



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter September 2023 Newsletter

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Our program for **Tuesday, 12 September 2023:
CAPT Jeffrey Yackeren, USN,
Commanding Officer, Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL)
will talk about 7th Fleet status and his vision for NBPL.**

**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 Jeff Yackeren is a native of Darien, New York. He was commissioned in 1999 through the Enlisted Commissioning Program at the University of Utah with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also earned a Master's Degree in National and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College. His distinguished naval career includes the following assignments.

- JO, SSN 719, USS PROVIDENCE
- CSO, SSN 757, USS ALEXANDRIA
- XO, SSBN 736 (B), USS WEST VIRGINIA
- COMSUBPAC Operations Officer, Honolulu, HI, June 2014 – May 2017
- CO, SSBN 731(B), USS ALABAMA, Sep 2017 - Aug 2020
- Carrier Strike Group 3 (CCSG3) Submarine Operations, on the staff of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN strike group, Bremerton, WA, Aug 2020 – May 2022
- 7th Fleet (C7F) Operations Officer, Yokosuka, Japan, Mar 2022 to June 2023

On 14 July 2023, CAPT Yackeren relieved CAPT Ken Franklin as CO, NBPL.





You can view CAPT Yacker's Change-of-Command ceremony on the NBPL Facebook page here:

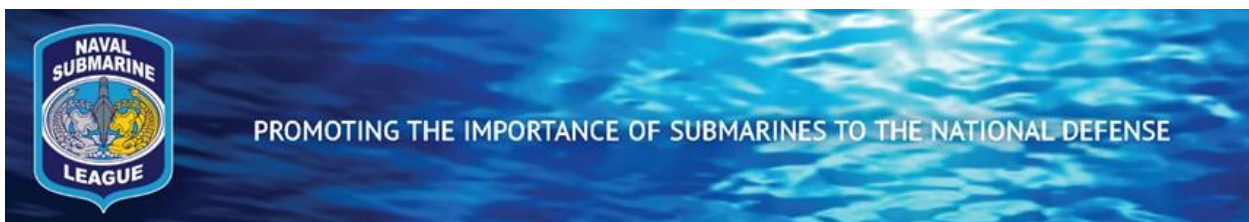
<https://www.facebook.com/NavalBasePointLoma/videos/1521198542040109>

Mark your calendars for these upcoming

- Sep 15: All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial – National POW/MIA Day
- Oct 10: Chapter Luncheon
- Oct (TBD): Annual Submarine History Seminar
- Nov 7-8: [41st Annual Symposium](#) – Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, Arlington, VA
- Nov 11: All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial – Veterans Day
- Nov 12 (11 AM): Veterans Day Parade (Click [here](#) for details.)
- Nov 14: Chapter Luncheon

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

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



**Highlights of the 13 June 2023 luncheon / professional forum with
CAPT Jeffrey Melody, Chief of Staff, Carrier Strike Group FIFTEEN**



*NSLPACSW "top brass," VP Robert Thomas
& President Bruce Renne*



*Jeff Fischbeck, Paul Van Bethem & John
Schmidt*



*Bob Christman, Dr. Louie Paulerio & Don
Mathiowetz*



*John Thomas, Joe Hughes, Steve Eppig &
Bob Decesari*



*Jerry Collins, Chic Bowman, Bill Gaines &
Warrie Leeke*



*Treasurer Jim Piburn & CSS-11 Chaplain Dan
Robinson*



(L to R, clockwise) Commodore Ken Douglas, Chapter President Bruce Renne, guest speaker CAPT Jeff Melody, Chapter VP Robert Thomas, Todd Hyde, Dick Evert, John Schmidt, and Sam Ward.



Bruce Renne called the meeting to order. As a first order of business, Past President Sam Ward conducted the annual election of NSLPACSW officers, with the following results:

- Bruce Renne, President
- Robert Thomas, VP
- CMDCM(SS) Brandon Wallis, 2nd VP
- Pete Lobner, Secretary
- Jim Piburn, Treasurer



Past President Sam Ward conducted the annual election of officers



CAPT Melody explained the training, certification and deployment concepts of today's Carrier Strike Groups. "We train together and deploy together..... but the submarines we train with are typically not the ones we work with on deployments."



A Carrier Strike Group in formation.



Bruce Renne presents CAPT Melody with a copy of "Down Deep" and
NSL's coveted 40th anniversary challenge coin

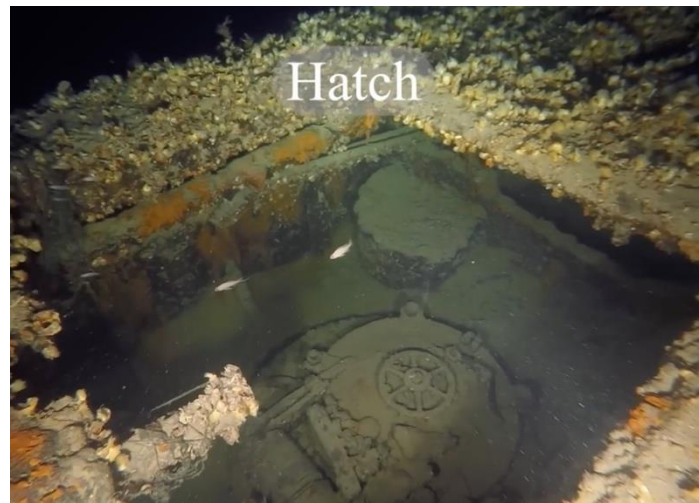
You'll find more photos from the June 2023 luncheon here:

[Gallery](#)
[Slideshow](#) (with captions)

A video of CAPT Melody's presentation is posted [here](#).

History: Divers find long-lost World War II British submarine HMS TRIUMPH in the Aegean Sea after 25 years of searching

On 7 June 2023, Blue Planet History reported: “The lost British submarine H.M.S. TRIUMPH, whose true fate had been shrouded in mystery ever since the vessel and its entire crew disappeared in 1942, has finally been discovered, at 203 m depth in the Aegean Sea in international waters, by Greek researcher Kostas Thoctarides and his team, after a search lasting roughly 25 years. The story of the submarine is both multi-



dimensional and unique in naval annals as it is inextricably linked to the national resistance and the secret services of the time that were active during the (German) occupation. The key to the case was research into primary historical sources. It required extensive study of archives in both England and Germany as well as in Italy and Greece. TRIUMPH had an impressive operational action. It undertook difficult and dangerous missions with landings of agents of the British SOE and MI9 organizations and rescues of trapped soldiers who had to escape to Alexandria, Egypt. The research continues, mainly on a historical level as new elements and facts come to light which, combined with the information we now have from the wreck and with the assistance of experts from the Navy specializing in submarines and torpedoes, will reveal the secrets of the H.M.S TRIUMPH. HMS TRIUMPH is treated with the respect and sanctity it deserves as a ‘maritime war grave’.”

Screenshots from Blue Planet History video

Read more details in the 7 June 2023 CBS News article here:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/diver-finds-hms-triumph-world-war-ii-submarine-vanished-1942/>

Also see the YouTube video “H.M.S Triumph: British WWII submarine lost with crew of 64 is found in the Aegean Sea at 203m depth” (2:53 min) posted by Blue Planet History, 7 June 2023 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPCNHno0Qu4&t=23s>

History: USS BARB (SSN-596) & USS GURNARD (SSN-662) rescue the crew of a B-52 bomber that went down in the Pacific during a typhoon in July 1972



NSLPACSW member Bob Mahan recommended reading this article about the heroic efforts of two U.S. nuclear submarines that were deployed to attempt a rescue of the crew of a B-52 that went down in the Pacific in the path of Typhoon Rita. BARB deployed from Apra Harbor in Guam and GURNARD was diverted while it was inbound to Guam.

The story of search-and-rescue coordination, seamanship on the surface in a sea state unknown to most submariners, and raw courage is inspirational. You can read the complete story here: <http://militaryhonors.sid-hill.us/history/rescue.htm>

More late summer reading

During the summer, the Congressional Research Service published the following new or updated reports that might be of interest to NSLPACSW members:

- CRS R47599, "AUKUS Pillar 2: Background and Issues for Congress," 20 June 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R47599>
- CRS RL32418, "Navy Virginia (SSN-774) Class Attack Submarine Procurement: Background and Issues for Congress, Updated 6 July 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32418>
- CRS IF10472, "North Korea's nuclear weapons & missile programs," Updated 21 July 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF10472>
- CRS IF 11826, "Navy Next-Generation Attack Submarine (SSN[X]) Program: Background and Issues for Congress," Updated 4 August 2023: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11826>

The U.S. Naval Institute published the following article that highlights the need for greater investment in the U.S. submarine industrial base to meet domestic and AUKUS defense commitments.

- Sam Lagrone, "Republicans Call for White House Shipbuilding Boost to Support AUKUS Attack Sub Sale," USNI News, 27 July 2023: <https://news.usni.org/2023/07/27/republicans-call-for-white-house-shipbuilding-boost-to-support-aukus-attack-sub-sale>



NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

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Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday, 12 September 2023**

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

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 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

- 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, 7 September 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, 8 September 2023**.

