



Above: LCDR John Sison
Below: CDR González

Our Program for **Tuesday, October 11, 2022,**
11:15 am to 1:00 pm:

Our speakers will be LCDR John Sison (Submarine Squadron 11 staff) and CDR Roberto González, CO of the Peruvian diesel-electric submarine BAP PISAGUA (SS-33).

LCDR Sison will talk about the Diesel-Electric Submarine Initiative (DESI) Program and CDR Gonzalez will talk about the roles BAP PISAGUA performs in DESI exercises.



Please plan to join us at the Oceanview for this in-person meeting.

COVID masks currently are optional on Naval Base Point Loma.

We will make a video this presentation and then post the video on the NSLPACSW website: <https://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

This meeting will not be presented on Zoom.

Bruce Renne, President (pres@nslpacsw.com)



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Bio: LCDR John A. Sison

Born and raised in Port Charlotte, Florida, LCDR Sison graduated from Tufts University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engineering Psychology and from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2022 with a Master of Business Administration. He is married to Jacqueline Cahill of Canton, Connecticut and has one son, Luca.

His shipboard tours include the fast attack submarine USS VIRGINIA (SSN-774) and the submarine tender USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40). While onboard VIRGINIA, he had various division officers assignments and completed one deployment to the North Atlantic. Forward deployed to Guam onboard FRANK CABLE, he served as the Assistant Repair Officer and Reserve Program Director supporting expeditionary maintenance for submarines and surface ships deployed to the Western Pacific.

Ashore, he has been assigned to the staffs of Commander, Task Force 69, Commander U.S. SIXTH Fleet, and Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic where he worked as a Special Operations Mission Planner, Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare Planner, International Programs manager, and as a plans and policy analyst, coordinating submarine operations and exercises with international partners.

Reporting to Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 in August of 2022, he currently serves as the Plans and Engagements Officer and is responsible for the execution of the Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative (DESI) program, Midshipmen training operations, and Reserve Component sailor training and administration.

LCDR Sison has been a part of teams earning various unit awards including the Battle Efficiency E' and several Meritorious Unit Commendations. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.

Bio: CDR Roberto González

He entered the Peruvian Navy on 28 February 1996 and graduated with the rank of Ensign on 17 December 2000 with an academic degree of Bachelor of Naval Maritime Sciences. He is qualified in Submarines and holds the following additional qualifications:

- Master's in Strategic Business Administration from the Business Center of the Pontifical Catholic University of Perú, and
- Master's in Business Leadership from the Barcelona School of Senior Management

He has made his Instructional Cruise aboard the full-rigged sailing frigate ARA LIBERTAD (Q-2) of the Argentine Navy. Thereafter, he served in various shipboard assignments aboard destroyer BAP FERRÉ (DM-74) and five diesel-electric submarines BAP ANGAMOS (SS-31), BAP ANTOFAGASTA (SS-32), BAP PISAGUA (SS-33), BAP CHIPANA (SS-34) and BAP ISLAY (SS-35),

followed by a Commanding Officer tour on the torpedo recovery vessel BAP SAN LORENZO (ART-322) and an executive officer tour on the BAP ANTOFAGASTA (SS-32).

He also has completed many assignment ashore, including:

- Head of the School of Recruits of the IV Naval Zone,
- Chief of Communications and Secretary Officer of the IV Naval Zone
- Officer of the General Staff of the Command of the Submarine Force,
- Chief of the Operations and International Affairs Section of the Secretariat of the General Command of the Navy,
- Member of the General Staff of the Force of Submarines of the Argentine Navy in Mar del Plata (Argentina),
- Director of the Joint Logistics and Security Assistance Course (JLSAC) and the Course for Staff Officers in Peacekeeping Operations (UNSPKO) offered by the Institute for Hemispheric Cooperation and Security (WHINSEC)

On 1 February 2022, he was selected as COMMANDER of the Peruvian Submarine PISAGUA (SS-33).

His decorations, distinctions and military recognitions include the Peruvian Cross Order of Naval Merit in the Degree of Knight, Basic Instructor Badge of the Army of the United States of America, Certificate of Recognition as Instructor of the Year 2021 of WHINSEC, among others.

Background: DESI & PISAGUA

DESI, established in 2001 by U.S. Fleet Forces Command, is an international program led by Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic, which works to enhance the Navy's capability to operate with diesel-electric submarines by collaborating with South American navies.

The BAP PISAGUA (SS-33), which is a German-built Type 209 submarine (SSK), arrived at Naval Base Point Loma on 19 August 2022 to participate in DESI exercises. During her stay, the PISAGUA will engage in a multitude of different exercises, to include surface, air, and sub-surface anti-submarine warfare exercises. PISAGUA's last visit to San Diego was in January 2020, also as part of the DESI Program.

The Peruvian Navy operates a fleet of six SSKs. Notably, Peru is the largest submarine force in South America and is the second oldest in the Western Hemisphere.



PISAGUA (SS-33). Source, above: elsnorkel.com; right: Wikipedia



BAP PISAGUA (SS-33) arriving in San Diego, 19 Aug 2022. Source: CSS 11 photo by PO 3rd Class Bruce Morgan

Mark your calendars

- Oct 11: **Chapter Luncheon**
- Oct 13: CHA *"In Recognition of Coronado Submariners,"* panel discussion
- Nov 8: **Chapter Luncheon**, our speaker will be VADM Michael Boyle, CO THIRD Fleet
- Nov 11: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – Veterans Day
- Dec 2: All Flags at the 52 Boats Memorial – [Wreaths with PLA/SubVets](#)
- Dec 13: **Chapter Luncheon**

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

**September 13, 2022 at the Oceanview with
Commander Christopher Rose, USN, CO, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)**



Our meeting venue in the Oceanview.



The head table. L to R: Bob Bissonette (USVVI San Diego Base Commander), Joyce Murphy (Navy League Coronado Council President), Donna Kaup, LT James Kim (Chaplin, NBPL), CDR Christopher Rose (CO, USS ALEXANDRIA), Bruce Renne (President, NSLPACSW), CDRE Ken Douglas (Submarine Squadron 11), & LCDR Cody Davis (XO, NBPL)

**You'll find more photos and videos, including the Speaker's presentation, from the
September 13, 2022 Luncheon / Professional Forum at the following link:**

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-P8FjMb/>



Above: Bob Bissonette talks about the 52 Boats Memorial restoration work & fund-raising effort.
 Left: NSLPACSW President Bruce Renne opens the Forum meeting.



L to R: CSS2(SS) Jonjon Panganiban, FT1(SS) Ricky Billings, CDR Christopher Rose, MMACM(SS) Patrick Melendez, Bruce Renne & CMC Nick Green, announcing the promotions of CSS2(SS) Panganiban & FT1(SS) Billings.



CDR Rose



Bruce Renne presents a copy of "A Century of Submarines in San Diego" to CDR Rose

Welcome home, USS SCRANTON (SSN-756)

On September 7, 2022, NSLPACSW and US Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) San Diego Base coordinated to set up and staff a pavilion near the USS RONCADOR (SS-301) Memorial on Naval Base Point Loma to welcome home the crew of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS SCRANTON (SSN-752). The early bird greeters were ready by 8:30 AM.



L-R: CAPT(Ret) Jim Bryant, Russ Valone (Point Loma Optimist Club), CAPT(Ret) Charlie MacVean, MMCM(SS)(Ret) Russ Filbeck, and (behind the camera) CAPT(Ret) Jeff Fischbeck .

Point Loma merchants display banners welcoming Submarine Squadron 11 submariners home

The "Welcome Home Submariners" banner participants include about 30 grateful merchants, organizations and individuals in the Point Loma area. It is coordinated by members of the Point Loma Association and has been in effect for the last 10 years. The Optimist Club of Point Loma lines Rosecrans Street with 150 US flags on Sundays, holidays and on return of submarines after deployments. These two programs are unique among all US submarine homeports.



Fund-raising to restore San Diego's 52 Boats Memorial



The *52 Boats Memorial* was installed by the USSVI San Diego Base at Liberty Station 10 years ago as a memorial to the 52 US submarines and crew lost during WW II. At the September luncheon, USSVI San Diego Base Commander Bob Bissonette provided an overview of the ongoing program to refurbish the memorial. Time, sun, design issues, and vandals have not been kind to the original granite monuments, as you can see in the following photos. To date, 16 of the monuments have



been repaired or replaced and fund-raising is underway to do the same for the remaining 36.

The 52 Boats Memorial (above) and examples of individual damaged monuments (below). Sources, above: 52 Boats Memorial Veterans; below: Point Loma Association

More information is available here:

- The *52 Boats Memorial* at Liberty Station: <http://52boatsmemorial.com/home.html>
- San Diego Union-Tribune, 11 September 2022: <https://www.pressreader.com/usa/san-diego-union-tribune-sunday/20220911/281857237377438>
- Point Loma & Ocean Beach Monthly, 9 Sep 2022: <https://www.pointloma-obmonthly.com/news/story/2022-09-09/veterans-seek-help-in-keeping-liberty-stations-deteriorating-52-boats-memorial-on-eternal-patrol>

Reception and panel discussion at the Coronado Historical Association (CHA)



Charlie MacVean photo

As reported last month, CHA's current exhibit, "*A View From The Periscope*," runs through November 11, 2022 at the CHA museum at 1100 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118. Over the past month, NSLPACSW Captains Sam Ward and Charlie MacVean have collaborated with CHA to organize a hosted reception and panel discussion entitled, "*In Recognition of Coronado Submariners*," at the CHA museum on October 13, 2022.

The reception will start at 5:15 PM followed by the panel discussion from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The panelists will be:

- Captain Sam Ward, USN (Ret.)
- Captain Jeffrey Fischbeck, USN (Ret.)
- Captain Charles MacVean, USN (Ret.), Ph.D.
- Captain Bill Green, USN (Ret.)
- Captain Kenneth Douglas, USN

You'll find details about the reception and panel discussion, along with an online form to RSVP to attend this event, at the following link to the CHA website:

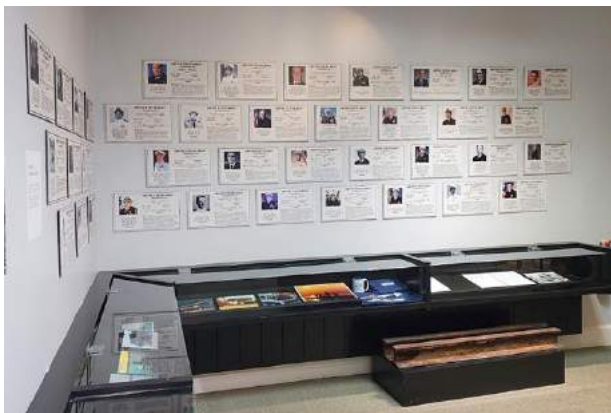
<https://coronadohistory.org/calendar/event/in-recognition-of-coronado-submarines-exhibit-reception-panel-discussion/>

Important Registration Information: Attendance is restricted to fully vaccinated persons with a booster shot. Capacity is limited and reservations are required. No walk-ins will be admitted. If you have any questions please email info@coronadohistory.org or call (619) 435-7242.

Do you know a submariner with a Coronado connection?

Nominate a submariner by sending CHA the information listed on the right. This information will be archived in CHA's collection, and will be used to create a new "Navy ID Card" for their "A View From The Periscope" exhibit. Information/digital photos can be e-mailed to Vickie Stone, Curator of Collections, at vstone@coronadohistory.org. Physical materials can be dropped off or mailed to the Coronado Historical Association at 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118.

- Submariner's Name:
- Contact information (or family's contact information):
- Birth date:
- Death date (if applicable):
- Attend the Naval Academy? What year did they graduate? or Other Schooling:
- Military Service Dates:
- Last Rank:
- Ships Served On (only submarines will be listed on the ID card):
- Years lived in Coronado:
- Awards/recognitions:
- Other interesting facts (such as favorite assignments, Coronado community involvement, or family military history):
- Photo - One portrait-style photograph in uniform



A wall of "Navy ID Cards" is part of CHA's "A View From The Periscope" exhibit_ Charlie MacVean photo

2022 Distinguished Submariner for the NSL – Martin (Marty) Cooper

In the 31 August 2022 *NSL Update*, NSL Headquarters reported that Carlsbad, CA resident Marty Cooper was selected as the 2022 Distinguished Submariner. Marty served as an officer on the USS TANG (SS-563) and, after the Navy, he became a pioneer in the wireless communications industry, especially in radio spectrum management, with eleven patents in the



Source: *Good Times Santa Cruz* (2021)

field. On April 3, 1973, while working for Motorola, Marty Cooper placed the first public call from a cell phone. He led the Motorola team that produced the first handheld cellular mobile phone (a DynaTAC, also known as a “brick”) in 1983. Cooper is co-founder of numerous communications companies with his wife and business partner Arlene Harris.

You’ll find a good 2021 article, “Cell Phone Inventor Martin Cooper on How His Technology Changed the World,” here: <https://www.goodtimes.sc/cell-phone-inventor-martin-cooper/>

Save the date for the next NSL Submarine History Seminar: “Admiral Hyman Rickover, Engineer of Power,” October 20 2022, 7 to 9 PM EDT on Zoom

The Zoom link for the seminar will be posted on the NSL website (<https://www.navalsubleague.org>) and it will be listed in the October 12, 2022 *NSL Update*, which members receive via e-mail.

USSVI National Submarine Memorial West, Seal Beach, CA

The USSVI’s *National Submarine Memorial West* in Seal Beach, CA (near Long Beach) was dedicated in 1977, and since then the USSVI’s Los Angeles Pasadena Base has been the custodian of this site. Like San Diego’s *52 Boats Memorial*, the Seal Beach memorial “pays tribute to the over 3,000 submariners who never returned from the war. The memorial includes plaques for each of the 52 US submarines lost in that conflict, as well as additional plaques representing submarines lost during the postwar Cold War era.” You’ll find a map and more



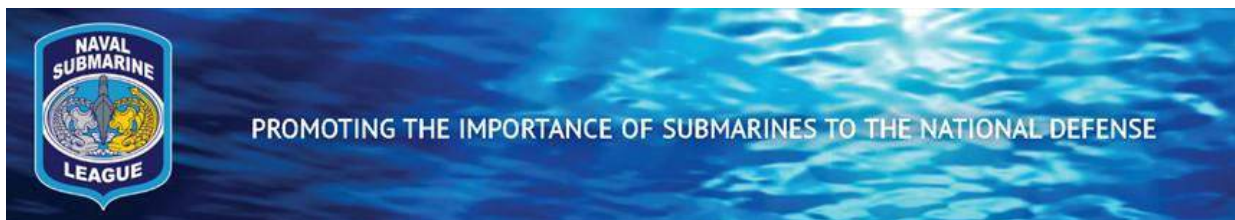
information on the *National Submarine Memorial West* website here:

<https://submarinememorial.org>

The National Submarine Memorial West in Seal Beach, CA. Source: USSVI Los Angeles Pasadena Base

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You have the option to discontinue receiving a print copy of *The Submarine Review* and instead read online and/or download the current issue, or any archived issues dating back to 2015, from the NSL website. From the NSL home page, the *Submarine Review* tab takes you to the library where you can select the latest issue or any other available issue. However, you can't elect to go digital from your NSL user profile. Please call the NSL Individual Member Coordinator, Trenita Onley, at (703) 256-0891 if you wish to go digital and discontinue receiving a paper copy. She can update the necessary NSL records. Going digital helps reduce NSL's printing and distribution costs.





NSLPACSW Luncheon / Professional Forum Reservations Information

<http://pacificsouthwest.navalsubleague.org>

Luncheon / Professional Forum

Naval Submarine League, Pacific Southwest Chapter

11:15 AM, Tuesday October 11, 2022

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

COVID masks currently are optional for base and building access.

Lunch is served at 11:50 AM.

Meeting is called to order about 30 minutes later and concludes by 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 Jim Piburn by e-mail: 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 your reservation deadline is close of business Thursday, October 6, 2022.
- 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, October 7, 2022.