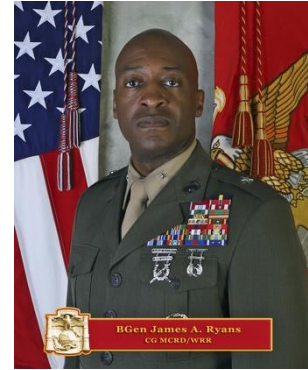




Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter November 2023 Newsletter

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Our program for **Tuesday, 14 November 2023:
Brigadier General James A. Ryans II, USMC,
Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot,
Western Recruiting Region**

**Please plan to join us from 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM
at the Bayview Restaurant and Catering Center on MCRD
for this in-person luncheon / forum.**

Brigadier General Ryans enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1988 and was commissioned upon graduating from Jacksonville University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. Following The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, he reported to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines where he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer.

Brigadier General Ryans has held Command at all levels, including: Company Commander, Company F and Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Battalion 8th Marines; Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 6th Marines; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment; and Commanding Officer, 8th Marine Regiment. He has deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, participating in Operation SILVER WAKE in Albania; while at 2d Battalion, 8th Marines and then again while in command of the Regiment, he deployed to both Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan; and most recently he served as Deputy Commander of Task Force Southwest, deploying in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and the RESOLUTE SUPPORT Mission in Afghanistan.

Brigadier General Ryans' staff assignments include serving as an Officer Selection Officer; Instructor and Department Head for the Ground Combat Department, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1; Regimental Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer within 8th Marine Regiment; as the Principal Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Future Operations Officer for II Marine Expeditionary Force; and the Senior Military Assistant to

the Secretary of the Navy. Immediately prior to arriving to the Depot, he served as the Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Marine Division. He assumed command of the MCRD, San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, from outgoing Commanding General Brig. Gen. Jason L. Morris at a change of command ceremony on 5 May 2023.

Brigadier General Ryans is a graduate of the Infantry Captain Career Course, Fort Benning, Georgia; a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College where he earned a Masters of Military Arts; received a second Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College; attended the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Class 194; and served as a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Brigadier General Ryans' personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Bronze Star Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars in lieu of third award.

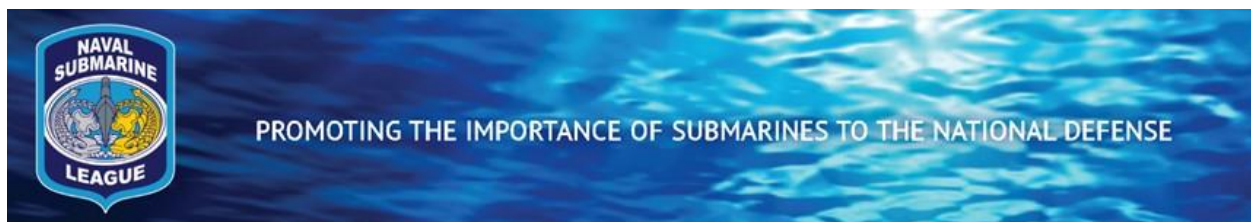


Mark your calendars for these upcoming

- 7 Dec (9 AM): All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial – Pearl Harbor Day – Wreath Laying with Point Loma Association and SubVets
- 12 Dec: Chapter Luncheon

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

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



**Highlights of the 10 October 2023 luncheon / professional forum with
CDR Christian A. Rivera, USN,
Commanding Officer, Submarine Training Facility San Diego**



NSLPACSW VP VADM Robert Thomas & CAPT Charlie MacVean.



NSLPACSW Secretary Pete Lobner greets our speaker, CDR Christian Rivera.



NBPL CO CAPT Jeff Yacker and son, Midshipmen Hayden Yacker.



Chick Bowling is five times the age of Midshipmen Dave (L) & Cornelius (R).



There's always time for good social interactions before lunch is served.



NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne calls the meeting to order.



The head table: (L to R) CDRE Ken Douglas, CSS-11, Bruce Renne, CDR Christian Rivera (speaker), VADM (ret) Robert Thomas, CAPT Jeff Yackeren & CAPT (ret) Sam Ward



CDR Rivera briefed NSLPACSW members on SUBTRAFAC's mission & technical capabilities.



Bruce Renne thanks CDR Rivera for his presentation.

You'll find more photos and a video of CDR Rivera's presentation at the following links:

[SLIDESHOW](#) (with captions)

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

[VIDEO](#)

Tour of the O'Kane Submarine Learning Center



Immediately after his briefing, CDR Rivera provided seven NSLPACSW members with an impressive tour of the state-of-the-art submarine bridge navigation simulator and other training systems at the SUBTRAFAC facility on Naval Base Point Loma.



The tour group: (L to R) Jim Bryant, Terry McKearney, Bob Berman, Bruce Renne, CDR Rivera, Steve Eppig & Jeff Fischbeck

Photos were not permitted in the Learning Center. However, this published Navy photo shows the general arrangement of a similar Navigation Trainer.



Rear Adm. Jeff Jablon, commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, tours the Integrated Submarine Plotting and Navigation Trainer at Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific in Santa Rita, Guam. Source: U.S. Navy (29 May 2021)

52 Boats Memorial repairs completed in September 2023

Repairs to the 52 Boats Memorial at Liberty Station in San Diego were completed during two weeks in September. More details are in a recent article in the Point Loma OB Monthly, at the following link: <https://www.pointloma-obmonthly.com/news/story/2023-10-12/52-boats-memorial-remains-on-patrol-after-repairs>

Celebrating the 248th Navy Birthday, 13 October 2023



You can read the NAVADMIN message from acting Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Lisa Franchetti on the occasion of the U.S. Navy's 248th Birthday here:

<https://news.usni.org/2023/10/13/248th-navy-birthday-message-from-acting-cno-franchetti>

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

- LCDR Sean West Money, "AUKUS Is Writing Checks Australian Security Can't Cash," USNI Proceedings, October 2023: <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2023/october/aukus-writing-checks-australian-security-cant-cash>
- Sam LaGrone, "Continuing Resolution Includes Funds for New Columbia-class Submarine," USNI News, 1 October 2023: <https://news.usni.org/2023/10/01/stop-gap-federal-funding-bill-includes-new-columbia-class-submarine>
- Sam LaGrone, "U.K. Awards BAE \$5B for New Royal Navy SSN-AUKUS Attack Submarine," USNI News, 2 October 2023: <https://news.usni.org/2023/10/02/u-k-awards-bae-5b-for-new-royal-navy-ssn-aukus-attack-submarine>
- Mallory Shelbourne, "Congressional Commission Calls for Third Nuclear Shipyard to Bolster U.S. Strategic Forces," USNI News, 13 October 2023: <https://news.usni.org/2023/10/12/congressional-commission-calls-for-third-nuclear-shipyard-to-bolster-u-s-strategic-forces>

Submarine force updates from the Congressional Research Service

- "Navy Virginia-Class Submarine Program and AUKUS Submarine Proposal: Background and Issues for Congress," Report RL32418, Congressional Research Service, updated 12 October 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32418>
- "China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities—Background and Issues for Congress," Report RL33153, Congressional

Research Service, updated 5 October 2023:

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL33153>

- “Navy Force Structure and Shipbuilding Plans: Background and Issues for Congress,” Report RL32557, Congressional Research Service, updated 4 October 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32665>
- “Navy Columbia (SSBN-826) Class Ballistic Missile Submarine Program: Background and Issues for Congress,” Report RL41129, , Congressional Research Service, updated 2 October 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41129>

More submarine news

- “Taiwan Launches the Island's First Domestically Made Submarine for Testing,” Military.com, 28 September 2023: <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/09/28/taiwan-launches-islands-first-domestically-made-submarine-testing.html>

Happy Thanksgiving to all submariners, their families and the extended submarine community!



SSN off Santa Rita, Guam (but it looks like Point Loma). Source: DVIDS, U.S. Navy graphic by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelsey J. Hockenberger

Our speaker for 12 December 2023

Rear Admiral Keith B. Davids, the commander of Naval Special Warfare Command since 19 August 2022, has been invited to be the speaker at the NSLPACSW December luncheon / professional forum.



NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

Luncheon / Professional Forum - Tuesday, 14 November 2023
At the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego,
Bayview Restaurant and Catering Center.

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, 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, 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.

Make your reservations with the NSLPACSW Treasurer, Jim Piburn, by e-mail at this link: treas@nslpacsw.com

- Bayview requires that NSLPACSW provide them with the number of meals to be served ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE of our luncheon.
- Please make your reservation as soon as possible, **and NO LATER THAN 5 PM Monday, 6 November 2023.**
- Include the names of each member and guest attending.
- BASE ACCESS PROCEDURES:
 - Base access will be via the MCRD Gate 2 on Barnett Street (see map).
 - Treasurer Jim Piburn will provide base security with a list of all NSLPACSW members who have signed up to attend the luncheon. If your name is on that list, you will only need to show your Driver's License at the Guard Gate.



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At the conclusion of your event, please be sure your guests leave the MCRD grounds immediately. No sightseeing, no driving in unauthorized areas, or otherwise touring the Depot.

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