



**Naval Submarine League  
Pacific Southwest Chapter  
August 2021 Newsletter**

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**Our Program for Tuesday, August 10th, 2021**

**“SUBRON ELEVEN—A Lot Is Going On!”**

**Captain John “Patrick” Friedman, USN  
Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN**

Please Plan to be with us for our first, in recent history, August Meeting and Professional Forum. Taking advantage of our ability to return to Oceanview and be together, Commodore Friedman was able to find a slot in his very busy At Sea Schedule. Be Alert to the new security protocols. Members can access NBPL if: 1) You have a valid DoD or CaC Card; 2) You are escorted by a member in Category 1); or 3) you submit a Form 5512 by the date previously specified—July 20.

From Albany, Louisiana, Captain Friedman graduated from Louisiana State University in 1995 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. After Officer Candidate School, he completed nuclear power and basic submarine training. He reported to his first submarine assignment on USS HELENA (SSN 725). He served as main propulsion assistant, damage control assistant, and quality assurance officer, and completed a Western Pacific deployment and a 13-month depot modernization period at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before HELENA changed homeports to San Diego, California.

In June 2003, he reported to USS CHEYENNE (SSN 773) as the engineer officer. He completed an Eastern Pacific deployment, a Western Pacific deployment, and an intermediate drydocking that included a dual-media discharge. During his time aboard, the ship earned the COMSUBRON SEVEN Battle “E” in 2003 and 2005, the Engineering “E” in 2003, and the CNO Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for 2003.

In April 2008 Captain Friedman reported aboard USS PENNSYLVANIA (BLUE) (SSBN 735) as Executive Officer. While onboard, he completed three strategic deterrent patrols and commenced an extended refueling overhaul period at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. During his tour PENNSYLVANIA earned the 2009 COMSUBRON SEVENTEEN Battle Efficiency “E” and the Navy League Outstanding Trident Performance Award.

In October 2012 he assumed command of USS COLUMBIA (SSN 771). He completed an Eastern Pacific deployment, a Western Pacific deployment, and two drydocking maintenance periods, including a dual-media discharge. Under his command, the ship earned the 2014 COMSUBRON SEVEN Battle “E”, the Engineering “E” and the CNO Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy. In January 2016, he assumed command of the USS OKLAHOMA CITY. While in command, he commenced an intermediate drydocking that included a dual-media discharge.

Captain Friedman’s shore duty assignments include Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, New York as a staff instructor; Commander, Submarine Squadron SEVEN as the material officer; Naval Reactors as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Officer Policies and Plans; Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific as the Senior Member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation team and most recently Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command as the Director for Sensitive Activities.

Captain Friedman is currently serving as Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 in San Diego.

Captain Friedman’s personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).



**Zoom is in the Plan**

A Zoom Link will be in our Plan. We are working to improve the audio parameters so that Zoom Attendees will gain some more comfortable and useful connectivity.

The Zoom Link and Information will be provided during the week before this

**August Meeting.**

*Bruce Renne, President*  
([pres@nslpacsw.com](mailto:pres@nslpacsw.com))



**Bruce  
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Pacific SW Chapter





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Some of Commodore Friedman's  
"Most Memorable . . ."



### Key Dates

August 10—Chapter Luncheon  
September 6—Labor Day  
September 14—Chapter Luncheon





## Fantastic Photos From June

Our Thanks to Jeff Fischbeck



The Graybeards Were Mustered

Fischbeck, Wiese, McCune, MacVean, Hughes, Ward, Renne, Schmidt, Mathiowetz



Sam Ward's Endurance and Leadership of the PACSW Chapter is recognized with some mementoes



President Bruce Renne Congratulates and Thanks Captain Franklin for his presence and presentation on the activities of Naval Base Point Loma. We were re-enlightened as to the spectrum and variety of things that the NBPL CO is responsible for. The care and feeding of his areas of responsibility takes great balance, sensitivity and smarts. Uppermost is the need to support the men and women that go to sea, but with a real awareness of the challenges of COVID and the need for the preservation of the environment. We are pleased that Captain Franklin made it in from Naples last summer.



The Head Table

Chan-Williams, Severson, Este, Mazat, Franklin, Renne, Friedman, Ward



Captain Franklin and Commodore Friedman share a Grip and Grin before the Meeting got underway. Great that they could both be with us.





## Some June 2021 Table Talk



Freeman, MacVean, Hughes, Hughes, Bayne, Tucker, Brenner



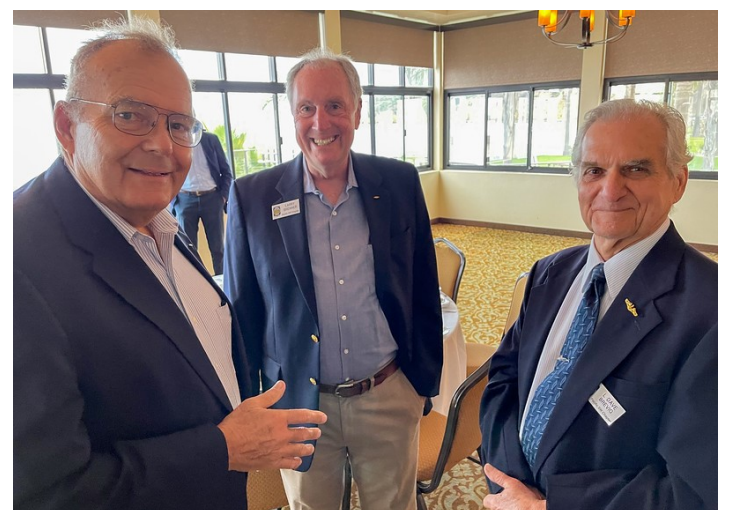
Steve Andres and Denver McCune



Bill Hughes and Don Mathiowetz



We don't say "Ancient Mariners". To us they are Mature Mariners.



Tom Tucker, Larry Brenner and Dave Brevig

The Big Picture. Here is a view of the Oceanview Room as we resumed in-person luncheon and professional forum meetings.





# **NSLPACSW**

## **Luncheon and Forum**

### **Reservations Information**

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#### **Luncheon and Professional Forum Reservations**

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

**11:15 AM, Tuesday, August 10th, 2021**

Oceanview at Ballast Point, Building 501, Naval Base Point Loma

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM

#### **For Members and Guests**

The Luncheon/Forum will cost \$20 each

Payable at the door with check or cash

Lieutenants, CPOs and Enlisted E-6 and Below are guests of the Chapter.

These Active Duty personnel will be welcomed at our luncheons and professional forums with

**No Charge**

## **Make Your Reservations before Thursday, August 5th, 2021**

**By e-mail:** [nslpacsw@hotmail.com](mailto:nslpacsw@hotmail.com)

**By Mail:** NSLPACSW, 3528 Liggett Dr., San Diego, CA 92106-2153

**By Phone:** 619-508-4401 (Talk or Text)

**Provide the names of members and guests attending**

## **Guests are Always Welcome—Plan to Bring One!**

Payable at the Door, checks should be made out to: **NSLPACSW Chapter**

**Reservations Deadline: Thursday August 5th, 2021**

**If you do not** have an active duty, DoD CAC, retired military or Dependent ID for the Naval Base Point Loma access, please text 619-508-4401 or e-mail [nslpacsw@hotmail.com](mailto:nslpacsw@hotmail.com) **when making your Reservation** for assistance in making Base access arrangements. You must be escorted by a member with a Valid ID unless you have submitted a Form 5512 prior to July 20th (As Previously Announced).

For those who are unsure of your access status, please contact Charlie MacVean at 619-508-4401 before Noon on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021