



Our speakers for **Tuesday, 10 December 2024 will be
CDR Charles “Ryan” Hall, Commanding Officer,
Special Reconnaissance Team ONE, and
LCDR Will Winger, Executive Officer,
Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command**

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.**

CDR Charles “Ryan” Hall

CDR Charles “Ryan” Hall is a native of Leesburg, Florida. After attending the University of Florida and four unsuccessful applications to various Navy commissioning programs, his 5th application was successful, and he began Officer Candidate School in June 2007. He completed Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL training with Class 270 and subsequently SEAL Qualification Training with Class 271.

CDR Hall has served across the Naval Special Warfare community, including tours at SEAL team THREE, Support Activity ONE, SEAL Team FOUR, SEAL Delivery Team ONE and as the Executive Officer at Special Reconnaissance Team ONE. After a graduate education fellowship, he most recently was the Undersea Liaison at the SOCOM Washington Office in the Pentagon. CDR Hall has deployed across the globe conducting special operations and sensitive activities including Iraq, Afghanistan, North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, Europe and the Western Pacific.

CDR Hall holds a Bachelor and Master of Arts from the University of Florida, both in the International Relations field, and a Masters of Business Administration from the Booth School at the University of Chicago.

LCDR Will Wininger

LCDR Will Wininger is a native of Windsor, Connecticut. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Connecticut and a master's degree at Harvard University. Prior to joining the Navy, he was an intelligence officer at Defense Intelligence Agency assigned to the Iraq Intelligence Cell and the Joint Chiefs of Staff J222 Middle East / North Africa Desk at the Pentagon.

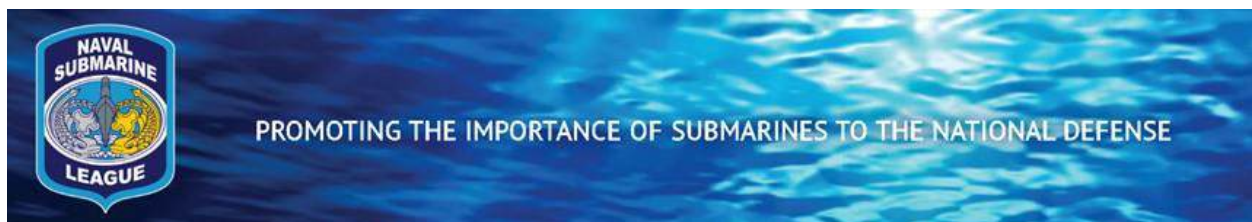
LCDR Wininger received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 2011, graduated BUD/S Class 295 in 2012, and completed SEAL Qualification Training Class 296 in 2013. In his first operational assignment, he served as a platoon assistant officer-in-charge at SEAL Team EIGHT from 2013 to 2014 and deployed to Afghanistan as a squad commander.

He served as a military liaison element team lead at Special Reconnaissance Team ONE from 2014 to 2016 and deployed to Lebanon as a partner force advisor. He remained at SRT-1 serving as a troop Advanced Special Operations Techniques (ASOT) Manager from 2016 to 2018 and deployed to Iraq dual-hatting as the Special Operations Task Force – West Sensitive Activities Coordinator (N3X) and Tribal Engagement Officer.

LCDR Wininger served as a platoon commander at SEAL Team ONE from 2018 to 2020 and deployed to Bahrain as the team's operations officer. In his next assignment, Lcdr Wininger served as a task unit commander at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE from 2020 to 2023 and deployed to USINDOPACOM conducting sensitive reconnaissance operations from a submarine.

Please note: If you want to hear this presentation, you will have to attend in person. No video of this presentation will be made.

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



**Highlights of the 12 November 2024 luncheon / professional forum
with Vice Admiral John F. G. Wade, USN,
Commander, THIRD Fleet
at the Oceanview Restaurant on NBPL**



Charlie MacVean & Bill Gaines. Check out Bill's lapel pin, which he earned for sailing on USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) on its historic voyage to the North Pole in July – August 1958.



Chapter VP VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas greets speaker VADM Wade & introduces him to NROTC San Diego instructor & qualified submariner LT Mark Egan.



(L to R) Midshipmen Rorke & Welch with LT Egan.



Jeff Fischbeck greets CDR Jeffrey Ransom, CO, USS SCRANTON (SSN-756), whose grandfather, Jay Ransom, was the Director, NPS Mare Island 52 years ago when he swore Fischbeck into the Regular Navy.



USS SCRANTON COB, R. Shelton, presents (L to R) MMA3 Ruiz, Blue Jacket of the Quarter, MMA2 Schwarberg, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, and MMA1 Gibson, Sailor of the Quarter.



CSS-11 Deputy, CAPT Lacy Lodmell, with Jim Bryant, former CO of USS Guardfish, and Gered Beeby, a former SNOOK JO.



Head table, clockwise from top center: VADM John Wade, VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas, CDR Jeffrey Ransom, CAPT Lacy Lodmell, LT Mark Egan, Joyce Murphy (Navy League, Coronado Chapter), Frank Kelly, and RADM David Boone (Ret, SDMAC).



Mike Cosgrove, Commander, San Diego base, USSVI (U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.) & PACSW Treasurer, Jim Piburn



Chapter VP VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas called the meeting to order.



The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) is dedicated to the advocacy of the military community in the greater San Diego region. RADM (Ret) David Boone, CEO, SDMAC, invited all attendees to attend future SDMAC functions.



CMDCM(SS) Brandon Wallis provided a update on Submarine Squadron ELEVEN & announced the dates for the 2025 Submarine Birthday Ball (Saturday, 26 April 2025) and the Old Timers Luncheon & Tolling of the Boats (Friday, 25 April 2025).



(L) VADM Wade provided a detailed briefing on THIRD FLEET operations.

You'll find more photos from the November NSLPACSW Luncheon here:

[SLIDESHOW](#) (with captions)
[GALLERY](#) (for viewing or downloading individual photos)



Naval Submarine League’s 2024 Distinguished Submariner Award



This year, NSL selected the following four persons based on their lifetime contributions to the Nation: President James E. (Jimmy) Carter, ADM Thomas B. Fargo, USN (Ret), RADM David R. Oliver, Jr., USN (Ret), and ADM Harry D. Train, II, USN (Ret). You’ll find brief bios for all four awardees on the NSL website [here](#).

ADM Tom Fargo is the brother of NSLPACSW’s past Treasurer, CAPT (Ret) Keith Fargo. Congratulations!

Update on FLIP

In the November 2024 NSLPACSW Newsletter article, “SUBROC and the FLIP,” it was reported that, after a distinguished operational career, FLIP was retired and towed to a dismantling and recycling facility in August 2023. Fortunately, FLIP has been saved by the UK firm DEEP, which announced in October 2024, “..the rescued platform has made its way from Mexico, through the Panama Canal and across the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, where over the next 12 – 18 months she will be refitted and modernized in France.” You’ll find more information on DEEP’s acquisition of FLIP in the 23 October 2024 [DEEP press release](#) and the related [USNI article](#).

52 Boats Memorial Commemoration – Laying of Wreaths and Placement of Flags, 9:00 – 9:30 AM, 7 December 2024



This memorial ceremony will be held at NTC Park in Liberty Station, at the corner of Cushing Rd. and Dewey Rd. (grassy area next to the parking lot). The speakers will be the Chair of the Point Loma Association and CDRE Will Wiley, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) – San Diego Base, the 52 Boats Memorial Veterans and the Point Loma Association. You’ll find a flyer with more information on this event [here](#).

Source: Point Loma – OB Monthly

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Mark your 2024 & 2025 calendars for these upcoming events

- 7 December 2024 (9 AM): **All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial – Pearl Harbor Day – Wreath laying with Point Loma Association and SubVets**
- 10 December 2024: **NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon**
- 14 January 2025: **NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon**
- 11 February 2025: **NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon**
- 11 March 2025: **NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon**
- 25 April 2025: **Old Timers Luncheon & Tolling of the Boats**
- 26 April 2025: **Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego**

Check the NSLPACSW website for a more complete listing: [2024/2025 calendar of events](#) .



Merry Christmas to all, and especially to the families with crew members deployed during the holiday season. Source: The Submariner's Pub, Two Rivers, WI





NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

Luncheon / Professional Forum - Tuesday, 10 December 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, 5 December 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, 5 December 2024.**



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