



Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter April 2025 Newsletter

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There is no NSLPACSW luncheon/professional forum in April 2025.

Instead, please join Submarine Squadron 11, NSLPACSW and USSVI for the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony and Old Timer's Luncheon **on Friday, 25 April 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego, Bayview Restaurant and Catering Center, Crawford Room, located at the end of Neville Road.

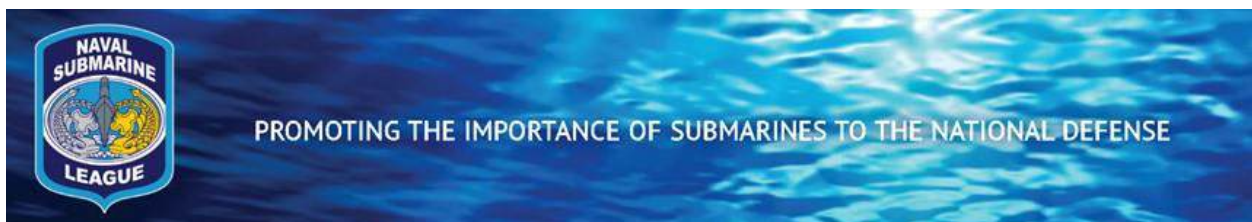
Details on the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony and Old Timer's Luncheon are posted on the NSLPACSW website [here](#) and have been e-mailed to NSLPACSW members and friends.

The price is \$35 per person, payable at the door with cash, check made payable to NSLPACSW Chapter, or VENMO.

Please make your reservation no later than noon Friday, 18 April 2025 with the NSLPACSW Treasurer, Jim Piburn, by e-mail at this link:
treasurer.nslpacsw@yahoo.com

**The guest speaker will be CDR Jeff Ransom, USN,
Commanding Officer, USS SCRANTON (SSN-756)**

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



CDR Jeff Ransom, USN

Originally from Connecticut, Commander Jeff Ransom graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in History.

At sea, CDR Ransom served as a Division Officer on USS BREMERTON (SSN 698), stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI; as Engineer Officer on USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720), stationed in Groton, CT; and as Executive Officer of USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783), also stationed in Groton, CT. During these tours, he deployed once to the Western Pacific and twice to the European Command area of operations.

Ashore, he served as a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor in Boston, MA; as Submarine Squadron FOUR Engineer in Groton, CT; and as Officer Personnel and Policy Assistant in the Line Locker, Naval Reactors Headquarters, in Washington, D.C. CDR Ransom holds a Master's Degree in Supply Chain Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is most proud of his various unit awards that reflect credit on the many skilled professionals he was privileged to work alongside.

Highlights of the 18 March 2025 luncheon / professional forum at the Bali Hai Restaurant with Rear Admiral Richard Seif, USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet



(Left) Zumwalt-class destroyer USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG-1001) cruised by the Bali Hai Restaurant.

(Below, L) Bali Hai owner Larry Baumann greets RADM Seif. (Below, R) Don Mathiowetz, PACSW Chapter VP VADM (Ret) Robert Thomas, & Russ Filbeck.





Bill Gaines & Warrie Leeke with Virtual 5K Run medallions



Bruce Renne greets Jim Bryant & guest Donna.



CAPT Jeff Yacker, CO, NBPL & CDRE Will Wiley, CSS-11



Great conversations.



ARCO (ARDM-5) team (L to R): BJOY, SN Keifer Polich; JSOY, BM2(SW/AW) Justina Atienza; SSOY, EN1(SW) Joshua Skluzacek; CO, LCDR Greg Johnson; and COB, CMDCM Phil Damuth.



NROTC Midshipmen (L to R) Audrey Seiger, Hyen Gemeniano, Johanna Palmario, Christian Thames and Kyle Dramov.



Bali Hai served a fabulous Polynesian-style buffet.



The head table (clockwise, from LL) VADM (Ret) John Jolliffe; CDRE Will Wiley (CSS-11); CAPT Jeff Yackeren (CO, NBPL); Bruce Renne; RADM Richard Seif (COMSUBPAC); RADM (ret) David Boone, (CEO SDMAC); VADM (ret) Robert Thomas; CAPT (ret) Tim Oliver (former NSL Executive Director).



Bruce Renne kicked off the meeting in Bali Hai style.





(Above) RADM Seif provided a detailed briefing on the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Submarine Force and progress being made with Australia and the UK on implementing the multi-lateral AUKUS agreement.

(R) Bruce Renne presented a set of San Diego Bay nautical map coasters to RADM Seif.



You'll find more photos from this luncheon / professional forum at the following links:
[Slideshow](#) (with captions)
[Gallery](#)

14 March 2025 – CSS-11 “First Friday”

NSLPACSW supported this Submarine Squadron 11 get-together for submarine officers and wives at the Oceanview on Naval Base Point Loma on a rainy Friday evening.

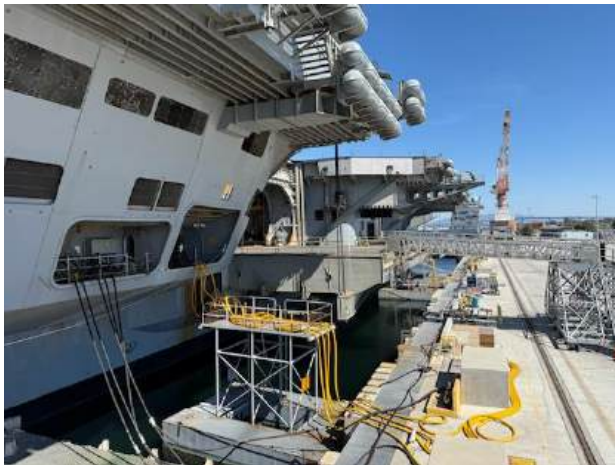


**19 March 2025 - Tour of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)**

NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne arranged for a tour the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) on at Naval Air Station North Island. This event was publicized to NSLPACSW members via e-mail.



USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN dockside in San Diego. Source: U.S. Navy Photo, MC1 Kelby Sanders, 2022



The host for the tour group was LCDR Karl Schonberg, PAO, Carrier Strike Group 3.



The huge hangar bay has three big sections, each of which can be isolated with fire doors.



CAPT Pete "Repete" Riebe, Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), addressed the NSLPACSW tour group of 18 while they were on the flight deck.



*Above: The CO's station on the bridge and view toward the bow.
Below: NSLPACSW tour group and guides on the flight deck. Source: U.S. Navy photo.*





The USS MIDWAY Museum and downtown San Diego viewed from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

April 6-12, 2025 - 5th annual Submarine Birthday Virtual 5K Run

This event is sponsored by the San Diego submarine spouses and benefits the [Dolphin Scholarship Foundation](#). It was publicized to NSLPACSW members via e-mail and on the [Chapter website](#). Below is a photo from the 18 March luncheon of the six "Team NSLPACSW" members sporting their Virtual 5K bling in memory of CAPT (Ret) "Trigger Jim" Tregurha and CAPT (Ret) Denver McCune.



(L to R) Jeff Fischbeck, Russ Filbeck, Ray Ferbrache, Warrie Leeke, Bob Decesari & Bill Gaines

11 April 2025 - National Submarine Day

National Submarine Day honors the anniversary of the day in 1900 when the U.S. Navy acquired its first modern submarine, the Holland VI (later renamed SS-1), which was designed by Irish-American inventor John Phillip Holland and built by his Holland Torpedo Boat Company. You'll find more information on the Holland IV and the very closely related Holland IV-derivatives operated by the UK and Japan [here](#).



John P. Holland

26 April 2025 - Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego

The 125th Submarine Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, 26 April 2025 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, which is located downtown at 1 Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101. The social hour will start at 5:00 PM, followed by the Submarine Birthday Ball



ceremony at 6:00 PM. Details are posted on the NSLPACSW website [here](#) and also were distributed to all NSLPACSW members and friends by e-mail.

*Manchester Grand Hyatt.
Source: TripAdvisor*

Submarine Force news reported by the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI)

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<https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/1960/january/story-holland-submarine-pictorial>
- Mallory Shelbourne, "Virginia-class Attack Boat Makes Port Visit to Perth, Australia," USNI News, 26 February 2025:
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- Sam Lagrone, "Continuing Resolution Proposal Includes \$1B in Anomalies for Columbia Sub, Shipbuilding Programs," USNI News, 3 March 2025:
<https://news.usni.org/2025/03/03/continuing-resolution-proposal-includes-1b-in-anomalies-for-columbia-sub-shipbuilding-programs>

Submarine Force update from CRS, CBO & GAO

- “Shipbuilding and Repair - Navy Needs a Strategic Approach for Private Sector Industrial Base Investments,” GAO report to Congressional Committees, GAO-25-106286, February 2025: <https://files.gao.gov/reports/GAO-25-106286/index.html>
- “Navy Columbia (SSBN-826) Class Ballistic Missile Submarine Program: Background and Issues for Congress,” CRS Report R41129, Updated 18 March 2025: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/25597379-navy-columbia-ssbn-826-class-ballistic-missile-submarine-program-background-and-issues-for-congress/>
- Ronald O’Rourke, “Navy Next-Generation Attack Submarine (SSN[X]) Program: Background and Issues for Congress,” CRS Report IF11826, Updated 21 March 2025: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF11826>
- Ronald O’Rourke, “Navy TAGOS-25 Ocean Surveillance Shipbuilding Program: Background and Issues for Congress, CRS Report IF11838, Updated 21 March 2025: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF11838>

Submarine videos

- “1904 | The Historic USS Holland: Live Footage Of The First Commissioned Submarine,” (2:49 min), posted by smhickel, 1 August 2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdoCH1B40zg>
- “USS Holland SS-1 (Submarine),” (2:42 min), posted by Crash Course History, 19 June 2023: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c27-raKHK0>
- “Tour Royal Navy’s first submarine, Holland 1, turns 122 years old in 2023,” (3:49 min, tour at Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Gosport, UK), posted by MGTracey, 28 February 2023: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9h7ky_nVYFA

Mark your 2025 calendar for these upcoming events

- **There is no NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon in April**
- 25 April 2025: Old Timers Luncheon & Tolling of the Boats
- 26 April 2025: Submarine Birthday Ball San Diego
- 13 May 2025: **NSLPACSW Chapter Luncheon**

