



**Our Updated Program for June 11th, 2019**

**“China’s Submarine Force, Are They the Sleeping Giant?”**  
**With CDR Ray Ferbrache, USN, (Ret.)**

Captain Brien Dickson, the Commanding Officer of Naval Base Point Loma, was originally scheduled to be our speaker for June 11th. However, “Needs of the Service” have dictated a change in his plans and availability. We have assurances that he will return to our podium in the Fall.

Commander Ray Ferbrache was born and raised in Turlock, CA. He was a graduate of the California Maritime Academy in 1960 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Nautical Engineering and a US Coast Guard License as 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer for Steam and Diesel, Any Horsepower, Any Ocean. He then served for one year in the Merchant Marine before being called to active Duty by the United States Navy. . Commander Ferbrache served for two years on a Destroyer Escort, then was assigned to Submarine School, New London, CT.. He completed his submarine Qualification on USS CAIMAN (SS-323), then served as the Ops/Nav Officer on USS CARBANARO (SS-337), Then on to Executive Officer, USS TANG (SS-563), Following that, he was the Commanding Officer, USS TRINGA (ASR-16) and then the Executive Officer of USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39). Commander Ferbrache’s Staff Duties included those in the Intelligence Field. His last Naval Service assignment was at the Operational Test and Evaluation



Force where he was the Test Director for the evaluations of the Tomahawk Missile Block I set, then the Mk 48 ADCAP Torpedo and finally the CCS MK1 Combat Fire Control System. Ray Ferbrache married Patricia Ann and they have 3 Children and 4 Grandchildren.

Commander Ferbrache has long followed and studied the navies of foreign countries. We will be hearing of his latest focus on the Chinese Navy and its growing submarine force.

Ray Ferbrache has been a long time member of the Naval Submarine League and the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated.

### June is A Special Month

Without any Major Holidays, June probably has more celebrations than any other month. Weddings, Anniversaries, Graduations and family birthdays all seem to populate June. In recognition of the Joys of June, we are recommending that you all bring your spouse or best friend to our next Luncheon on June 11. We will look forward to hearing Commander Ferbrache and catch up with shipmates and spouses.

### June—invite the Ladies Month

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### Summer Vacation

There will be no Luncheons/Forums in July and August

### Election Day

Election of Next Year’s Officers at the June Luncheon

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