



## Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter January 2025 Newsletter

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Our speakers for **Tuesday, 14 January 2025** will be  
Rear Admiral Richard W. Meyer,  
Deputy Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet, who will discuss  
“Submariner Journey to Fleet Deputy Commander”

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.

Rear Admiral Richard W. Meyer, a native of Fountain Valley, California, graduated with highest honors from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1993. He received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, graduating with distinction, later that year. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is a graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff Program and the Joint Forces Staff College Joint and Combined Warfighting School and is designated as a Joint Qualification Level III officer.

Meyer served as a Division Officer aboard the USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), completing two Western Pacific deployments. He then served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Naval Science and Navy ROTC instructor at the University of California, Berkeley, after which he transitioned to the Navy Reserve in 2000.

In the Navy Reserve, Meyer completed staff tours in submarine and related operations units, including Commander, Submarine Group 8; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, JTFEU; Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command; and Naval Information Warfare Systems Command. He also completed a one-year mobilization as the Chief Engineer and lead

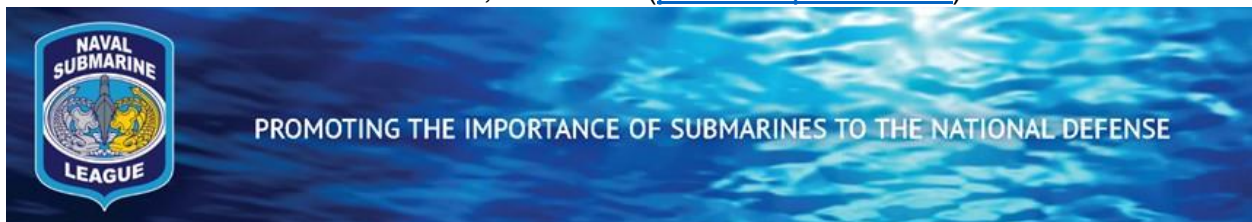
for Civ-Mil Strategy Assessments to the Office of the Defense Representative-Pakistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Meyer's Navy Reserve command tours include; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Headquarters, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet/Commander Task Force 34, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet Headquarters, Submarine Expeditionary Maintenance Det. L; and Navy Submarine Support Center, San Diego. He also completed two Post-Major Command tours as the Deputy Commander, Readiness and Mobilization Command Fort Worth and as Commander, Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer Program. He assumed his current role as Deputy Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet in October 2023.

Meyer's awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (6), and various unit awards. He is also the recipient of the Admiral Behrens award as the top graduate from the Naval Nuclear Power School and the L.Y. Spear award as the top graduate from the Submarine Officer Basic Course.



Bruce Renne, President ([pres@nslpacsw.com](mailto:pres@nslpacsw.com))



**Highlights of the 10 December 2024 luncheon / professional forum  
with CDR Charles “Ryan” Hall, Commanding Officer,  
Special Reconnaissance Team ONE, and  
LCDR Will Winger, Executive Officer,  
Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command**

NSLPACSW members and guests gathered to hear from San Diego SEAL/Naval Special Warfare community leaders.



*Ron Flisher, Steve Allman & Rich McNeal*



*Dave Neblett & Russ Filbeck*



*USS Santa Fe (SSN763) CO CDR Eric Knepper (L), COB M.A. Lee (R), and  
CSS-11 CMC Brandon Wallis (center) with Santa Fe's "Sailors of the Quarter" awardees  
TM3 Logan, MMA2 Handrich & ITE2 Rodriguez*



Chapter VP, VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas and NROTC contingent (L to R) Midshipmen Swedin, Flauta and Yackeren, and LT Mark Egan

(Below, R) Chapter Secretary Pete Lobner, CAPT Jeff Yackeren (CO, Naval Base Point Loma) & Chapter President Bruce Renne



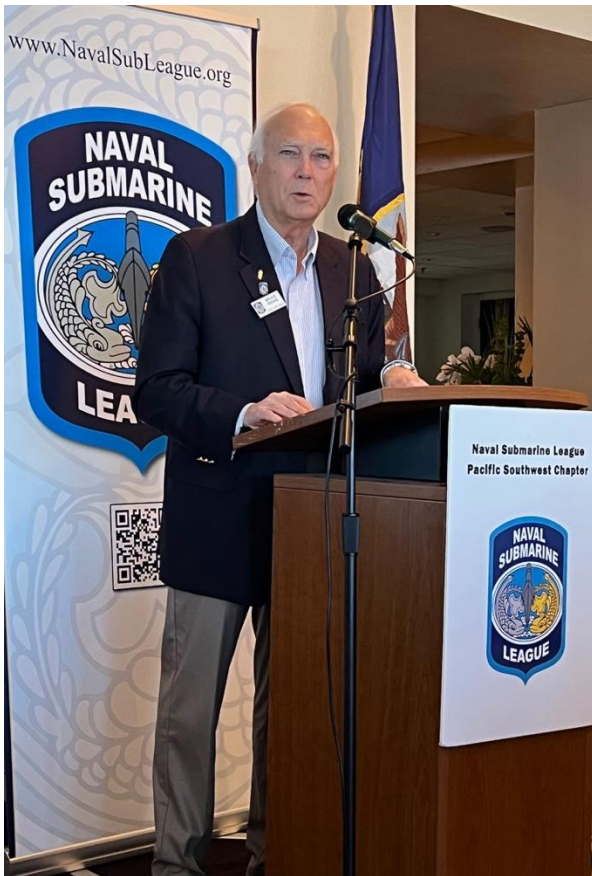
(Above, L) Ray Ferbrache & Mike Cosgrove (Commander, San Diego Base, USSVI)

(L to R from lower L), Chaplain LT Gary Monroe, ITE2 Rodriguez, CDR Eric Knepper, CMDCM(SS) Brandon Wallis, Michael Yawn, Sean Hartig, Omar Maestas & LT Mark Egan





*There was a very good turnout for this luncheon.*




*Bruce Renne called the meeting to order*



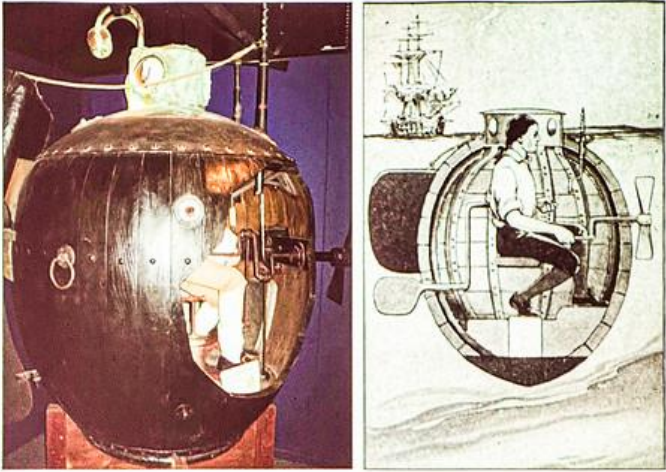
*SDMAC President & CEO RADM (Ret) David Boone addressed the group.*

CDR Charles “Ryan” Hall, Commanding Officer, Special Reconnaissance Team ONE, and LCDR Will Wininger, Executive Officer, Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command provided a compelling briefing about the evolution of the Navy’s Special Operations Force (SOF) and how it has evolved over a long period of time to meet changing national priorities and mission requirements, and how the SOF today is improving its capabilities to operate from specially-equipped submarines.



### Trivia

What is the first SUBSOF platform and mission set?  
Answer: The TURTLE (1776) conducted sabotage



You’ll find more photos from the December NSLPACSW Luncheon here:

[SLIDESHOW](#) (with captions)

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

### Lost 52 Project Update



The [Lost 52 Project](#) was founded by Tim Taylor as a continuation of his first WWII submarine discovery of the USS R12 in 2010. In the [July – August 2024 NSLPACSW Newsletter](#), there was an brief article on the latest discovery by the Lost 52 Project of the resting place of the USS Harder (SS-257).

For Veterans Day 2024, the Lost 52 Project honored the memory and sacrifice of U.S. WWII submarine heroes by releasing private expedition photogrammetry footage of their submarine discoveries that span over 14 years. You can watch this short video [here](#).

## **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day & 52 Boats Memorial Commemoration, 7 December 2024**



The Chair of the Point Loma Association, Beth Roach, and CDRE Will Wiley, Commander Submarine Squadron 11, addressed the gathering at Liberty Station on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. CDRE Wiley and LCDR Tyler Barker, CSS-11 PAO, also participated in placing commemorative wreaths at the 52 Boats Memorial. Their prominent roles in this event reinforced to the public and veterans present how fortunate we are to have such a strong engagement with the active submarine community.

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.

*CDRE Will Wiley and LCDR Tyler Barker*

## **Submarine Force news reported by the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI)**

- Sam Lagrone, “Updated: OMB Pitches \$7.3B in Additional Funds for Columbia, Virginia Sub Construction,” USNI News, 25 November 2024: <https://news.usni.org/2024/11/25/omb-pitches-7-3b-in-supplementals-for-columbia-virginia-sub-construction>
- Aaron-Matthew Lariosa, “Navy Bases Virginia-class Attack Boat in Guam,” USNI News, 27 November 2024: <https://news.usni.org/2024/11/27/navy-bases-virginia-class-attack-boat-in-guam>



*Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Minnesota (SSN-783) arrives onboard U.S. Naval Base Guam, 26 November 2024. Source: US Navy Photo*

- Dzirhan Mahadzir, “Advanced Russian Attack Submarine Operating in the East China Sea,” USNI News, 3 December 2024: <https://news.usni.org/2024/12/03/advanced-russian-attack-submarine-operating-in-the-east-china-sea>
- Mallory Shelbourne, “Congress Says Navy Hiding Information on Sub Pricing in New Defense Policy Bill,” USNI News, 9 December 2024: <https://news.usni.org/2024/12/09/congress-says-navy-hiding-information-on-sub-pricing-in-new-defense-policy-bill>

## **Submarine Force update from CRS & GAO**

- “Russia’s Nuclear Weapons,” Report IF12672, Congressional Research Service, updated 22 November 2024: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF12672>
- “Assessments of Nuclear Weapon Acquisitions,” Report GAO-25-106048, Government Accountability Office, December 2024: <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-25-106048.pdf>

## **Submarine videos**

- “Guide to the Astute class hunter-killer submarine,” Navy Lookout, 27 June 2023: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg0LINS6jCc>
- “US Submarine Cooks Handle Rush Time Inside Narrow Kitchen Deep Underwater,” (see SSN segment, 1:30 to 8:35), posted by The Daily Aviation, 4 July 2023: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9\\_UAo5e2Wc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9_UAo5e2Wc)
- “Maintaining Undersea Superiority: Status Report,” (1:00:13, interview with Vice Admiral Robert Robert Gaucher, Commander, U.S. Submarine Forces, and Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic), posted by U.S. naval Institute, 9 December 2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Xdo7qz7iVo>

## **Other submarine force news**

- “Nuclear Notebook – Nuclear Arsenals of the World,” The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, periodically updated: <https://thebulletin.org/nuclear-notebook/>
- George Allison, “More British nuclear attack submarines now at sea,” UK Defence Journal, 14 November 2024: <https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/more-british-nuclear-attack-submarines-now-at-sea/>
- Geoff Ziezulewicz, “Submarine Presence In Guam Gets Boost With Its First Forward-Based Virginia-Class,” The War Zone, 26 November 2024: <https://www.twz.com/sea/submarine-presence-in-guam-gets-boost-with-its-first-forward-based-virginia-class>
- George Allison, “UK confirms nukes ‘completely operationally independent’,” UK Defence Journal, 28 November 2024: <https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/uk-confirms-nukes-completely-operationally-independent/>



**Mark your 2025 calendar for these upcoming events**

- 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



**HAPPY NEW YEAR BUDDY!**

Source: [HomeportGreetings, Etsy](#)



## NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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**Luncheon / Professional Forum - Tuesday, 14 January 2025**  
**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](mailto:treasurer.nslpacsw@yahoo.com)**

- Make your reservation by **4 pm, Thursday, 9 January 2025.**
- 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](mailto:treas@nslpacsw.com) at least 2 weeks prior to the luncheon to work out access details.
- Any cancellations are required by **4 PM, Thursday, 9 January 2025.**



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