

Colonel Thomas M. Bedell graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1993 with degrees in English Literature and Sociology, and from the University of Manchester, UK in 1994 with a Master's in Economic and Social Studies. He then spent two years fighting forest fires with the US Forest Service.

Colonel Bedell completed The Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course in 1997, primary flight training in 1998, jet training in 1999, and AV8B training in 2001. From 2002 to 2005 Colonel Bedell served with VMA-214 "The World Famous Blacksheep" as Logistics Officer, Powerline Officer, and Airframes Officer. He deployed to Al Jaber, Kuwait in 2003 in support of Iraqi Freedom, and to Al Asad, Iraq in 2004 as part of the 11th MEU. After attending the Expeditionary Warfare School he joined VMA-211 "The Wake Island Avengers" from 2006 to 2009 where he served as Quality Assurance Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Maintenance Officer. He deployed with the Avengers to Iraq in 2006, and to Japan in 2009 as part of the 31st MEU.

From 2009 to 2011 Colonel Bedell served as Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commandant for Aviation and as Harrier Requirements Officer. He then attended the Naval War College earning an M.A. in National Strategic Studies. He then completed a Joint tour serving as the Operations Officer for the United States Special Operations Command Wargame Center from 2012-2014.

Colonel Bedell commanded VMR-1, "The Roadrunners", from 2014 to 2016 followed by a year as the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Current Operations Officer. He attended the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies as a CMC Fellow, earning a Master's of International Public Policy. He was then assigned to Marine Forces Korea where he served as the Liaison to the 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, South Korea. He previously served as the Director of the CMC Safety Division before taking the command of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Colonel Bedell has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 14, Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.



Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)





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> COL Thomas Bedell, USMC "Some Jumps for a Jump Jet Driver"



Key Dates

February 8—Chapter Luncheon Colonel Bedell, CO Miramar

March 8—Chapter Luncheon

Zoom Coverage

The February Meeting will see another Zoom Link. We want to include out of town Members to the Best of Our Ability. Details will be provided as we approach the February 8th date.

Yes—Zoom + In Person in February



January at Oceanview RADM Richard Seif, USN Commander, Undersea Warfare Development Center



Rear Admiral Seif touched all the bases as he encompassed the status of our forces, the potential adversaries and the core mission areas for his command. He laid out the priorities and over arching guidance provided by Navy and submarine leadership. The emphasis is on preparing for combat and as a result there are new initiatives actively being pursued throughout the submarine force. UUVs really are here after decades of development. The Aggressor Squadron concept is moving to reality and synchronization across various assets is becoming all important. And finally, the priority and importance of the Columbia Class SSBN was emphatically stressed. It was an information packed briefing by Rear Admiral Seif and we were fortunate to be able to benefit from his time in San Diego.



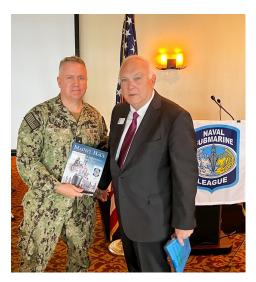
Who are those masked men? RADMs Holian and Sharp, with Howard Reese and Adrienne Sharp in the BG.



Two OCS Graduates—Mark Bernhardson and Jeff Fischbeck.



Russ Filbeck and Team get ready to show us their magnificent wood and metal works.



RADM Seif and President Bruce Renne as Bruce thanks the Admiral and presents "A Century of Subs . . .



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January at the Oceanview



The Big Picture of an excellent turnout at our favorite place. Increased comfort was achieved by seating only 6 at each table.







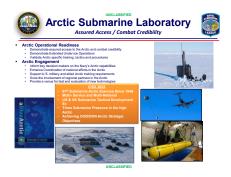
NSLPACSW 2022 January at the Oceanview











Howard Reese, Director of the Arctic Submarine Lab addresses their role in Undersea Warfare Development.









NSLPACSW Luncheon and Forum Reservations Information

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Luncheon and Professional Forum Reservations

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

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

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM, Zoom to be served about 30 minutes later

For Members and Guests

The Luncheon/Forum will cost \$20 each

Payable at the door with check or cash

Lieutenants, CPOs and Enlisted E-6 and Below are guests of the Chapter.

These Active Duty personnel will be welcomed at our luncheons and professional forums with No Charge

Make Your Reservations before Friday, February 4th, 2022

By e-mail: nslpacsw@hotmail.com

By Mail: NSLPACSW, 3528 Liggett Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

By Phone: 619-508-4401 (Talk or Text)

Provide the names of members and guests attending

Payable at the Door, checks should be made out to: NSLPACSW Chapter

Reservations Deadline: Friday February 4th, 2022

If you do not have an active duty, DoD CAC, retired military or Dependent ID for the Naval Base Point Loma access, please text 619-508-4401 or e-mail nslpacsw@hotmail.com when making your Reservation for assistance in making Base access arrangements. You must be escorted by a member with a Valid ID unless you have submitted a Form 5512 and had it approved. If you are unsure of your access status, please contact Charlie MacVean at 619-508-4401 before Noon on Friday February 4th.