



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

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Our Program for **Tuesday, March 8th, 2022
Captain John C. Witte, USN
Deputy for Training, Submarine Squadron Eleven
Interim Commanding Officer, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22)**

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

The Luncheon and Professional Forum will Host Captain John Witte as he discusses the Surfaced Transit of the Pacific on the USS CONNECTICUT, damaged following a submerged grounding.

Captain John C. Witte, USN

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Captain Witte graduated from Iowa State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Food Science. He also completed a Master of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University and a Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the Joint Forces Staff College.

His Division Officer tour was onboard USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) in Groton, CT, where he completed an Engineered Refueling Overhaul and Arabian Gulf deployment. The ship earned the COMSUBRON TWO Battle Efficiency "E" Award in 2004. CAPT Witte's Department Head tour was onboard USS MICHIGAN (SSGN 727) (GOLD) in Bangor, WA, where he served as the Engineer Officer. MICHIGAN completed two Western Pacific Deployments and earned the COMSUBRON NINETEEN Engineering "E" Award in 2009. His next sea tour was as Executive Officer (and Plank Owner) onboard USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783) in Norfolk, VA, where he led the crew through initial construction, sea trials and commissioning.

He was the Commanding Officer of USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) in San Diego, CA. During his time in command, the ship completed two Western Pacific Deployments and was awarded the COMSUBRON ELEVEN Battle Efficiency "E" Award in 2020. He also served as the interim Commanding Officer of USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) for her transit home after the ship ran aground in 2021.

His shore tours include serving as the Naval Special Warfare Officer at COMSUBRON ONE in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the U.S. Fleet Forces Command Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board in Norfolk, Virginia. Following his Executive Officer tour, CAPT Witte attended the Joint Advanced Warfighting School and then joined the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command's Joint Planning Support Element, where he conducted several deployments in support of defense planning efforts.

Bruce Renne, President
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Check Our Website for all of the Photos, Events and Latest Information
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Captain John C. Witte, USN
“A Cornhusker Attracted to the Sea”



Key Dates

March 8—Chapter Luncheon with Captain John Witte

April 12—Chapter Luncheon

May 7—Submarine Birthday Ball

Zoom Coverage

The March 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 March 8th date.

Yes—Zoom + In Person in March



February at Oceanview
Colonel Thomas Bedell
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar



Colonel Bedell provided us with a great overview of Marine Aviation and the part that MCAS Miramar plays. He also spoke of the future and the initiatives within the Marine Corps with regard to the integration of air and ground components. The emphasis on “new thinking” was clearly evident. Colonel Bedell also addressed the good neighbor aspects of his command. He knows his aircraft are noise polluters and bothersome for many. But he went on to explain the balance between mission and mitigation and certainly demonstrated that the Marines are doing everything possible to be respectful and good neighbors.



It was a great turnout for the Pre-Valentine's Day event with many ladies in attendance. A full set of pictures and comments may be found on the

NSLPACSW Website:

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org> Be sure to visit it soon to see the all of the “good stuff”.



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, March 8th, 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, March 4th, 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 March 4th, 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 February 4th.**