that fleet would look like. "How fast can we get that on 50 percent of our platforms?" he said.

In closing he once again touched on partnerships, saying they need be to part of the Navy's future and must be closely examined though all facets of government.



Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson waves a binder to give the audience a choice between a longer set of remarks or a shorter set at the Sea-Air-Space Banquet May 17.

Seapower photo by Toby Jorrin

## Chinese Submarine Incident Shows Importance of U.S. UUVs, Navy Official Says

By DANIEL P. TAYLOR, *Seapower* Special Correspondent

A recent incident involving a Chinese diesel submarine illustrates the advantage the U.S. Navy has because of the unmanned underwater systems (UUVs) it deploys, Capt. A.J. Reiss, Oceanographer of the Navy Executive Assistant, said May 18 during a briefing at the Sea-Air-Space exposition.

A Chinese submarine commander was awarded a medal after averting an underwater disaster in 2014 when the boat suddenly began sinking due to a sudden change in the density of the water around it, Reiss said — a water hazard the Navy's UUVs can spot with its persistent surveillance.

"What's happening is the submarine, if you're coming across here at about 3, 4, 5 knots, and you've got the buoyancy all right, all of the sudden you start getting into some less-dense water," he said. "You're not sensing that per se, and you start losing altitude, or the depth is increasing. All of the sudden, it's getting strong and the bottom's falling out on you."

The Chinese submarine was able to escape the dangerous situation before it sunk to depths at which it could not

operate, but the event offers a good illustration of the kind of competitive advantage the U.S. Navy has thanks to its UUVs, Reiss said, who noted that the Chinese reached out to the Naval Research Laboratory and expressed interest in the naval oceanographic ocean model code, which ultimately was not shared.

“That’s a great example of how you can understand the physical battlespace and have a competitive advantage over an adversary,” he said. “Sometimes there are things sticking out of the bottom and you know they’re there and they don’t, because you’ve surveyed the area with great accuracy with an autonomous undersea vehicle. Sometimes you know those features are in the water column themselves and you know they’re there because you’ve got persistent sensing through an unmanned underwater system.”

## Carter: ‘Budget Gimmickry’ Raids War Funds, Threatens Readiness

By WILLIAM H. McMICHAEL, Seapower Special Correspondent

Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter decried what he called “the raids on wartime spending” represented in defense spending legislation being considered by the House and acquisition reform proposed in the Senate, saying he’ll recommend that President Barack Obama veto the final authorization bill if it contains those provisions.

In a noontime speech at the Navy League’s 2016 Sea-Air-Space Exposition May 17 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at National Harbor, Md., Carter described as “budget gimmickry” the authorization bill passed by the House Armed Services Committee.

“Most disturbingly, it raids war funds in a time of war, when we have men and women deployed in operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria,” Carter told attendees. “It also threatens the budget stability that undergirds all of the reforms, investments and initiatives” that he touted a few minutes earlier while presenting highlights of the Navy’s proposed budget — “and threatens the readiness of the force.”

The Senate, Carter said, wants to shift responsibility for acquisition programs within each service from the Department of Defense’s (DoD’s) top acquisitions executive — the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics — to the service chiefs. Carter said he shared the committee’s view that “over time,” that executive has become so preoccupied with program management that research and engineering has taken a bit of a back seat.

“I believe strongly in acquisition reform,” said Carter, who once held the acquisition job. But, he said, “separating these functions makes no sense. Procurement and sustainment costs are controlled by decisions made during development.”

Carter expressed dismay that the spirit of compromise promised by 2015’s bipartisan budget deal hasn’t had a more lasting impact.

“I was an early advocate for Washington to escape gridlock, and to come together behind an agreement along the lines of last fall’s Bipartisan Budget Act, for which we in the department are very grateful,” Carter said. “The passage of this act gave us some much-needed stability to plan and build for the future after years of gridlock and turbulence. “That budget deal set the size of our budget,” Carter said. “And with this degree of certainty, we focused on its shape in building the FY17 budget we submitted and I’ve described. ... But the budget stability that was supposed to last for two years is already under threat after only six months — with a proposal that underfunds DoD’s overseas warfighting accounts by over \$18 billion — and spend that money on programmatic items we didn’t request.

“This approach is deeply troubling,” Carter said. It leaves DoD, he said, “facing the department’s greatest strategic threat, which is a return of sequestration, and \$100 billion looming in automatic cuts, beginning next year.” Carter said he “would respectfully suggest that the informed, expert judgment of the civilian and military leadership at the Department of Defense, which is embodied in our budget proposal, should receive greater support, and be subject to less micromanagement.”

Lacking same, Carter said he’ll recommend the final bill be rejected.

“If a final version of the [National Defense Authorization Act] reaches the president this year and includes a raid on war funding that risks stability and gambles with war funding, jeopardizes readiness and rejects key judgments of the department, I’ll be compelled to recommend that he veto the bill.”



Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter speaks during the Sea-Air-Space Luncheon May 17.

Seapower photo by Lisa Nipp

## Blue Angels Memorial Project at Naval Air Facility El Centro

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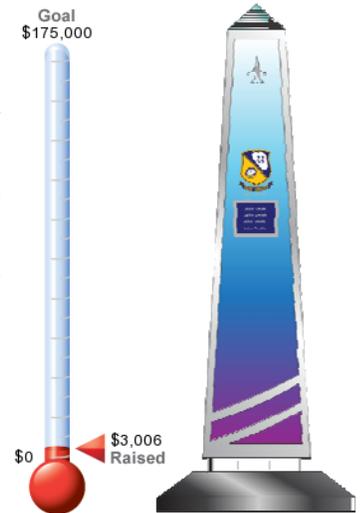
Council President Ted Gallinat attended Navy League's premier event, Sea-Air-Space Exposition in Washington, D.C. last month. The Expo to gain national attention to the memorial fundraising effort. The SAS Expo is designed to bring the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event

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