



## Naval Submarine League Pacific Southwest Chapter May 2023 Newsletter

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**Our program for **Tuesday, 9 May 2023:**  
Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio, USN (Ret.)  
will present, "America and the World to 2030:  
Competition, Confrontation, or Conflict."**

**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.**

Vice Admiral (VADM) Martoglio is an advisor to a wide variety of activities including academic, healthcare, and civic organizations. His focus is on national security, international relations, and strategic leadership.

VADM Martoglio spent about half of his forty-year military career in the US Navy at sea in cruisers, destroyers, and aircraft carriers. While at sea, he commanded an Aegis destroyer, a destroyer squadron, and the RONALD REAGAN Aircraft Carrier Strike Group.

VADM Martoglio spent the other half of his career developing strategy and leading military operations, initially for the US Navy then for all US military forces. With five tours of duty in Washington, he has also served in senior positions in Asia and Europe. A recognized expert in strategic planning, he continues to be an active contributor to our nation's security - advising and speaking on issues impacting America, especially those involving Russia and China. Additionally, he teaches grand strategy and defense policy at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy.

VADM Martoglio is a 1978 graduate of the US Naval Academy and he holds a master's degree, with highest distinction, in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College.

VADM Martoglio is married to the former Darlene Levandosky of Cleveland, Ohio, a multi-award-winning commercial banker. They are active in the San Diego community and live in Coronado, California.

Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio's at-sea assignments:



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Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23



DESRON 23.  
Source: divids



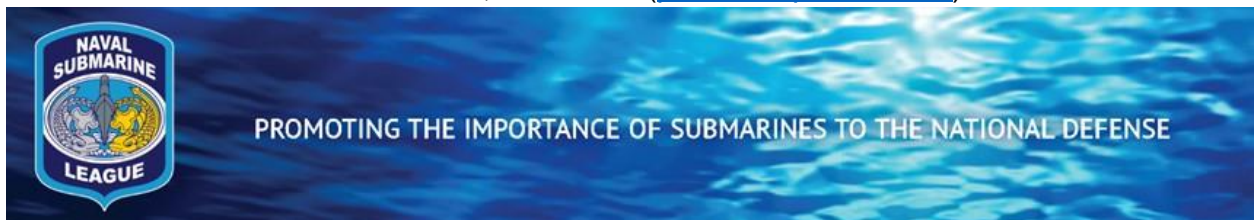
Commander, Carrier Strike Group Seven & Ronald Reagan Strike Group



Ronald Reagan Strike Group.  
Source: US Navy



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



**Highlights of the 14 April 2023 Old Timer's Luncheon and Tolling of the Boats  
at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot**

Old Timer's luncheon was held at noon on Friday, 14 April 2023, followed by the Tolling of the Boats. The program for this event is posted on the NSLPACSW website [here](#).

**123<sup>rd</sup> Submarine Birthday**



Rear Adm. Jeff Jablon, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Force Master Chief Jason Avin wish the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force a happy 123rd birthday on Facebook at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=742105904211795&ref=sharing>



*Happy 123<sup>rd</sup> Birthday from COMSUBPAC.*

The 123rd Submarine Birthday Ball was held on Saturday, 15 April 2023 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island, San Diego.



**18 April 2023 Sailor of the Year (SOY) Kickoff Ceremony & Breakfast  
at the San Diego Zoo**



*All of the SOY candidates gathered at the kickoff ceremony & breakfast at the San Diego Zoo*



*Submarine force SOY candidates with Force Master Chief Jason Avin, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (center)*



**21 April 2023 SUBPAC Sailor of the Year Awards  
At the Bali Hai Restaurant on San Diego Bay**



*SUBPAC SOY candidates and their families at the Bali Hai award ceremony.  
Source: Submarine Squadron-11*



*SUBPAC Force Master Chief Jason Avin addresses the SOY candidates & families.*



*NSLPACSW contingent at table: (L to R) Jen & Pete Lobner, Michele & Ed Langmaid.*

The SUBPAC Sailors of the Year:  
Sea Sailor (L): EMN(SS) Jeffery L. Gaston  
Shore Sailor (R): MMA(SS) Ronald A Carbone



## **12 May 2023 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

This annual event occurs each May on the Friday before Mother's Day and was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. He detailed in [this proclamation](#) the sacrifices military spouses make for their families, communities and country.



*“In many instances, they subordinated their personal and professional aspirations to the greater benefit of the service family. Responding to the call of duty, they frequently endured long periods of separation or left familiar surroundings and friends to re-establish their homes in distant places. And there they became American ambassadors abroad.”*

*“As volunteers, military spouses have provided exemplary service and leadership in educational, community, recreational, religious, social and cultural endeavors. And as parents and homemakers, they preserve the cornerstone of our Nation’s strength – the American family.”*

## **Nominations for NSLPACSW officers now are being accepted**

NSLPACSW elections will be held during the 13 June 2023 luncheon. Nominations are now open for all Chapter Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer). If you wish to nominate someone for a position, please e-mail your nomination to the NSLPACSW at: [nslpacsw@hotmail.com](mailto:nslpacsw@hotmail.com)

### **Mark your calendars for these upcoming**

- 8 May: V-E Day
- 9 May: Chapter luncheon / professional forum at the Oceanview
- 12 May: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 31 May: Memorial Day
  - 10 AM, Ceremony at the USS RONCADOR (SS-301)
  - All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial
- 13 Jun: Chapter luncheon / professional forum at the Oceanview and elections
- 4 Jul: Independence Day
  - All Flags at the 52 Boat Memorial

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

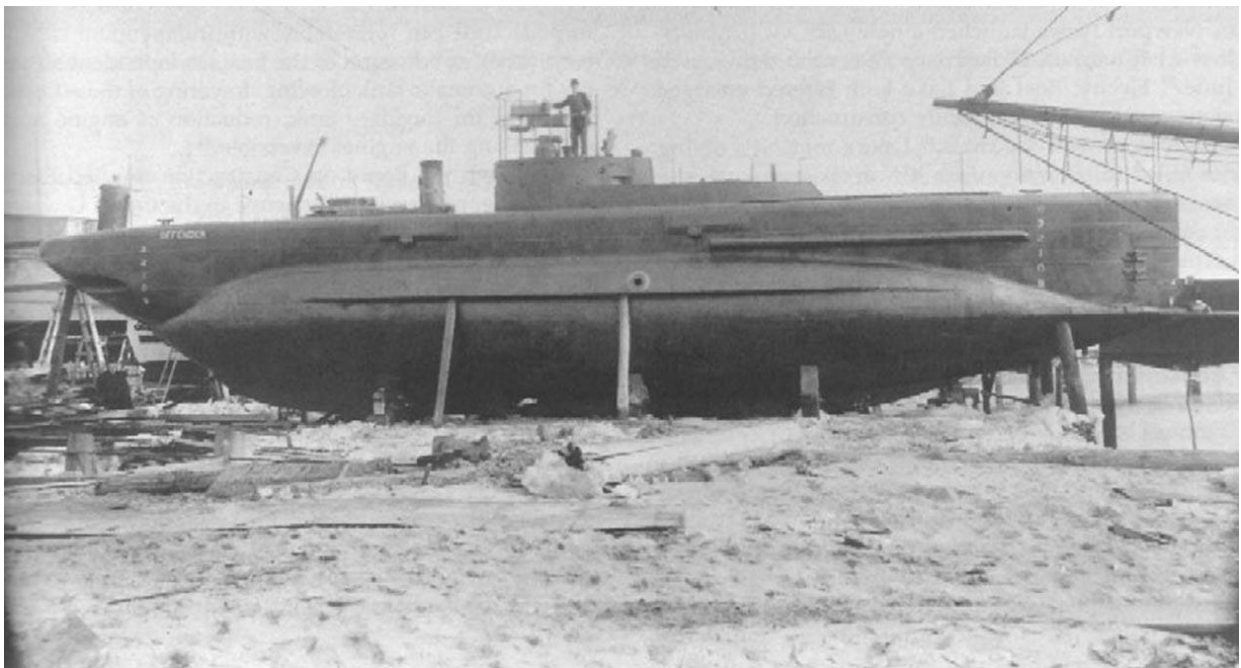


## **1907 submarine *Simon Lake XV* (aka *Lake & Defender*) found in Long Island Sound**

The 92 foot long, 200 ton submarine *Simon Lake XV* was built in 1907 by Newport News Shipbuilding for inventor Simon Lake to compete with Electric Boat's *Octopus* (SS-9) for a U.S. Navy construction contract. *Octopus* won in nearly every judged category and went on to be the lead boat for the Navy's C-Class submarines.

Rebuilt for underwater mine sweeping, salvage and rescue operations and renamed *Defender*, Lake's submarine was equipped with wheels to move along the ocean floor and a hatch that enabled divers to exit and enter the vessel underwater (imagine that!!)

Lake's submarine failed to find a buyer and eventually was scuttled in Long Island Sound in 1946 by the Army Corps of Engineers. In April 2023, a team of divers lead by Richard Simon identified a previously known ship wreck site in Long Island Sound as the long lost *Simon Lake* submarine *Defender*.



*Submarine Defender as rebuilt with sharply raked bow, and her topsides changed, ready for launch at Lake's Bridgeport base. Above her twin propellers is the shutter of a stern torpedo tube. Lake's characteristic pair of amidships planes have been folded up (they are forward and abaft the big conning tower). Source: NAVSOURCE, circa 1907*

For more information on the *Defender* and the wreck site, see the following sources:

- NAVSOURCE: <http://www.navsourc.org/archives/08/08452.htm>
- USA Today: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/04/19/submarine-found-long-island-sound-defender/11695172002/>



## NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

### Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, **Tuesday, 9 May 2023**

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

The meeting is called to order about 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: [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 make your reservation by close of business **Thursday, 4 May 2023**.
- 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, 5 May 2023**.



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