



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter April 2024 Newsletter

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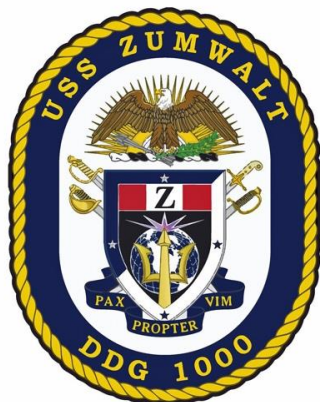
Our program for **Tuesday, 9 April 2024:
CAPT (ret.) Scott Tait, USN,
President & CEO of Pacific Science and Engineering,
will discuss "Zumwalt, the challenges / opportunities
in bringing a new design to the fleet"**

Please plan to join us from **11:15 AM to 1:00 PM**
at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL)
for this in-person luncheon / professional forum.

Scott Tait is President and Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Science and Engineering (PSE), a pre-eminent human factors research, engineering and design firm located in San Diego, California but operating around the globe. Pacific Science develops cutting edge human-machine interfaces for complex and high-consequence systems in sectors including defense, intelligence, aerospace, medical and automation.

Scott also serves as Executive Director of the University of California San Diego (UCSD) National Security Innovation Catalyst. The Catalyst brings together research, entrepreneurs, industry, and investors to provide innovative solutions and policy recommendations for a broad base of national security customers.

Prior to joining PSE, Scott served in the U.S. Navy for 27 years. His assignments included positions leading strategy, policy and innovation efforts, working directly for 3- and 4-star commanders in the Indo-Pacific region and Washington, D.C. He also held senior policy positions, with a focus in Indo-Asia, on the Joint Staff (J-5), Pacific Fleet staff and U.S. Seventh Fleet staff. At sea he served aboard cruiser and destroyer ships, commanding USS Mustin (DDG 89) and, most recently, USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000). He holds Masters degrees from Stanford University in International Policy and the U.S. Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies. At the U.S. Naval War College, he was a member of the Halsey Alfa Advanced Research and Wargaming Project.



USS Zumwalt departing San Diego, 2020
Source: P. Lobner photo



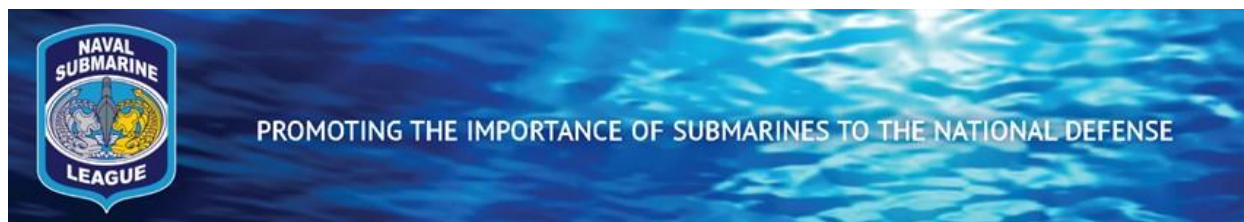
USS Zumwalt, annotated. Source: Military Machine, graphic by David Heath, 2020

Mark your 2024 calendars for these upcoming events

- 15 – 19 Apr: COMSUBPAC Sailor of the Year events in San Diego
- 3 May (Friday): Old Timers Luncheon & Tolling of the Boats
- 4 May (Saturday): Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego

Check the NSLPACSW website for a more complete [2023/2024 calendar of events](#).

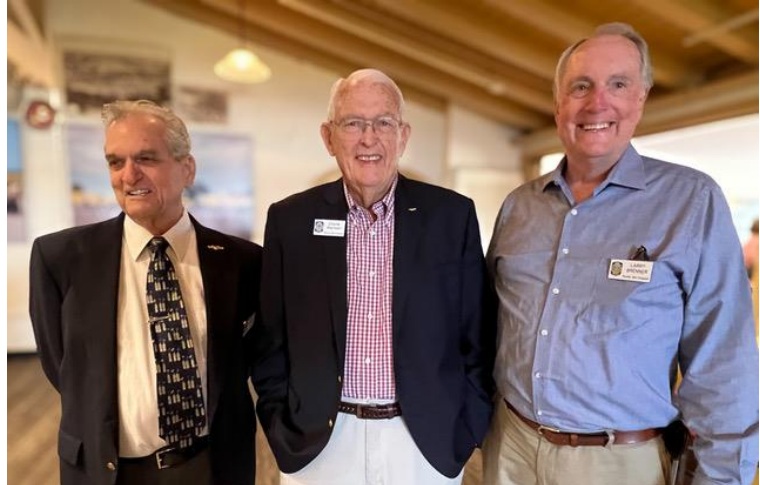
Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



**Highlights of the 19 March 2024 luncheon / professional forum with
CAPT (ret.) Tim Oliver, USN, Executive Director, Naval Submarine League
at the Bayview Restaurant and Catering Center
on the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego**



Our speaker, CAPT Tim Oliver & East Coast NSL member Dave Weaver



Dave Brevig, Charlie MacVean & Larry Brenner



(L to R) LCDR Eric Wooten, Midshipmen Lee, Hopper, Philips, Fryer & Yackeren, & VADM Robert Thomas



(L to R) Steve Andres, Bill Gaines & VADM Thomas



Don Mathiowetz & John Thomas



(L to R) Frank Borik & friend with Omar Maestas



Jeff Fischbeck & Jim Piburn



Russ Filbeck



Steve Andres & Bill Gaines



Jim Bryant



NSLPACSW Chapter, Pledge of Allegiance



The head table (L to R): Dave Weaver, CAPT (ret) Sam Ward, CDRE Ken Douglas (CSS-11), VADM (ret) Robert Thomas, CAPT (ret) Tim Oliver, LCDR Eric Wootten & CAPT (ret) Charlie MacVean



Excellent food service at the Bayview.



VADM Thomas called the meeting to order, reviewed Chapter business and introduced our distinguished guest speaker, NSL Executive Director CAPT (ret) Tim Oliver. You'll find CAPT Oliver's bio [here](#).



CAPT Oliver described the focus of NSL activities, which are to: (1) educate the public about the importance of submarines, (2) organize networking events to bring government, industry & academia together, (3) promote submarine heritage and (4) support submarine force active duty members.



VADM Thomas thanked CAPT Oliver.

NSLPACSW presented CAPT Oliver with the brass ship's plaque from the former submarine tender USS Fulton (AS-11).



- Fulton highlights**
- Launched at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in December 1940.
 - In San Diego for shakedown tests when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941.
 - Operated in the Pacific during WW II.
 - In 1946, supported the Operation Crossroads nuclear tests at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.
 - Decommissioned in 1947, then recommissioned in 1951 & assigned to Submarine Squadron 10 in New London.
 - In August 1958, she sailed to New York City for the celebration of the arrival of Nautilus (SSN-571) after her historic submerged passage under the North Pole.
 - Became the world's first nuclear support tender after a major overhaul in 1960.
 - Was serving as flagship and tender for SubRon 10 when it became the first all-nuclear submarine squadron.
 - Decommissioned in September 1991, when SubRon 10 was deactivated.

More luncheon photos and CAPT Oliver's briefing slides at the following links:

- [Slideshow](#) (with captions)
- [Gallery](#) (for individual viewing and/or downloads)
- [Briefing slides](#)

San Diego Submarine Spouse Community's Submarine Birthday Virtual 5K – 7 to 13 April 2024

The annual Submarine Birthday Virtual 5k and One Mile Submarine Sprint events are presented by the San Diego Submarine Spouse Community as fundraisers benefitting the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. You can run, jog, walk, or just make a donation to support the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation by registering online to participate in one or both events. Complete your miles anywhere at any time between 7 and 13 April 2024 in the comfort of your own neighborhood. Kids 12 years old and younger are eligible for the one mile Submarine Sprint. Event details are available [here](#).

Registration ends 6 April 2024 at 11:59pm PDT.

Old Timer's Luncheon – Friday, 3 May 2024

Plans are in the works for an Old Timer's Luncheon that will be held on the Friday before the Submarine Birthday Ball. Details will be forthcoming.

124th Submarine Birthday Ball – Saturday, 4 May 2024

The 124th San Diego Submarine Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, 4 May 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina. Details are at the following links:

- [April 4th Golf Tournament Flyer](#)
- [Announcement Flyer](#)
- [How to purchase tickets](#)
- [Menu](#)

COMSUBPAC Sailor of the Year (SOY) events in San Diego

Thanks to some chapter donors, NSLPACSW will host the COMSUBPAC SOY "Icebreaker" event, which will help launch a week of SOY activities starting on Monday, 15 April 2024. The final event of the week is the COMSUBPAC SOY Awards Luncheon organized by CSS-11, which will be held on Friday, 19 April, 2024. NSLPACSW will have representatives at this event to recognize the 10 finalist Sailors, their spouses and the two selectees for Sea and Shore SOY for 2024.

Nominations for next year's NSLPACSW Chapter officers

Nominations are open for next year's Chapter officers. Please send your nominations by e-mail to Secretary, NSLPACSW at nslpacsw@hotmail.com. Elections will take place during the 11 June 2024 Chapter luncheon meeting.

Submarine force news reported by the U.S. Naval Institute

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- “Navy Virginia-Class Submarine Program and AUKUS Submarine Proposal: Background and Issues for Congress,” Congressional Research Service, Report R33418, updated 16 February 2024: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41129>
- “Great Power Competition: Implications for Defense—Issues for Congress,” Congressional Research Service, Report R43838, updated 28 February 2024: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R43838>
- Navy Next-Generation Attack Submarine (SSN[X]) Program: Background and Issues for Congress,” Congressional Research Service, Report IF11826, updated 25 March 2024: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11826>

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NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

Luncheon / Professional Forum - Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Oceanview at Ballast Point, Building 501, Naval Base Point Loma.
Doors open 11:15 AM.
The meeting is called to order at 11:45 AM.
Lunch is served at 11:50 AM.
The presentation starts about 30 minutes later and the meeting concludes after a Q & A session, a bit after 1:00 PM.

For Members and Guests:
The Luncheon / Forum price is **\$30 per person**, payable at the door with cash, VENMO 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.

The NSLPACSW Treasurer, Jim Piburn, will send out the formal invitations for this luncheon. Please make your reservation with him by e-mail at this link: treasurer.nslpacsw@yahoo.com

- Make your reservation by **4 pm, Thursday, 4 April 2024.**
- Include the names of each member and guest attending.
- **BASE ACCESS PROCEDURES:**
 - Individuals with CAC / DOD Retired ID / other accepted base access ID may enter the base after showing their valid ID at the base access gate.
 - Individuals without such an ID require a 5512 form on file with NBPL Security OR registration in DBIDS. WITH A 5512 FORM ON FILE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO STOP AT THE NBPL PASS & ID OFFICE AND PICK UP A ONE-TIME PASS EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE BASE. See Simone Reyes in the PASS & ID Office. Then show the ID at the base access gate.
 - 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 **4 PM, Thursday, 4 April 2024.**



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