



**February 6, 2018**

**IV Navy League Dinner | NAF El Centro Mirage Club at 5:30 pm**



### **Introducing Team Blue Angels 2018**

If you haven't seen the Blue Angels streaking across our desert skies, you've definitely heard the sound of freedom overhead. I don't know about you, but I've enjoyed the familiar sound of our elite U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Team practicing in our communities.

As has been our tradition since 1967, we'll be hosting Team Blue Angels 2018 officers at our next dinner meeting on February 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

I have met the Blue Angels' new Flight Leader, [Commander Eric Doyle](#), and he is looking forward to meeting our Navy Leaguers and sharing a T-Bone steak with you. This is the Blue Angels' first public appearance in Imperial Valley, and I invite you to join us at our earlier start time -- 5:30 p.m.

You'll find Boss Doyle's biography along with all the officers on their [website](#).

So Rev your Engines, and race on over with an appetite on a T-Bone and Blue Angels!

### **Going...Going...Almost Gone.**

Desert Outing is fast approaching on February 23-24, 2018.

The Outing is our major fundraiser, and without your support of this annual event, we can't do all that we do for the men and women of our sea services.



There are only six days left to register for our biggest event of the year. The deadline to register is **February 5th**. For your convenience, you may pay online through our

[website.](#)

Call or [email](#) us if you have questions, but don't miss out on the fun!



## Scholarships Available

The Navy League's Foundation Scholarships provide support to the children of the men and women of the sea services.

This scholarship application process is entirely online. Applications open October 15, 2017 and close March 1, 2018.

Visit our national headquarters site [here](#) to learn more today.

## Spread some love when you shop!

Your special Valentine's Day gift can support our council! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to Imperial Valley Council. Link to [Amazon Smile](#) today to get started.



You can use the same Amazon account you normally use; simply select The Navy League Imperial Valley Council as your charitable organization, and at no extra cost to you, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price!

Many of our members already support this effort, and to date, we have received **\$101.01** as a result. You may not think that \$100 does much, but to us, it means:

- 4 Thanksgiving Turkeys for Sailors
- 2 Sailor of the Quarter Awards
- 1 Sailor of the Year Award
- ...and much, much, more!

Thank you for supporting your local council while shopping.



## Join or Renew your Membership

Have you joined our membership, or has your membership expired? We count on your membership to sustain or council. If your membership has lapsed, you can [renew online](#) today, or download our [membership form](#).

Membership is open to all citizens. Only Active Duty service members may not join, but their spouses are encouraged to join our ranks! Need help joining or renewing? [Contact us](#) today.

## President's Message

January is the anniversary of the formation of our

council. We were "born" on January 15, 1949. That means for 69 years we have doing the important work of supporting the men and women of the United States' Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marines.

I received a note from the Officer in Charge of our adopted USCGC PETREL just yesterday reminding me that the crew was celebrating the 2nd anniversary of our adoption of the ship -- along with a "Thank you" for what our council does for them.

This message alone confirms that together we are making a difference in the lives of the men and women of the PETREL and their families, and all our adopted commands. Our opportunities to serve them are frequent, and sometimes not depending on the circumstances, but the important part, is that we are making a concerted effort to do so. Your support whether it comes by way of attending a fundraiser, donating toward a turkey, inviting a friend to membership, or writing a letter to our elected leaders asking for funding of our military -- IT IS IMPORTANT and IT MATTERS in the lives of these individuals we have committed to supporting.

With this new year, brings new opportunities to not only continue to do what we do best, but to make improvements and take on new challenges in support of our mission. Can I count on you as a volunteer at one of our events, or to take on a new role in the council? We have opportunities for you to serve. Please speak to me about a talent you have, so we may utilize you to better our council.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday, February 5th for a delicious T-Bone steak dinner with the Blue Angels.

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