



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter June 2023 Newsletter

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Our program for **Tuesday, 13 June 2023:
CAPT Jeffrey Melody, USN,
Chief of Staff, Carrier Strike Group FIFTEEN, will discuss CSG 15's
role of certifying Carrier Strike Groups before they deploy.**

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 / forum.

Captain Jeffrey A. Melody, of Youngstown, OH, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996. Following commissioning, he reported to Pensacola, Florida for aviation training and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1998.

Captain Melody's sea assignments include HSL-45 in June 1999, where he received the NHA embarked Aircrew of the Year award for operations in the Persian Gulf; USS TARAWA (LHA 1) in April 2005; HSL-47 in April 2007, assigned to Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW 2) with Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group, and HSM-75 "Wolf Pack" from December 2014 to March 2016, assigned to CVW 11 with Nimitz Carrier Strike Group. During this command tour, the Wolf Pack flew 5,096 mishap free flight hours and executed missions in the Third and Seventh Fleet area of operations.

Shore assignments include the U.S. Naval Academy Faculty, the HSM Pacific Fleet Replacement Squadron (HSM-41), United States Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and the Pentagon Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) J5-Directorate, Strategic Plans and Policy, as the War Plans Global Posture Branch Chief. Captain Melody reported to Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, Pacific as the Deputy Commander in May 2018, and was the Commander from December 2019 to June 2021.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the George Washington University.

Captain Melody reported as Chief of Staff for Carrier Strike Group FIFTEEN in June 2021.

Captain Melody's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and various unit commendations and service/campaign awards.

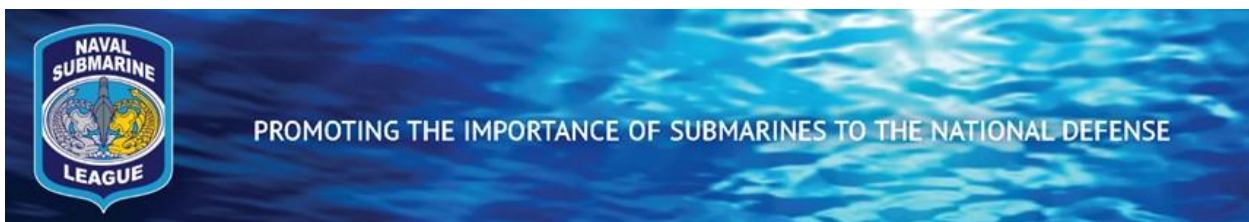


Mark your calendars for these upcoming

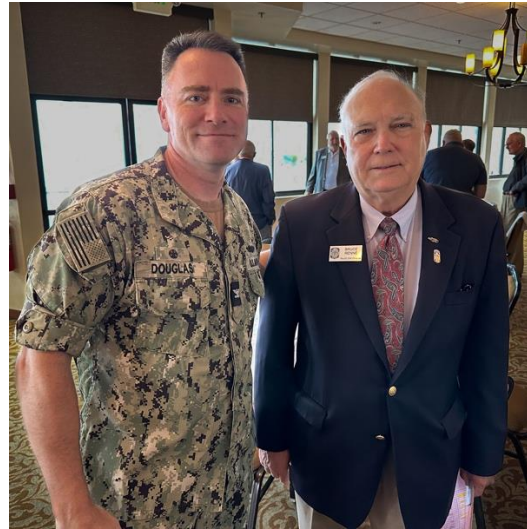
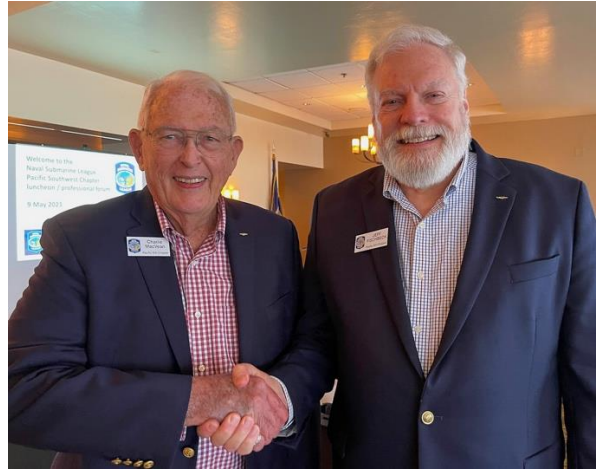
- 13 Jun: Chapter luncheon / professional forum at the Oceanview and elections
- 4 Jul: Independence Day
 - All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial
- 12 Sep: Chapter Luncheon

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

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



**Highlights of the 9 May 2023 luncheon / professional forum with
Vice Admiral (ret.) Charles W. Martoglio, USN
"America and the World to 2030: Competition, Confrontation, or Conflict."**



Top left: Treasurer Jim Piburn hard at work.
Top right: CAPT (ret) Charlie MacVean & CAPT (ret) Jeff Fischbeck
Mid left: NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne, VP VADM (ret) Robert Thomas & Stephen Hahn
Mid right: CAPT Ken Douglas (CSS-11) & Bruce Renne.
Bottom left: Secretary Pete Lobner & CAPT (ret) Jim Bryant.



Above: Bruce Renne calls the meeting to order



Below: The head table, L to R: CAPT (ret) Sam Ward, VADM (ret) Robert Thomas, Terry McKearney, CAPT Ken Douglas (CSS-11), Bruce Renne, our speaker VADM (ret) Martoglio & LT Davis Anderson (CSS-11 PAO)



CMC Nick Green and Submarine Squadron 11 awardees (left) YN2 Griffeth, Junior Sailor of the Year, and (right) MMN1 Robert Casebolt, Submarine Sailor of the Year.





VADM (ret) Martoglio provided an engaging presentation on China, Russia and Ukraine, with a view toward possible outcomes by 2030.



You can view and download a more extensive set of photos from the May 2023 luncheon on the NSLPACSW website as a [slideshow](#) (with captions) for sequential viewing and as a [gallery](#) of the same photos. You also can watch a [video of VADM Vice Martoglio's presentation](#).

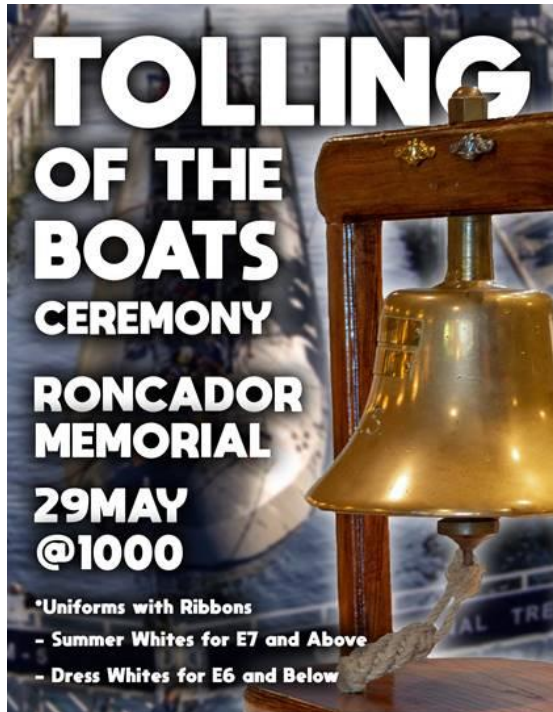
Nominations for NSLPACSW officers now are being accepted

NSLPACSW elections will be held during the 13 June 2023 luncheon. Nominations are now open for all Chapter Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer). If you wish to nominate someone for a position, please e-mail your nomination to the NSLPACSW at: nslpacsw@hotmail.com

Memorial Day, Monday, 29 May 2023, ceremonies at the USS Roncador Memorial and the 52 Boats Memorial in San Diego, and at the National Submarine Memorial West in Seal Beach

Two e-mails were sent to all NSLPACSW members on 22 May 2023 with the following information on Memorial Day ceremonies.

10 AM at the USS Roncador (SS-301) Memorial on Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL), San Diego:



This flyer, received from Submarine Squadron 11, provides details regarding the Tolling of the Boats ceremony that will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, 29 May 2023, at 10 AM at the USS Roncador (SS-301) Memorial on Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL). The Roncador Memorial is located at the waterfront, adjacent to the main parking lot on NBPL. Base access restrictions apply at NBPL and you will need to show a valid ID to enter the base (an active duty, DoD CAC, retired military or Dependent ID).

About noon at the 52 Boats Memorial at Liberty Station, San Diego:

San Diego Base USSVI (U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc.) is sponsoring the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony at the 52 Boats Memorial in Liberty Station, in the park at 2455

Cushing Road. This event will occur at about noon on Monday, 29 May 2023. The start time for this event is approximate because several of the participants also are involved in the earlier ceremony at the USS Roncador (SS-301) Memorial.

11 AM at the National Submarine Memorial West, Seal Beach:

If you find yourself in the greater LA area on Memorial Day, please be advised that the USSVI LA/Pasadena Base will be holding a Tolling Of the Boats Ceremony at the National Submarine Memorial West at 11 AM on Monday, May 29, 2023. The Guest speaker will be LCDR John Sisson from the Submarine Squadron 11 staff. The event is open to the public.

The National Submarine Memorial West is located outside the main gate of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. You'll find a map to the National Submarine Memorial West [here](#).



NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**

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

The meeting is called to order about 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, 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, 8 June 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, 9 June 2023**.

