



## Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter November 2022 Newsletter

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**Our program for **Tuesday, November 8, 2022:**  
**Vice Admiral Michael Boyle, Commander, U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet**  
**will provide an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet.****

**Please plan to join us at the Oceanview for this in-person luncheon / forum.**  
**We will make a video of the main presentation and post it on the**  
**NSLPACSW website: <https://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>**

### **Vice Admiral Michael Boyle, U.S. Navy**

Vice Adm. Michael Boyle is a native of McLean, Virginia, and the son of a naval aviator. He is a 1987 graduate of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He received his commission through the Navy Reserves Officer Training Corps program with a master's degree in Foreign Affairs from the Air Command and Staff College.

Boyle was designated a naval aviator in January 1990. His operational tours include Strike Fighter Squadron 137 (VFA-137) on USS Forrestal (CV 59) in support of Operation Provide Comfort and Operation Deny Flight in Northern Iraq; VFA-81 on USS Saratoga (CV 60) in support of Operation Provide Promise and Operation Deny Flight over Bosnia-Herzegovina; VFA- 87 on USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operation Noble Anvil, Operation Allied Force over Kosovo, and Operation Southern Watch over southern Iraq.

Ashore, Boyle's assignments include VFA-106 as an F/A-18 instructor pilot; Naval Personnel Command as the F/A-18 junior officer assignments officer; Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (OSD-CAPE) as the Navy TacAir analyst; U.S. Pacific Fleet as executive assistant to the Commander, where he served for Admiral Harry Harris and Admiral Scott Swift; Navy International Programs Office as U.S. Central Command and U.S. Pacific Command Security Cooperation director; Director, International Engagements, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, N52; and Director of Maritime Operations at U.S. Pacific Fleet.

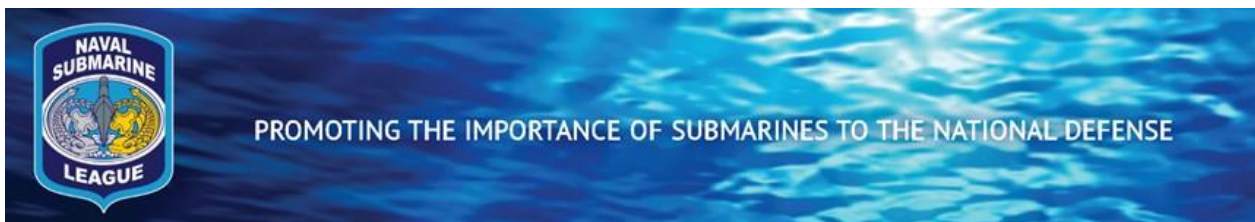
Command operational assignments include VFA-81 with Carrier Air Wing 17 (CVW-17) aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and USS George Washington (CVN 73) for the Partnership of the Americas deployment, before being reassigned to CVW-11 aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68); forward deployed as CVW-5 aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) for multiple Western Pacific patrols; Commander, Navy Region Korea and Commander, Naval Component, U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command, Korea; Commander, Carrier Strike Group-12 where he deployed with the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Strike Group and assumed the first operational command of USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

VADM Boyle assumed duties as Commander, U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet on June 16, 2022 at Naval Base Point Loma. He became the 32nd commander of the U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet, a force of more than 68,000 people, 100 ships and 400 aircraft stationed throughout California, Hawaii and Washington.



VADM Michael Boyle at the June 16, 2022 change-of-command ceremony.  
Source U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet via Facebook.

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



## **Background, Commander, U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet**

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet was established March 15, 1943, under the command of Adm. William F. “Bull” Halsey Jr. The command was originally the “South Pacific Force,” established April 20, 1942, under Vice Adm. Robert L. Ghormley. At the end of WW II, Halsey’s U.S. 3rd Fleet flagship, the Iowa-class battleship USS Missouri (BB 63), was the location of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

After WW II, a Chief of Naval Operations message dated October 17, 1945 directed U.S. 3rd Fleet be re-designated as the Reserve Fleet for the Pacific, and later reduced to an administrative organization, closing out and reassigning its remaining ships prior to being disestablished on January 1, 1947.

U.S. 3rd Fleet was re-established 26 years later, on February 1, 1973. Headquartered on Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, the organization assumed the duties of U.S. 1st Fleet and of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Forces Pacific Fleet. The U.S. 3rd Fleet area of



operations (AOR) was defined in 1976 as, “a line halfway between Midway and Japan,” roughly 160 degrees east, and from “pole to pole.” In the late 1970s and 1980s, U.S. 3rd Fleet forces participated in exercises throughout the AOR to improve readiness and to demonstrate U.S. naval capabilities in the North Pacific Ocean.

In November 1986, U.S. 3rd Fleet headquarters shifted from Ford Island to its flagship, the Austin-class amphibious transport dock USS Coronado (LPD 11), which was homeported in Pearl Harbor. In 1991, both U.S. 3rd Fleet and Coronado’s homeport shifted to San Diego, CA and subsequently moved off the flagship in 2003 and relocated to Naval Base Point Loma, where it remains today.

In 2015, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Scott Swift announced the “Third Fleet Forward” concept. Third Fleet operating forward offers additional options to the Pacific Fleet commander by leveraging the capabilities of 3rd and 7th Fleets. This operational concept allows both numbered fleets to complement one another and provide the foundation for stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Since 2018, U.S. 3rd Fleet has operated as a Maritime Operations Center preparing, providing and employing combat ready naval forces throughout the Pacific.

More information is on the Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet website:  
<https://www.c3f.navy.mil>



## Mark your calendars

- Oct 20: NSL History Seminar: “Admiral Hyman Rickover, Engineer of Power”
- Oct 21 & 24: Tours of Peruvian submarine BAP PISAGUA (S-33) at NBPL
- Nov 8: **Chapter Luncheon**, our speaker will be VADM Michael Boyle, CO THIRD Fleet
- Nov 11: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – Veterans Day
- Dec 2: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – [Wreaths with PLA/SubVets](#)
- Dec 13: **Chapter Luncheon**

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

## Our October 11, 2022 Luncheon / Forum at the Oceanview with LCDR John A. Sison and LCDR M. Miñano



Our venue at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma. About 42 people attended the luncheon.



Members & guests check in with Treasurer Jim Piburn



(L to R) Chapter VP VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas, Cecilia Carrick and our speakers, CSS-11 DESI Plans & Engagement Office, LCDR Sison, and BAP PISAGUA XO, LCDR Miñano (standing in for PISAGUA CO, CDR Roberto González)



(L) USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN-757) CO, CDR Rose (our Sep 2022 speaker) & XO, LCDR Kitt.  
(R) Chapter President Bruce Renne calls the meeting to order.



Head table (CW from bottom, left): LCDR Miñano, President Bruce Renne, CDR Rose, CAPT Franklin, Cecilia Carrick, VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas, CSS-11 Deputy, Sam Ward, LT Keim & LCDR Sison



(L) LCDR Miñano describes role of PISAGUA in DESI exercises with US fleet elements.  
(R) Bruce Renne thanks our speakers and presents copies of "A Century of Submarines in San Diego."

You'll find more photos and videos of the October 2022 Luncheon / Professional Forum at the following link: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-Gr5DWd/>



## October 13, 2022 reception & panel discussion at the Coronado Historical Association (CHA)

NSLPACSW Captains Sam Ward and Charlie MacVean collaborated with CHA to organize a hosted reception and panel discussion entitled, *"In Recognition of Coronado Submariners,"* at the CHA Museum from 5:15 to 7:00 PM on October 13, 2022. The panelists addressed a wide range of topics, including day-to-day life on a submarine during the Cold War, some unclassified aspects of submarine operations, and the role of San Diego's Submarine Squadron 11 today. About 60 people attended.



(L to R) CAPT (Ret.) Bill Green, CAPT Kenneth Douglas (CSS-11), CAPT (Ret.) Charles MacVean, CAPT (Ret.) Jeffrey Fischbeck, CAPT (Ret.) Sam Ward



Reception before the panel discussion.



CHA curator Vicki Stone and Director R.G. Head

**October 20, 2022 NSL Submarine History Seminar:**  
**“Admiral Hyman Rickover, Engineer of Power,” 4 to 6 PM PDT on Zoom**

You can register for this seminar on the NSL website at the following direct link: <https://www.navalsubleague.org/events/history-seminar/>. You should have gotten a reminder in the October 13, 2022 *NSL Update*, which members receive via e-mail.

**October 21 & 24, 2022 tours of the Peruvian diesel-electric submarine**  
**BAP PISAGUA (SS-33) at Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL)**

The Commanding Officer of the BAP PISAGUA (S-33), CDR Roberto González, has invited members of the NSLPACSW Chapter to tour the ship. A total of four tours will be conducted on two days, October 21 & 24, at 9 AM & 10 AM each day. An e-mail invitation with tour and reservation details was sent separately to NSLPACSW members on 13 October 2022. Here's a summary: Make your reservation by e-mail to [pres@nslpacsw.com](mailto:pres@nslpacsw.com) by 6 PM Monday October 17, 2022 and provide the following information for yourself and any guests: name, mobile phone #, do you have a badge for access to NBPL (Yes/No), and which tour would you like to attend? (date / time, you may list a primary and backup).

**Update - Origin of San Diego's 52 Boats Memorial**



Our October Newsletter incorrectly reported on the origin of San Diego's 52 Boats Memorial. Doug Smay provided the following correction.

“The memorial was a project of the San Diego Chapter, U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II. It took us 15 years and cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars to complete the project. I know this because I was the one who proposed the project to the chapter

in 1995 and was in charge of the project for the chapter.

The memorial is of course in remembrance of the 52 boats and crew members lost in WW II. Its creation was in keeping with the very purpose of the Sub Vets WW II organization, i.e. to perpetuate the memory of those Shipmates who gave their lives in submarine warfare. But its existence also demonstrates that, to the WW II submarine veterans, these were more than mere words. They gave freely of their time and treasure to make it happen and in that context I believe it also stands as a memorial to them.

The San Diego Chapter has long since disbanded, but in 2016 I created a 501(c)3 charity called 52 Boats Memorial Veterans to maintain the memorial. I am the founder and treasurer of our charity. The late Warren Branges was the original president. Bob Bissonnette has now taken on those responsibilities. We are doing our best to maintain the memorial, but it should never be forgotten that it was the WW II Sub Vets who created it.”



## NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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### Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday November 8, 2022**

Oceanview at Ballast Point, Building 501, Naval Base Point Loma  
COVID masks currently are optional for base and building access.

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM.

Meeting is called to order about 30 minutes later and  
concludes by 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 Jim Piburn by e-mail:**

[treas@nslpacsw.com](mailto: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 your reservation deadline is close of business **Thursday, November 3, 2022**.
- 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 noon **Friday, November 4, 2022**.

