



**Naval Submarine League
Pacific Southwest Chapter
September 2022 Newsletter**

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Our Program for **Tuesday, September 13th, 2022**

11:15 am to 1:00 pm:

**Our speaker will be Commander Christopher Rose, USN,
Commanding Officer, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)**

**Please plan to join us at the Oceanview for this in-person meeting.
COVID masks currently are optional on Naval Base Point Loma.**

We plan to video this presentation and then post the video on the PACSW website:

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This meeting will not be presented on Zoom.

Commander Christopher Rose, United States Navy

Commander Christopher Rose is a native of South Amboy, NJ. He graduated from the U.S Naval Academy in 2005 with a BS in Ocean Engineering and also holds Masters of Science Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

His sea tours include Division Officer assignments on USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690) where he completed two deployments to the EUCOM and CENTCOM areas of operation. He then served as Engineer Officer on USS GREENEVILLE (SSN 772) and conducted one WestPac deployment, followed by tours as Executive Officer on USS HELENA (SSN 725) and USS WASHINGTON (SSN 787) and one deployment to the Northern Atlantic. Ashore, his staff assignments included Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy. He also served on the U.S. Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) and most recently completed a tour as the Submarine Branch Head and Executive Officer/Post-Executive Officer detailer at Navy Personnel Command (PERS 42).

Commander Rose's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), as well as various Battle Efficiency and Unit Commendation awards.

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) at Ballast Point.



Mark your calendars

- Sep 13: **Chapter Luncheon**
- Sep 16: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – National POW/MIA Day
- Oct 11: **Chapter Luncheon**
- Nov 8: **Chapter Luncheon**
- Nov 11: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – Veterans Day
- Dec 2: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – [Wreaths with PLA/SubVets](#)
- Dec 13: **Chapter Luncheon**

Zoom Coverage Suspended

Zoom coverage of the Chapter luncheon has been suspended. Instead, we'll record the speaker's presentation and post the video on the PACSW website:

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Check our website for a more complete 2022/2023 calendar of events, event photos and latest information:

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PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMARINES TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE

June 14th, 2022 at the Oceanview with Commodore Kenneth Douglas, Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN



Bruce Renne kicks off the meeting



Oceanview staff served another great lunch.



L to R at the head table: Sam Ward, LT Dan Robinson, Keith Fargo, Charlie MacVean, Commodore Douglas, Bruce Renne & Robert Thomas



Our cake commemorates Commodore Douglas' return to San Diego, the 40th anniversary of NSL and Flag Day. Bruce Renne looks on as the cake is cut by Commodore Douglas, our youngest guest (ETN3 Bruce Morgan) and our oldest PACSW member (Chic Bowling).



Charlie MacVean provided his recollections of the founding of NSL 40 years ago.

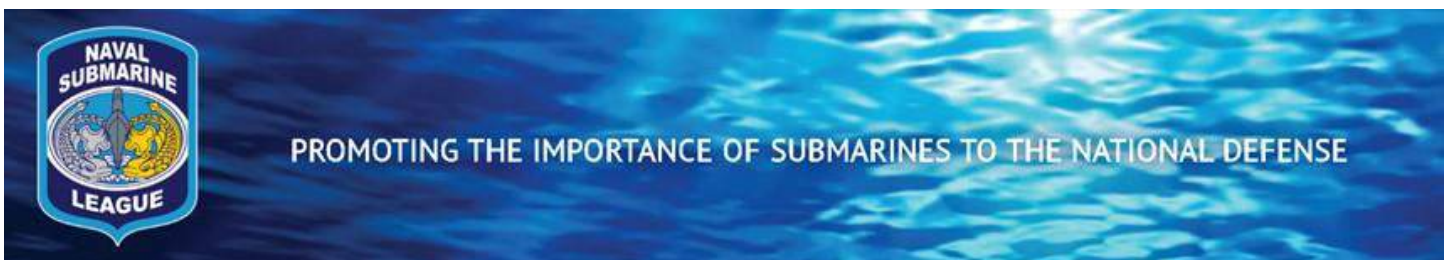


Commodore Douglas



President Bruce Renne thanks Commodore Douglas.

Check the Chapter website for a more photos from the June 14th, 2022
Luncheon / Professional Forum: <http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>



Tour of Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Pacific (COMHSMWINGPAC), July 15th, 2022

On Friday, July 15, Naval Submarine League – Pacific Southwest Chapter was hosted by Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, Pacific (HSMWingPac) at Naval Air Station North Island. Members of HSM-75, the Wolfpack, gave us a 40 minute briefing on HSM operations followed by a tour of their MH-60R helos on the flight line, including an opportunity to climb aboard a helo and check out the cockpit and back seat operations. Then we were all given an opportunity to “fly” an MH-60R in the simulator, with expert instruction from HSM-75 Instructor Pilots. The several simulated flight scenarios even included taking off from a cruiser at sea. NSLPACSW members and guests enjoyed their visit and are grateful to HSM-75 for their hospitality.



NSL PACSW members & guests get up close and personal with an MH-60R on the NAS North Island flight line.



You'll find more information and photos of HSM-75 on the Seaforces-online website here:

<https://www.seaforces.org/usnair/HSM/Helicopter-Maritime-Strike-Squadron-75.htm>

NSL PACSW Chapter Annual Planning Meeting, August 4th, 2022

The following changes affecting our monthly Luncheon / Professional Forum were agreed at the meeting:

- ❑ Luncheon/Forum price will be increased to \$30 per person.
- ❑ NBPL security requirements are becoming more complex. The most immediate impact is that NSLPACSW is required to submit an attendance list to NBPL Security for those without CAC or DOD Identification at least 10 days in advance of the event.

Attendees at the Annual Planning Meeting held at the Southwestern Yacht Club



Front Row: Don Mathiowetz, former CO PUFFER and former President, NSLPACSW; Warrie Leeke, former Treasurer, NSLPACSW; Pete Lobner, commissioning JO on DRUM and the new Secretary; CSS 11 Command Master Chief Nick Green; Bruce Renne, President
Back Row: Sam Ward, former CO ARCHERFISH and immediate Past President; Bob Bissonette, former crewmember, USS PARCHE, current Arctic Submarine Lab employee and Commander of the San Diego USSVI Chapter; Jeff Fischbeck, former CO USS LAJOLLA and former President; Charlie MacVean, former CO USS SEAWOLF, and most recent Secretary (Since 1998); Robert Thomas, former CO USS BREMERTON and COMSEVENTH FLEET and incoming Vice President; Jim Piburn, retired Supply Officer Captain with a bunch of interesting assignments including Staff COMSEVENTHFLT during the Fat Leonard times.

NSL PACSW Membership Audit, August 2022

After an audit of our membership rolls in August 2022, Charlie MacVean and Pete Lobner confirmed that NSL PACSW has **379 members**, with 11% active duty members.

San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC), August 17th 2022

SDMAC is a not-for-profit mutual benefit corporation, whose mission is to support, promote, and represent the common business and other interests of the military, their quality of life issues, and the defense industry community in the San Diego area. NSL is a Corporate member of SDMAC. BGEN J.G. Woodworth, USMC, Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West was the speaker at this meeting

“A View From The Periscope” submarine exhibit in Coronado



The Coronado Historical Association (CHA) opened this exhibit on July 20th, 2022 at their museum at 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118. This exhibit will run through November 11th, 2022, Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is free.

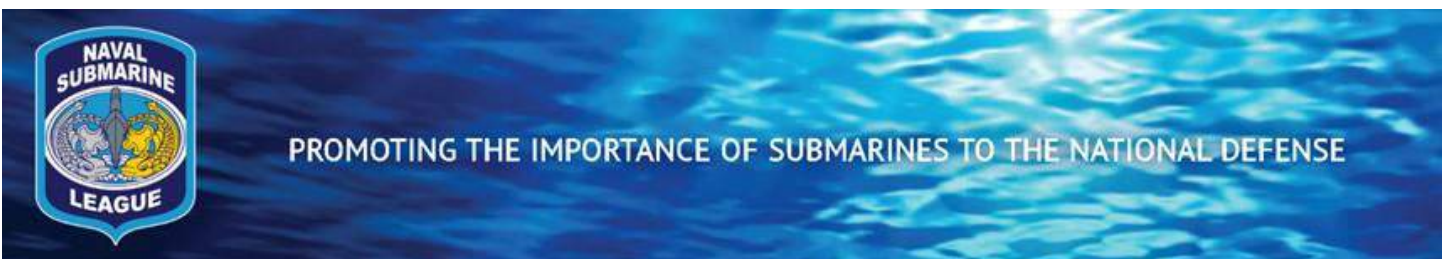
You'll find more information on this exhibit on the CHA website here: <https://coronadohistory.org/exhibits/current-exhibits/>

World's first nuclear-powered submarine, USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571), returned to its Groton, CT home after a \$36 million refit



Another exhibit that will be well worth visiting next time you're in Connecticut is the USS NAUTILUS, which returned to the Submarine Force Museum in Groton on August 4th, 2022, after a 10 month overhaul that began in October 2021. The NAUTILUS will remain closed while the final elements of the restoration project are completed prior to its Grand Re-Opening, which is scheduled for September 9th, 2022.

You'll find more information on the Submarine Force Museum website here: <https://ussnautilus.org>





NSLPACSW
Luncheon / Professional Forum
Reservations Information
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Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, Tuesday September 13, 2022

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

COVID masks currently are optional for base and building access.

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM.

Meeting is called to order about 30 minutes later and concludes by 1:00 PM.

For Members and Guests

The Luncheon/Forum price is **\$30 per person**, payable at the door with cash or check.

Checks should be made payable to: NSLPACSW Chapter.

Lieutenants, CPOs & enlisted E-6 & below are guests of the Chapter.

These Active Duty personnel are welcome to attend our Luncheon / Professional Forum
at no charge.

Make your reservations with Jim Piburn by e-mail: treas@nslpacsw.com

- Include the names of members and guests attending
- If you have a valid ID that allows you access to Naval Base Point Loma (an active duty, DoD CAC, retired military or Dependent ID), then your reservation deadline is noon Friday, September 9, 2022
- **If you do not have a valid ID that allows you access to Naval Base Point Loma, then please make your reservation as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 2, 2022.** Your name must be on an access list that PACSW submits to base security **no later than 10 days before this luncheon / forum.** **When making your reservation, please make it clear that you lack a valid ID.** When your name is on the PACSW access list, you will be allowed to enter the base without an escort and proceed to the Oceanview. If you are not on the access list, then you must be escorted by a member with a valid ID. **If you are unsure of your base access status, please contact Jim Piburn at treas@nslpacsw.com before your reservation deadline.**
- Any cancellations are required by noon Friday, September 9, 2022.