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Ahoy Navy Leaguers!!

President's Message,

It has been a busy summer since my last writing. Your Navy League has been busy with events to show our support for the military and enjoy the camaraderie of our membership. In July we attended the Change of Command of our adopted Coast Guard Cutter Haddock. After this event we enjoyed a barbeque with the crew. Once again thanks go out to Tip Top Meats in Carlsbad, for their gracious donation of brats, sausage and hotdogs. The crew was overwhelmed! Robert Johnson, NL Board Director, gave the departing CO, Lt Reyna Hernandez the autograph and photo book that he had been working on for over a year. She was truly grateful and I am sure will have it prominently displayed at her next assignment, the White House!

Also in July, we enjoyed our member dinner held at MCAS Miramar. Special thanks to Robert Johnson for his detailed planning and coordination that made this event a definitive success.

We were privileged to have Congressman Brian Bilbray

present, Tom Richards (National Commander, Legion of Valor) and veterans who have served from World War II to today!

Our guest speaker, Capt Tom Hejl (USN-Retired), the former CO of the USS Kitty Hawk on September 11, 2001 gave an energetic presentation on the state of our active duty Navy. He gave keen insight to recent acts of bravery during a fire onboard the USS George Washington, and surprised the crowd as he presented two of the active duty heroes that were in attendance at our dinner! Please read more in the Log.

As we move to the fall and winter, we look forward to another dinner event along with our upcoming tour of HMH-361 at MCAS Miramar. Our Sea Cadets are back in session and always enjoy a visit from their Navy League supporters. I welcome all input from the membership for new event ideas and open our board to any interested party that is willing to serve!

Semper Fidelis
Chip Dykes

A SPECIAL AFTERNOON at MIRAMAR MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Tour of the HMH-361 (Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron)



When: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 12PM-2PM

Where: MCAS HMH-361 Bldg# 9570, Hanger #5

What: Tour of Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron HMH-361 of Hanger and Work Spaces

Cost: \$10 per person plus everyone must bring day of event \$6 CASH per person for lunch at mess hall next to Squadron.

Everyone attending must bring Valid Photo I.D. and Valid Automobile Insurance if driving to enter the Base. Cancellations and No Shows will be expected to pay.

[Reserve Online NOW!](#) Call Board President Chip Dykes at (858) 908-2322 or email him at President@NavyLeague.net Make Check Payable to Tri-City Navy League. More information at: www.NavyLeague.net

Special Thanks to our Community Affiliates!

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Special Thanks to Tip Top Meats! Big John donated enough meat to feed 100 Coast Guard Sailors at the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Haddock Change of Command Ceremony on July 15, 2008. In addition to the great meat a very special "Memory Book" that our NL Board Director Robert Johnson had assembled over the past year was presented to the departing Lt Hernandez, we all wish her great fortune and success in her future!

We Need YOU! If interested in being on the Tri-City Navy League Board of Directors or committees or want to volunteer, please call Chip at 760-908-2322.

Please continue to go to our website to check out current events www.navyleague.net

The Tri-City Council NLUS sponsors the Gunfighter Squadron & Training Ship TOPGUN, located at MCAS Miramar, San Diego, California. For more information about Gunfighter Squadron & Training Ship TOPGUN - MCAS Miramar please visit their website at www.seacadets.org/gunfighter or call (858) 373-8785.



Above: Sea Cadets @ Camp Roberts

Gunfighter Squadron and Top Gun Training Ship
Sea Cadets report:
3 Cadets completed Recruit Training
1 completed Field Training
1 went aboard a Coast Guard cutter for 2 weeks for his training...
1 completed Advanced Field Training
2 completed Sailing Training
2 completed Aviation Training

We had two Color Guard events.....the NL dinner at Miramar and another aboard the USS Midway for 2500 guests....

We had our first drill of the school year last Saturday, and we did MCAS Combat Survival Swim training...5 Cadets qualified for Class 2, and 4 for Class 4...we now have the unit swim qualified at some level - most at Class 3.

We will be at the MCAS Air Show on the 4th at the Recruiting District tent, please stop by and say Hello!

Recruiting for the Sea Cadets is a high priority - taking action at the local level in the schools and community.



Above: Sea Cadets @ MCAS Combat Water Survival Training



From Left to Right: Congressman Bilbray, NL
President Chip Dykes, Capt. Tom Hejl USN, Retired

On July 18th, the Tri City Council Navy League had a wonderful dinner event at MCAS Miramar in the Hornet Room at the Officer's Club. Our Sea Cadets the Gunfighter Squadron & Training Ship TOPGUN did a fabulous presentation of the colors with pride and honor.

President Chip Dykes presented an award from the Navy League National Headquarters for the best web-site design to our own Past Board Treasurer Rick Long. Congratulations Rick !

President Dykes also introduced several WWII Vets in attendance for the evening, and Tom Richards, National Director, Legion of Valor. Our special guest speaker was Capt. Tom Hejl, USN, Retired. He was introduced by Congressman Brian Bilbray. The congressman spoke about the successes and encouragement he witnessed first hand during a recent trip to Iraq. He spoke eloquently about the dedication and commitment from all our armed forces.

Capt. Hejl, who had been the skipper on the USS Kitty Hawk during 9/11, told of their orders and

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actions during that event and their cooperation with the US Army in a unique joint maneuver. We also shared a good natured laugh at the USAF's expense.

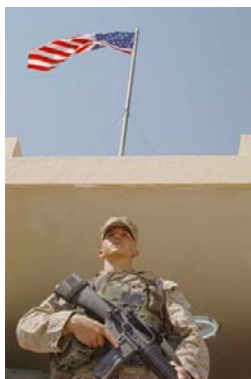
On this night, Capt, Hejl had a few surprises of his own. He brought two crew members, as very special guests, from the USS George Washington. There had been a serious fire on board the GW, and these two individuals, through their heroism and ingenuity saved the lives of their shipmates and prevented further damage to their ship. They were awarded medals for their valor.



From Left to Right: Sailor Dan Russell, Congressman Bilbray, Sailor Dan Russell

These special events are outstanding opportunities to meet some fascinating individuals and to explore and further support all the maritime services. Other events that we sponsor include: tours and special events at Camp Pendleton, change of command ceremonies with the Coast Guard, tours and ride-alongs on active Navy and Coast Guard ships, special seating for the USMC birthday celebration parade, opportunities to contribute to the Toys for Tots campaign in December, and much more... This is just another great benefit of your membership in the Navy League.

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