



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter March 2023 Newsletter

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Our program for **Tuesday, 14 March 2023:
RADM John "Mac" McLaughlin, USN (Ret.)
President & CEO, USS Midway Museum**

Please plan to join us at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) for this in-person luncheon / forum.

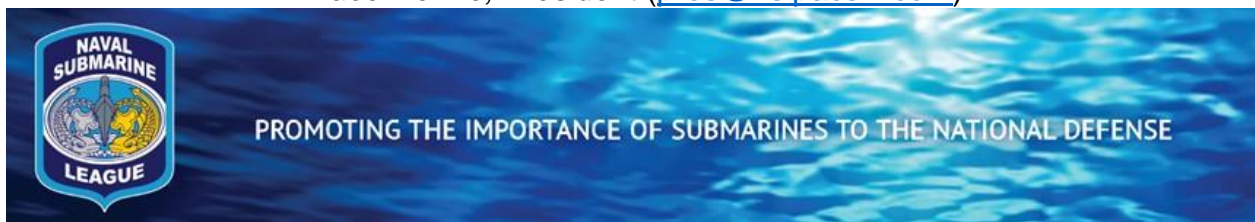
Mac McLaughlin is President & Chief Executive Officer of the USS Midway Museum. He was hired as the Chief Operating Officer in December 2003, one month prior to the Midway's arrival in San Diego and has been the chief executive throughout the building of the Museum.

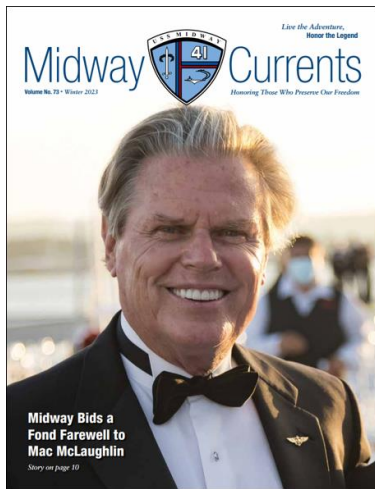
Prior to joining the Midway, Mac retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral in August 2003. During his career as a Naval Aviator, he served as a Commanding Officer of a helicopter squadron and Naval Air Station. He served two tours of duty in the Pentagon on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff and served Flag tours as Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force and Naval Reserve Forces Command.

Mac is the former President of the Historic Naval Ships Association and the former Chair of the Naval Helicopter Association. He is a board member for the San Diego Port Tenants Association, and a member of the American Association of Museums and the California Association of Museums.

Mac graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972 where he was an All-American and Captain of the track team. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. He is married to the former Norah Anne Flynn of Chula Vista and they have two adult children, Kathleen and Stephen and six grandchildren.

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)





Mac McLaughlin (left) & USS Midway Museum (CV 41), circa 2012 (right).

Source: <https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/uss-midway-floating-museum-in-san-diego-harbor/>



Artist's rendering of the USS Midway Museum (CV 41) & planned Freedom Park, mid-2020s. Source: San Diego Union-Tribune, 18 Feb 2023

For more information on the USS Midway Museum, visit their website here:

<https://www.midway.org>.

For more information on the plans for Patriot Park, see the San Diego U-T online article here: <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/story/2022-04-12/uss-midway-port-finally-make-good-on-pledge-for-park-on-navy-pier-after-20-year-wait>

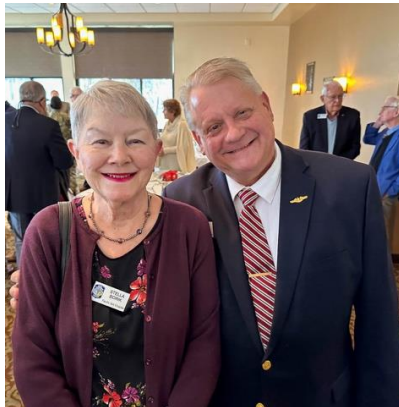
**Highlights of the 17 February 2023 Luncheon / Forum at the Oceanview
on Naval Base Point Loma with CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt, USN,
Commanding Officer, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)**



Ninety-seven members and friends attended the NSLPACSW February luncheon. Here are a few of our Valentines.



Ivy & Mark Bernhardson



Stella & Frank Borik



Russ & Carol Filbeck



Bruce & Charleen Renne



Gift for NSLPACSW spouses made by Carol Filbeck



Chapter VP, VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas greets our speaker, CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt



Above: CAPT (Ret) Charlie MacVean, former CO of USS Seawolf (SSN-575) displays his plaque of all U.S. subs named Seawolf.

Left: Commodore Ken Douglas (CSS-11) & CDR Christopher Rose (CO, USS Alexandria, SSN-757) with NSL Exec. Director Tim Oliver



LCDR Christopher Kitt (XO, USS Alexandria, SSN-757), CDR Krysten Ellis (CO, DCMA San Diego) & Don Mathiowetz



CAPT Ken Franklin (CO, Naval Base Point Loma) & LT Anderson (PAO, CSS-11)



Dick Evert, RADM (Ret) Fran Holian & Ed Langmaid

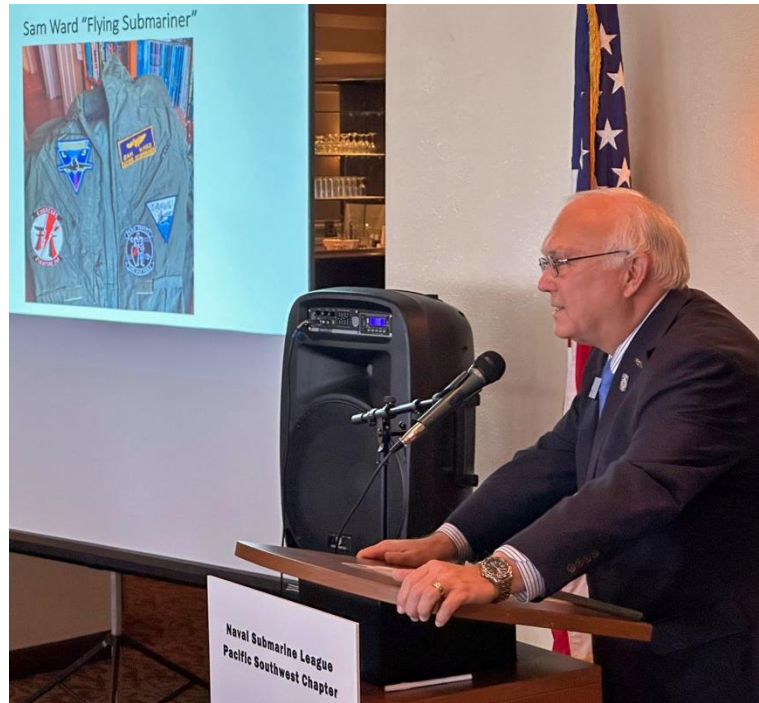


Jen Lobner, Dierdre & Gresham Bayne, & Mary Joswig



(L to R) Midshipman Ellison, CAPT Ken Franklin (CO, NBPL), Charleene Renne, Bruce Renne (Chapter President), CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt (CO, USS Abraham Lincoln), VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas, CAPT Christopher Rose (CO, USS Alexandria), Tim Oliver (NSL Exec. Director), CAPT Krysten Ellis (CO, DCMA. San Diego), & Commodore Ken Douglas (CSS-11).

Chapter President Bruce Renne called the group to order for the luncheon presentations, starting with a look at a new exhibit at the USS Midway Museum, which includes CAPT (Ret) Sam Ward's "Flying Submariner" flight suit with a unique "dolphin - wing" insignia commemorating Sam's time as Chief of Staff for CARRIER GROUP ONE on USS Midway (CV-41), 1984 – 85.



NSLPACSW was pleased to congratulate the CO and crew of the San Diego-based USS Alexandria (SSN-757) for their recent Submarine Squadron 11 Battle E award. NSLPACSW made a \$300 donation to the USS Alexandria Family Readiness Group.

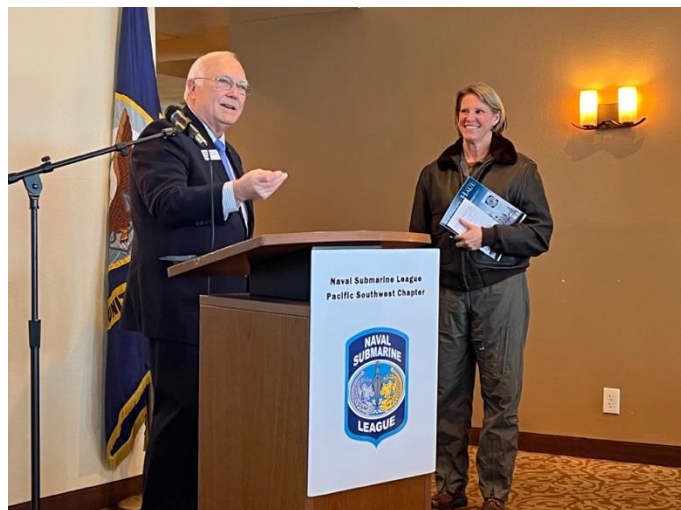


(L to R): CDR Christopher Rose (CO, USS Alexandria), Bruce Renne, LCDR Christopher Kitt (XO, USS Alexandria), STCS(SS) Josh Wray (Acting COB, USS Alexandria) & Commodore Ken Douglas (CSS-11)

CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt provided an engaging overview of her naval career, including her time in Naval Nuclear Power School and her subsequent assignment at Naval Reactors in Washington DC. She also described her experiences commanding the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) in the Western Pacific and in an international RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) exercise near Hawaii.



Bruce Renne thanked CAPT Bauernschmidt and presented her with a copy of Maritime Museum's publication "A Century of Submarines in San Diego" and an NSL Challenge Coin.



You can view and download a more extensive set of photos from the February 2023 luncheon on the NSLPACSW website as a [slideshow](#) (with captions) for sequential viewing and as a [gallery](#) of the same photos.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- Mar 14: Chapter Luncheon - **back to our regular TUESDAY meeting**
- Apr 14: Old Timers Luncheon and Tolling of the Boats
- Apr 15: Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego,

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

National Submarine Day

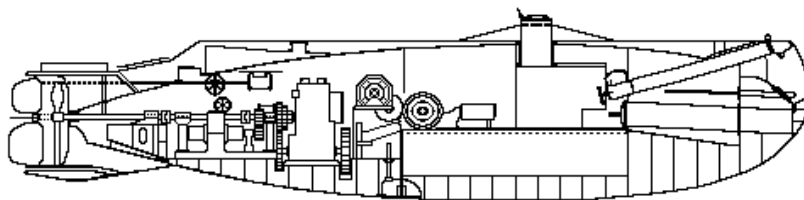
National Submarine Day, on 11 April 2023, honors the anniversary of the day the U.S. Navy acquired its first modern submarine, the Holland VI.

Designed by Irish-American inventor John Phillip Holland in 1896, the Holland VI was launched on 17 May 1897 at Navy Lt. Lewis Nixon's Crescent Shipyard in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It was deemed to be the world's first modern submarine, with a host of impressive features all in one vessel. The U.S. Navy later purchased the Holland VI for \$150,000 on 11 April 1900. At commissioning, the Navy renamed the submarine the USS Holland (SS-1). It was commanded by Lieutenant H.H. Caldwell.

It appears that Submarine Day originally was celebrated on 17 March, which marks the anniversary of the day in 1898 when John Phillip Holland first demonstrated the Holland VI, to the US Navy.



USS Holland (SS-1) underway. Source: Public domain via Wikipedia



USS Holland (SS-1) internal arrangement. Source: Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Transactions (1902) via GeoCities

Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego

The 123rd Submarine Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, 15 April 2023 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 9210. The social hour will start at 5:00 pm, followed by the Submarine Birthday Ball ceremony at 6:00 pm. Details will be distributed to you in a separate e-mail and posted on the NSLPACSW website.

Old Timer's luncheon

Old Timer's luncheon will be held at noon on Friday, 14 April 2023, the day before the Submarine Birthday Ball. Details will be distributed to you in a separate e-mail

Wreck of the World War II Submarine USS Albacore (SS 218) Identified off the coast of Hokkaido, Japan

On 16 February 2023, the U.S. Navy announced that the Naval History and Heritage Command's (NHHC) Underwater Archaeology Branch (UAB), using information and imagery provided by Dr. Tamaki Ura, from the University of Tokyo, confirmed the identity of the USS Albacore, which was lost at sea 7 November 1944. USS Albacore conducted 11 war patrols and is credited with 10 confirmed enemy vessel sinkings. You'll find more information in the Navy's announcement here:

<https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3300302/wreck-site-identified-as-world-war-ii-submarine-uss-albacore-ss-218/>

Our program for April 2023

There will be no luncheon / professional forum in April 2023. Instead, NSLPACSW encourages its members to attend the Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego, which will be held on Saturday, 15 April 2023.

The next regularly scheduled luncheon / professional forum will be held at the Oceanview on Tuesday, 9 May 2023.



As the February 2023 NSLPACSW luncheon concluded, an unnamed Los Angeles-class sub returned to San Diego. It's pretty certain that this wasn't the USS Alexandria.



NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday, 14 March 2023**

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

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 the NSLPACSW Treasurer, 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 make your reservation by close of business **Thursday, 9 March 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, 10 March 2023**.

