



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter January 2023 Newsletter

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Our program for **Tuesday, January 10, 2023:
Vice Admiral Michael Boyle, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet
will provide an update on the 3rd Fleet.**

Please plan to join us at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) for this in-person luncheon / forum. A video of the main presentation will be posted on the NSLPACSW website: <https://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

Vice Admiral Michael Boyle, U.S. Navy

Vice Adm. Michael Boyle is a native of McLean, Virginia, and the son of a naval aviator. He is a 1987 graduate of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He received his commission through the Navy Reserves Officer Training Corps program with a master's degree in Foreign Affairs from the Air Command and Staff College.

Boyle was designated a naval aviator in January 1990. His operational tours include Strike Fighter Squadron 137 (VFA-137) on USS Forrestal (CV 59) in support of Operation Provide Comfort and Operation Deny Flight in Northern Iraq; VFA-81 on USS Saratoga (CV 60) in support of Operation Provide Promise and Operation Deny Flight over Bosnia-Herzegovina; VFA- 87 on USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operation Noble Anvil, Operation Allied Force over Kosovo, and Operation Southern Watch over southern Iraq.

Ashore, Boyle's assignments include VFA-106 as an F/A-18 instructor pilot; Naval Personnel Command as the F/A-18 junior officer assignments officer; Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (OSD-CAPE) as the Navy TacAir analyst; U.S. Pacific Fleet as executive assistant to the Commander, where he served for Admiral Harry Harris and Admiral Scott Swift; Navy International Programs Office as U.S. Central Command and U.S. Pacific Command Security Cooperation director; Director, International Engagements, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, N52; and Director of Maritime Operations at U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Command operational assignments include VFA-81 with Carrier Air Wing 17 (CVW-17) aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and USS George Washington (CVN 73) for the Partnership of the Americas deployment, before being reassigned to CVW-11 aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68); forward deployed as CVW-5 aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) for multiple Western Pacific patrols; Commander, Navy Region Korea and Commander, Naval Component, U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command, Korea; Commander, Carrier Strike Group-12 where he deployed with the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Strike Group and assumed the first operational command of USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).



VADM Michael Boyle at the June 16, 2022 change-of-command ceremony.
Source U.S. 3rd Fleet via Facebook.

VADM Boyle assumed duties as Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet on June 16, 2022 at Naval Base Point Loma. He became the 32nd commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet, a force of more than 68,000 people, 100 ships and 400 aircraft stationed throughout California, Hawaii and Washington.

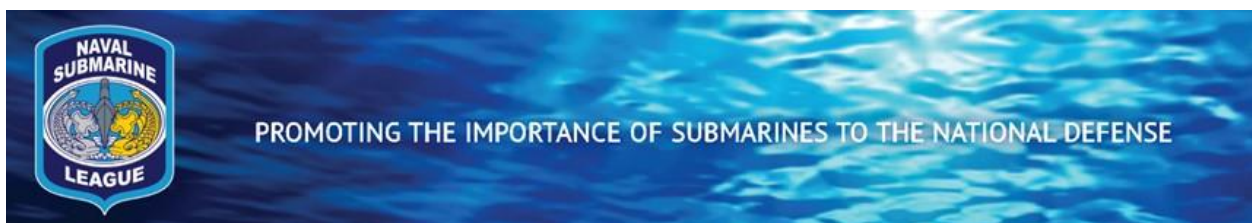


Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- Jan 10: Chapter Luncheon
- Feb 14: Chapter Luncheon & Valentine's Day (subject to change)
- Mar 14: Chapter Luncheon
- Apr 15: Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego

Check the NSLPACSW website for a more complete [2022/2023 calendar of events](#).

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



Highlights of our December 13, 2022 Luncheon / Forum at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma with Mr. Theo Goda from the Arctic Submarine Laboratory (ASL)



Originally, our December 2022 speaker was to be Mr. Howard Reese, Director of the ASL. However, he had to travel back east for a week to support some TYCOM work. In his place, our speaker was Mr. Theo Goda, who is the Ice Exercise (ICEX) Program Manager at the ASL's Undersea Warfighting Development Center on Point Loma.



MMCM(SS)(Ret) Russ Filbeck & his Master Chief Bubble Head memento.



Bob Bissonnette (USSVI SD CDR) & our guest speaker, Theo Goda (ASL).

Mr. Theo Goda biography

Mr. Goda is a native of Hilo, Hawaii and graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering and focus in Astronautics. He holds a Master of Science in Executive Leadership from the University of San Diego.

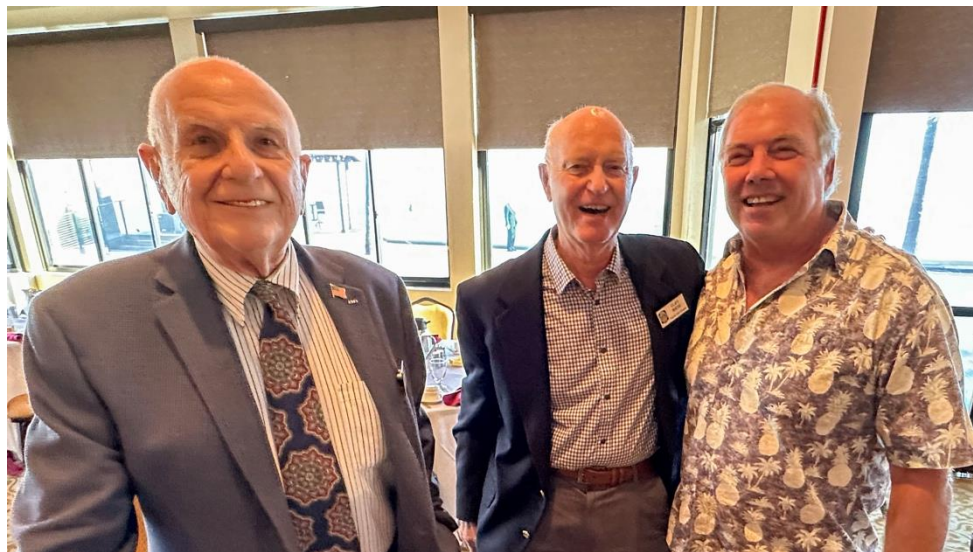
Mr. Goda is a Navy veteran and submariner. He was the Main Propulsion Assistant and Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant onboard the USS Salt Lake City (SSN-716). During an Arctic deployment he traveled to the North Pole and participated in the first ice breakthrough for a "first-flight" Los Angeles class submarine. He was a Staff Officer at Submarine Group Seven in Yokosuka, Japan and acted as a liaison to the submarine forces of South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Japan, and Australia. After transitioning out of the Navy, Mr. Goda was an engineer and program manager leading applied research projects for government agencies and a director of technology development for wireless and networking solutions for the Navy and other federal agencies.

Mr. Goda is the Ice Exercise (ICEX) Program Manager for the Undersea Warfighting Development Center Arctic Submarine Laboratory. ICEX is the Navy's biennial exercise conducted in the Arctic with a supporting ice camp on drifting sea-ice which is designed to validate submarine operational readiness in the Arctic, conduct strategic engagements, conduct military training, and support Arctic research and development. Mr. Goda has led the program for ICEX 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022 and is currently planning for ICEX 2024 where he will also serve as the Camp Operations Officer. He also leads the Arctic Exercise (ARCEX) events that are conducted on "off-years" for extreme cold weather training, sea-ice research, and ice camp equipment test and evaluation throughout Alaska and on drifting ice in the Beaufort Sea several hundred miles North of Alaska.



CAPT Jeff Fischbeck & USS Scranton (SSN 752) crewmembers (L – R) Kim, Gibson, COB Bobby Shelton & Bolortoli. The crewmen were introduced to the NSLPACSW members prior to the main presentation.

Don Knepper, Cliff Wiese & Bruce Smith (former CSS 11) share a laugh



Surface warriors Jim Mueller and Fran Holian compare notes.



Above: The head table (L-R) SS 11 Chaplain LCDR Daniel Robinson, CMDCM(SS) Nick Green, Bob Bissonnette (USSVI SD CDR), Bruce Smith (former CSS 11), CDRE Ken Douglas (CSS 11), NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne, and ASL's Theo Goda



Above: We had a good turnout, with 51 attendees.



Left: Oceanview staff served a great holiday luncheon with ham, mashed potatoes and green beans, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

You'll find more photos of the December 2022 Luncheon / Professional Forum [here](#).

December 2, 2022: 52 Boats Wreath Laying Memorial Commemoration

This ceremony at the 52 Boats Memorial located in NTC Park in Liberty Station, San Diego was first conducted in 2018. It includes laying of wreaths and placement of flags to commemorate submariners who lost their lives in World War II. Welcoming speakers were CDRE Ken Douglas, USN, Commander Submarine Squadron 11, and Sandy Hanshaw, President, Point Loma Association. NSLPACSW provided financial support for purchasing wreaths for the commemoration.



Source: M. Close via Point Loma Association



CDRE Douglas & Sandy Hanshaw lay the first wreath. Source: US Navy, by Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Gooley



(L to R) LT Cody Keim (SS-11 PAO), CMDCM Nick Green (CSS 11 COB), LCDR Cody Davis (NPBL XO) and (foreground) 52 Boats / NSLPACSW member MMCM(SS)(Ret) Russ Filbeck. Source: US Navy via Point Loma Association

Details on this event are available here:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/434639/sailors-participate-wreath-laying-ceremony>

Updated Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports

In November and early December, CRS published the following updated reports that may be of interest to NSLPACSW members and others in the submarine community:

- 1 December 2022: Updated report (update #265) entitled, [“China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities—Background and Issues for Congress.”](#) This report provides an overview of China’s ongoing fleet modernization efforts and summaries of all current warships and naval weapons.
- 28 November 2022: Updated report (update #379) entitled, [“Navy Force Structure and Shipbuilding Plans: Background and Issues for Congress.”](#) This report includes the latest shipbuilding plans for the submarine force.
- 13 December 2022: Updated report entitled: [“Navy Next-Generation Attack Submarine \(SSN\(X\)\) Program: Background and Issues for Congress.”](#) This short report supplements the Force Structure and Shipbuilding Plan report.

History: USS Triton (SS-201) celebrates Christmas during its 5th WW II war patrol

Twin Dolphins Productions produced 79 episodes of *The Silent Service* TV docudrama series, which originally was broadcast in 1957 and 1958. The entertainment website [IMDb reports](#), “All stories were based on fact and the realism was heightened by actual use of combat footage from the files of the Navy. The stories were varied between the South Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. The series was the brainchild of Rear Admiral Thomas M. Dykers, who retired from the Navy in 1949 after 22 years of service. The Navy loaned him the USS Sawfish for the filming of several episodes.” The IMDb website includes a [Season 1 episode list](#) and [Season 2 episode list](#). The series went into syndication and was broadcast as re-runs for many years.

John Edmond established [a free *The Silent Service* online archive](#) on YouTube, containing most of the episodes of the TV series along with several other submarine-related videos. One episode you may enjoy watching is the 25 min Season 2 episode 14, [“*The Triton’s Christmas*,”](#) which aired more than 64 years ago on June 6, 1958.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Wishing You a Boat Load of Holiday Cheer!

Source: [HomeportGreetings, Etsy](#)



NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday January 10, 2023**

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.

The meeting is called to order about 30 minutes later and
concludes after a Q & A session, usually a bit after 1:00 PM.

For Members and Guests:

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

**All active duty enlisted and officers O-1 to O-3 are guests of
the Chapter and welcome to attend 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 or have a current Form 5512 on file at NBPL), then your reservation deadline is close of business **Thursday, January 5, 2023**.
- If you are unsure of your base access status, please contact Jim Piburn at treas@nslpacsw.com at least 2 weeks prior to the luncheon to work out access details.
- Any cancellations are required by noon **Friday, January 6, 2023**.

