



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter April 2023 Newsletter

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Major events for April 2023:

**Tolling of the Boats Ceremony & Old Timer's Luncheon,
Friday, 14 April 2023, starts at 11:30 AM**

**123rd Submarine Birthday Ball,
Saturday, 15 April 2023, starts at 5:00 PM**

**There will be no NSLPACSW luncheon / professional forum
at the Oceanview in April.**



Air Force One on final approach to Naval Air Station North Island prior to the historic 13 March 2023 Australia – United Kingdom – United States (AUKUS) nuclear submarine meeting in San Diego, CA at Naval Base Point Loma.

Source: Photo by Chris Mannerino via KUSI News

**Highlights of the 14 March 2023 Luncheon / Forum at the Oceanview
on Naval Base Point Loma with RADM John “Mac” McLaughlin, USN (Ret.)
President & CEO, USS Midway Museum**



RADMs (Ret.) Mac McLaughlin & John Jolliffe



Frank Borik & Stephen Hahn



(L to R) Warrie Leeke, Glenn Hurdle & Michael Yawn



*USS Santa Fe crewman Gneiting &
Bob Decesari*



*Pearl Harbor-based
Los Angeles-class
USS Charlotte (SSN-766)
departed San Diego
during our luncheon.*



(Left) An animated Mac McLaughlin and fellow Navy helo pilot Jeff Wallin

(Below, L to R) VADM (Ret.) Robert Thomas, RADM Mac McLaughlin (Ret.), RADM (Ret.) John Jolliffe, CDRE Ken Douglas (CSS 11)



(Below, at the head table, L to R) RADM (Ret.) Jolliffe, CDRE Douglas, Charleen Renne, Bruce Renne, RADM (Ret.) Mac McLaughlin, CAPT (Ret.) Jeff Wallin, VADM (Ret.) Thomas, and USS Santa Fe COB Lee.





(Left) NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne called the meeting to order.

(Below) The USS Santa Fe (SSN-763) Chief of the Boat (COB) FTCS Lee came to the podium to recognize three outstanding Sailors aboard the boat.



RADM (Ret.) John “Mac” McLaughlin provided an entertaining history of how he came to be the President and CEO of the historic, non-profit USS Midway Museum on the San Diego waterfront and how the museum has grown in stature to become the premier naval ship museum in the U.S., thanks largely to the dedication and support of a very capable volunteer organization. Mac discussed several of the Midway’s philanthropic efforts to serve the community.



Mac is retiring at the end of March 2023, and will be turning over the Midway Museum leadership role to RADM (Ret.) Terry Kraft, who also will have the honor of implementing the Midway’s waterfront Freedom Park plans recently approved by the California Coastal Commission.

We had 42 attendees at the March 2023 luncheon. You can view and download a more extensive set of photos from this luncheon on the NSLPACSW website here:

[Slideshow](#) (with captions)

[Gallery](#) (for individual viewing or downloading)

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- Apr 14: Tolling of the Boats Ceremony & Old Timer’s Luncheon
- Apr 15: Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego
- May 9: Chapter Luncheon

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

Australia, UK and the U.S. unveil the AUKUS nuclear submarine agreement at Naval Base Point Loma, 13 March 2023

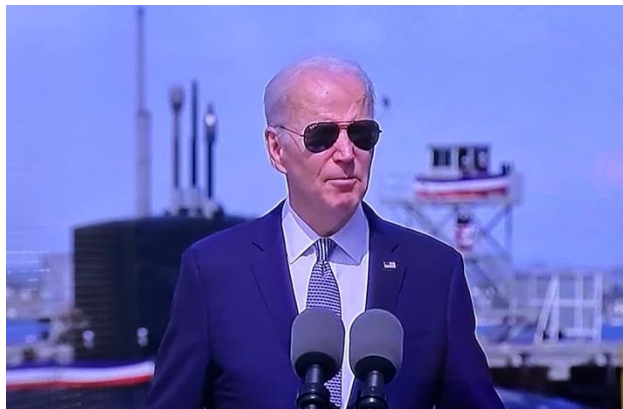
For the first time in 65 years, and only the second time in history, the United States has agreed to share its naval nuclear propulsion technology. Here are the major points of the AUKUS agreement announced jointly on 13 March 2023 by President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) in San Diego, CA.

- Beginning in 2023, Australian military and civilian personnel will embed with the US and UK navies and at nuclear submarine bases in those countries to accelerate training of Australian personnel.
- Beginning in 2027, US and UK will begin forward rotations of SSNs to Australia.
- Subject to Congressional approval, US will sell Australia three Virginia-class submarines (which have an estimated value of \$3bn each), with deliveries in the early 2030s. Australia will have the option to purchase two more Virginia-class nuclear submarines.
- A new, trilaterally-developed SSN-AUKUS class sub, based on the UK's next-generation SSN design, will be built in the UK and Australia, and operated by the UK Royal Navy starting in the late 2030s, and by the Royal Australian Navy starting in the early 2040s.

You can read the full text of the 13 March 2023 *Joint Leaders Statement on AUKUS*, which was issued by the White House, [here](#).



(L to R) PM Albanese, President Biden and PM Sunak on the dais at NBPL.



President Biden speaks to the assembled dignitaries and guests.

Admiral Hyman G. Rickover has been quoted as saying, “The Devil is in the details, but so is salvation.” Rickover provided an interesting perspective on his management philosophy, which you can read in the following excerpt from a 1982 speech he delivered at Columbia University: [“Doing a Job.”](#) The AUKUS nuclear submarine team has a really big job ahead of them.

Visit to Virginia-class USS MISSOURI (SSN-780) at Naval Base Point Loma, 17 March 2023

At the March NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum, Submarine Squadron 11 CMC Nick Green informed NSLPACSW of an opportunity to visit the USS MISSOURI just before she departs San Diego and heads back to her homeport of Pearl Harbor. The USS MISSOURI was a prominent backdrop to the AUKUS meeting earlier in the week.

NSLPACSW appreciates the opportunity afforded by CSS 11 and the USS MISSOURI to tour a visiting Virginia-class SSN, which is a rarity in San Diego.



NSLPACSW members on the USS MISSOURI's brow. Source: CSS 11 PAO

First Command cribbage tournament, 30 March 2023

In connection with the upcoming Submarine Birthday Ball festivities, a cribbage tournament sponsored First Command will be held on Thursday, 30 March 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Mission Valley VFW, which is located at 4370 Twain Ave, San Diego, CA 92120. The price of admission to play in the tournament is \$30, with a \$5 dollar discount if you bring a cribbage board. The 1st Place prize is an impressive handmade cribbage board, with cash card prizes of 2nd and 3rd places. For more information, contact Doc Sy: 619-553-8719

National Submarine Day, 11 April 2023

National Submarine Day honors the anniversary of the day in 1900 when the U.S. Navy acquired its first modern submarine, the Holland VI (later renamed SS-1), which was designed by Irish-American inventor John Phillip Holland and built by his Holland Torpedo Boat Company. You'll find more information on the Holland IV and the very closely related Holland IV-derivatives operated by the UK and Japan [here](#).

Tolling of the Boats Ceremony & Old Timer's Luncheon, 14 April 2023

This event, which is sponsored jointly by NSLPACSW and U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) San Diego Base, will be held at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (MCRD), San Diego on Friday, 14 April 2023, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Details will be distributed to all NSLPACSW and USSVI members and friends by e-mail.

Submarine Squadron 11 Command Master Chief (CMC) Nick Green will be the Master of Ceremonies and the officiant for the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony.

The speaker for this event will be CDR Christopher Rose, USN, Commanding Officer, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN-757).

Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego, 15 April 2023

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 92101.



The social hour will start at 5:00 PM, followed by the Submarine Birthday Ball ceremony at 6:00 PM. Details were distributed to all NSLPACSW members and friends by e-mail and the same information is posted on the NSLPACSW website [here](#).

Source: Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War in San Diego

Saigon fell to North Vietnamese forces on 30 April 1975, effectively ending the Vietnam War. This anniversary is commemorated in San Diego with the following events.

USS Midway Museum commemoration ceremony, 29 March 2023

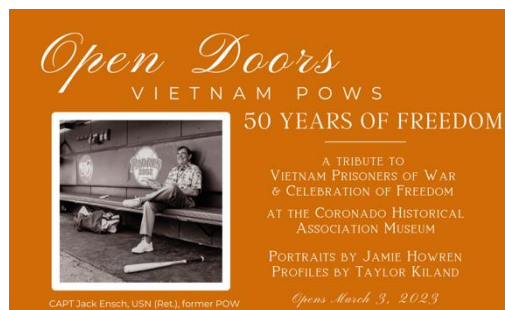
A commemoration ceremony will be held aboard the USS Midway Museum on Wednesday, 29 March 2023. All NSLPACSW members and friends should already have received an e-mail notice about this event. Please visit the [USS Midway Museum website](#) for the latest information on this event.



Source: USS Midway Museum

Coronado Historical Society (CHA) exhibit

The CHA Museum's new exhibit, *Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Fifty Years of Freedom*, opened in early March and continues through National POW/MIA Day on 15 September 2023. You'll find details on this exhibit on the [CHA website](#).



Source: CHA

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Our program for May 2023

The next regularly scheduled NSLPACSW luncheon / professional forum will be held on Naval Base Point Loma at the Oceanview on Tuesday, 9 May 2023. Program details will be in the NSLPACSW May Newsletter.

