



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

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Our Program for **Tuesday, June 14th, 2022
Captain Kenneth Douglas, USN
Who, by the end May, will be
Commander Submarine Squadron ELEVEN**

Please Plan To Join Us at Oceanview or with the Zoom Link

June 14th is also Flag Day and that week marks the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Naval Submarine League.

Commodore Douglas will discuss items of interest as he returns to San Diego.

Captain Kenneth Douglas, United States Navy

Captain Douglas hails from Long Island, NY and enlisted in the Navy in 1993. Following Nuclear Power training, he was selected for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated with merit in 1998 with a major in Aerospace Engineering. His afloat tours include the submarines USS MICHIGAN, USS BREMERTON, USS CHEYENNE and Executive Officer of USS ASHEVILLE. He commanded USS PASADENA (SSN 752) from July 2015 until October 2017 where the ship was awarded the Submarine Squadron 11 Battle Efficiency award. He has completed six strategic deterrent patrols as well as several deployments to the Western Pacific and South America. His assignments ashore have included an instructor tour at Tactical Training Group Pacific, Junior Board Member on the U.S. Fleet Forces Command Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, Special Assistant to the Commander of United States Strategic Command, Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron ELEVEN, and Post-Commanding Officer detailer at Navy Personnel Command. He assumes command of Submarine Squadron ELEVEN in May 2022 based out of San Diego, CA. CAPT Douglas is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College. He holds a M.S. in Engineering Mechanics from Columbia University. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.

The June Meeting will Include the Election of Officers

Separately, we will be seeking Nominations and Volunteers to assist in ongoing activities and positions.

Bruce Renne, President
(pres@nslpacsw.com)

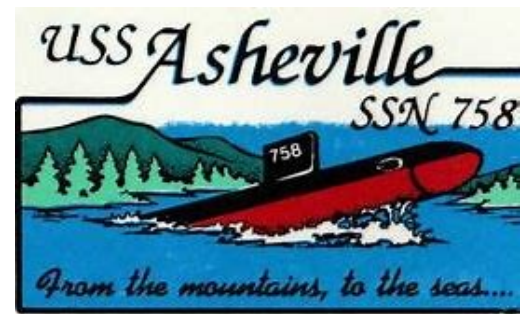


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Captain Kenneth Douglas, USN
 “Hailing from the Great State of New York”



Key Dates

June 14- Flag Day
 June 14- Chapter Luncheon, Election
 June 21, 1982- Incorporation of the Naval Submarine League
 July and August—Summer Break
 No Meetings in July or August
 September 13- Chapter Luncheon

Zoom Coverage

The June Meeting will see another Zoom Link. We want to include out of town Members to the Best of Our Ability. Details will be provided as we approach the June 14th date.

Yes—Zoom + In Person in June

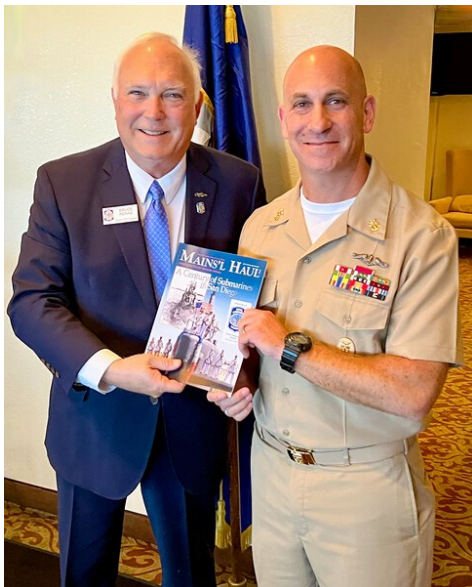


**April at Oceanview
With FORCM Jason Avin
Force Master Chief
Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet**



Force Master Chief Avin energetically and with conviction conveyed COMSUBPAC's Priorities: Warfighting, People and Safety. His extensive submarine experience combined with his current connectivity with submarine crews in the Pacific allowed him to provide insights into the strengths and capabilities of our submariners today. He then introduced the COMSUBPAC Sailor of the Year Finalists, so that they could individually introduce themselves. What an impressive group. As we were exposed to the broad spectrum of talent and dedication in this group, each of us felt reassured about the caliber of our sailors—afloat and ashore. We wish them well as they forge their careers surrounded by the excellence of their peers. As FORCM stated "These are the Best of the Best" and that was amply demonstrated.

COMSUBPAC Sailor of the Year Finalists flanked by FORCM Avin and Steve and Lynne Doyle, who presented individual gifts to these terrific examples of professionalism. We were honored to be able to host them.



President Bruce Renne thanks FORCM Avin and presents him with a copy of "A Century of Submarines in San Diego"



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122nd Birthday of the Submarine Force
Some Views of the Festivities—May 7, 2022
You May Recognize Some of the Usual Suspects



The Newest Qualified in Submarines—USS HAMPTON





PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMARINES TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE

NSL HISTORY

The Naval Submarine League was founded in 1982 to provide a means for Submarine Force leadership to share their vision and direction with the American people, so they could be aware of the need for a strong undersea arm of the U.S. Navy. Several [events](#) have been developed which enable government, industry and academia to identify, study and develop potential solutions to undersea warfare challenges. A quarterly journal, *The Submarine Review*, and ten [chapters](#) (some at submarine ports) enable submariners and submarine enthusiasts to be informed.

The Naval Submarine League was incorporated in Virginia on 21 June 1982.

The Chairman was ADM A. J. Whittle, USN, Ret.

The officers were:

President – VADM Shannon D. Cramer, USN, Ret.

Vice President – RADM William D. Pugh, USN, Ret.

Treasurer – CAPT Jason Law, USN, Ret.

Counsel - CAPT Louis T. Urbanczyk, USN, Ret.

Secretary – RADM Albert L. Kelln, USN, Ret.

As I heard it, or remember it . . .

In the 1980—1981 timeframe, Admiral Rickover found himself in an uphill battle to convince Congress, as well as parts of the Navy, that the significant investment in developing the 688 Class submarine, and in particular the new propulsion plant, was indeed worth it. Admiral Rickover dispatched his Deputy, Bill Wegner, to meet with retired submariners in the Washington, DC area to see what could be done to educate the Congress members and their constituents as to the importance of nuclear submarines to the defense of the United States. Admiral Rickover was adamant that this could not be a lobbying organization, but one of education, collaboration and truth telling. But, he knew that we had to get the word out in a determined and coherent manner.

Thus the seeds were planted for the formation and emergence of the Naval Submarine League.

As I remember it . . .

Charlie MacVean, Captain, USN, (Ret.)



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 June 14th, 2022

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

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM, Zoom to be served about 30 minutes later

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 Friday, June 10th, 2022

By e-mail: nslpacsw@hotmail.com

By Mail: NSLPACSW, 3528 Liggett Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

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

Provide the names of members and guests attending

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

Reservations Deadline: Friday June 10, 2022

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 **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 and had it approved. **If you are unsure of your access status, please contact Charlie MacVean at 619-508-4401 before Noon on Friday April 22nd.**