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## NAVY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND BEYOND

PAMELA AMMERMAN VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of the Navy (DON) put together its goals and objectives for FY16 in the middle of December 2015. The memo was signed by the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy. It focused on four key areas: People, Platforms, Power and Partnerships. The success of the areas will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the entire Department, the memo explained, to help improve the lives of Sailors and Marines and will result in greater security for the United States.

DON continues a steadfast commitment to maintaining the world's premier Navy and Marine Corps and will be accountable for tracking the progress and monitoring changes as they are made. DON feels it will be able to continue to provide real benefits to the nation's strategic imperatives and uphold its ability to maintain presence, not just at the right time, but all the time. Some of the recommendations are:

1. Area one – People – the plan:  
Intends to support the quality of life for military and civilians and support Veteran Employment and Wounded Warriors program.  
Promote and enforce a culture free of sexual assault and advocate and remove barriers of a gender-neutral combat force.  
Engage with the military workforce at home and abroad.
2. Area Two – Platforms – they would like:  
To buy more ships and strengthen financial management and auditability.  
Implement agile systems resilient to dynamic cybersecurity demands and strengthen anti-fraud efforts.  
Maximize the effectiveness of DON Information Technology through policy, guidance and oversight.  
Optimize department structure to support and facilitate development and integration of unmanned systems.
3. Area Three – Power – they want:  
To increase alternative energy and sail the Great Green Fleet.  
Develop an integrative energy security and resiliency strategy.
4. Area Four – Partnerships – they hope to:  
Build and strengthen partnership capacity and key alliance and foster a state-of-the-art culture that advances diversity and inclusion in the workforce.

The objectives listed are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all that needs to be done, however it reflects areas they (the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy) personally intend to track.

### Breakfast Meeting

February 5, 2016 | 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Speaker – VADM Nora Tyson,  
Commander, THIRD FLEET

### Lunch Meeting

February 10, 2016 | 11:00a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Speaker – Rudolph (Rudy) Shappee  
Special Projects Manager  
USS Midway Museum

### Breakfast Meeting

March 4, 2016 | 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Speaker – TBD

“Every  
Marine is, first  
and foremost,  
a rifleman. All  
other conditions  
are secondary.”

—Gen. A. M. Gray, USMC  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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# NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST

PAMELA AMMERMAN VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

To a packed audience Rear Adm. Mark Rich, Commander, Navy Region Southwest thanked the Navy League for all that they do. He said the Navy League is the face of the Navy to the public and Region Southwest is where the Pacific Fleet begins.

There are 10 (ten) major installations across the Southwest covering 1.8 million acres. The Navy is really centered here in San Diego's backyard.

The operation is all about the mission and its sustainability with its relationships and resources. They are One Team, One Voice and One Mission. They are the experts in shore installation management and are the best at the skills to deliver the right level of shore support services that meets the mission requirements, reduces risk and ensures the operational forces are ready to take the fight to the enemy.

The mission is to enhance the Nation's combat readiness through efficient and effective management of the shore installations while preserving the critical resources necessary to secure the future of the forces.

Encroachment is the biggest threat to most missions. They are always looking for solutions to make sure all are satisfied with the results. While the Navy's mission is national defense, they are committed to operating the forces and conducting training in a manner compatible with the environment. National defense and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive goals. Preventing pollution, protecting the environment and protecting natural, historical and cultural resources are also part of the mission.

As the Naval shore installation management headquarters the Region provides coordination of base operating support functions for operating forces through the region. This includes providing expertise in areas such as housing, security, family service, port services, air services, quarters, supply, medical and logistical concerns for the hundreds of thousands of active-duty, reserve and retired military members in the area.

The Navy is embarking on a new era in shore management and San Diego is leading the way. As the Navy reduces its operational forces, it is essential for the shore establishment supporting those forces to be realigned. The Region is changing how we do business ashore and is the model for the Navy's future shore establishment structure.

The Region is continuing to reduce their impact on the economy while the economy grows. Reduction is key and the Region is always on the look out to see how they can improve, said the Admiral. They are constantly looking for alternative energy and ways to keep reducing their use of water. They hope to decrease their use of water by another 25% this year.



RDML Mark Rich briefs the members on the responsibilities of Navy Region Southwest.

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## ON THIS DATE IN...

**FEBRUARY**

**Feb 4, 1959** – Keel laying of USS Enterprise, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, in Newport News, VA.

**Feb 5, 1854** – Dedication of the first chapel built on Navy property, Annapolis, MD.

**Feb 15, 1898** – 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba.

**Feb 16, 1926** – Congress authorized the Secretary of Treasury to acquire a site at New London, CT, without cost to the U.S. and construct thereon buildings for the United States Coast Guard Academy at a cost not to exceed \$1,750,000.

**Feb 19, 1945** – Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima.

**Feb 19, 1941 – HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY  
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY!!!**

**Feb 22, 1974** – LTJG Barbara Ann Allen becomes the first Navy designated female aviator.

**Feb 23 – HAPPY 221ST BIRTHDAY  
NAVY SUPPLY CORPS!!!**

**Feb 23, 1945** – Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

**Feb 24, 1991** – The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

**Feb 25, 1933** – Commissioning of USS Ranger, the first true aircraft carrier.

**Feb 26, 1811** – Congress authorized the first naval hospital.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RICHARD EVERT

President Obama will soon submit his 2017 budget to Congress for review and approval. Changing priorities have been thrust on the Navy including funding reallocations among Navy programs by DOD. By many measures, current funding levels do not meet the Department of the Navy's needs. The Navy's fiscal year 2017 30-year shipbuilding plan clearly shows that the Navy needs \$10 billion to \$15 billion more each year to sustain our fleet and aircraft to address current requirements, much less any expansion of future Navy missions. In addition, the Navy-Marine Corps team needs to "reset" the fleet after more than a decade of war operations and restore weapons inventories depleted in recent conflicts. These shortfalls all point to the need for more Department of the Navy funding.



Here at San Diego Navy League we continue to support ship Welcome Home events, recognition awards, and scholarships to sustain our sea service personnel. All these activities are carried out by dedicated volunteers in our organizations who spend a great deal of their own time to participate in events. We want you to be a part of this volunteer effort wherever your talents make the best contributions. Join us by volunteering at our events listed on the website and showing your appreciation for all our service personnel who spend so much effort in defending our country. You are welcome to attend our once a month breakfast the first Friday of every month by registering on our website. This month VADM Tyson, Commander Third Fleet, will be speaking.

—Richard Evert

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## REAR ADM. MARK RICH

As the Region uses best business practices with their shore installation management, they are at the beginning of an evolutionary process with immense potential. The program managers will lead their teams in a quest for better service to the Fleet at lower costs and still meet the challenges of supporting the Fleet in the 21st Century.

The Admiral answered questions and received a symbolic gift from Council President Richard Evert.

## SEA CADET CORNER

Looking ahead into the new year the Sea Cadets want to maintain their strong relationships. By communicating the value and benefits derived from participation in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps programs, they will reinforce their supportive relationships with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Administration and other strategic partners.

They also want to foster a sense of community by giving their cadets a voice. Through words and the camera lenses of their cadets and volunteers, their programs can come to life in new ways and bring new audiences, expanding the awareness of their mission.

Providing exceptional training by working closely with the Navy's Recruit Training Command, they can continue the process of standardizing their recruit training across the country. This effort will focus on the Navy's best practices so they can give the cadets the most exceptional introduction to their programs and ultimately to the military.

The Sea cadets have taught so many young Americans. Many have stated that because of what they learned in the Sea Cadet program, they have done well in their lives and are forever thankful for the program.



"The Council was honored to be a part of the farewell fanfare for CAPT Larry Blumberg retiring Executive Director of the San Diego Military Advisory Council on 13 Jan. Immediate Past President Jon Berg-Johnsen presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Larry's hard work and dedication to the military here in San Diego. Fare winds and following seas Larry and the Council thanks you for all that you did."



## RECOGNITIONS

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(l-r) 2016 President Richard Evert; RDML Mark Rich, Commander, Navy Region Southwest; SSgt Phillip E. Gibson, Drill Instructor of the Quarter; Sgt Bernard Gooden, Senior Drill Instructor of the Quarter and Bob Berman, VP Sea Services.



Awards sponsor Veterans United Home Loan representatives (l) Brannon Knox and (r) Anthony Johnson, flank MCRD's HN Justin Williams, Bluejacket of the Quarter; HM3(FMF/SW/PJ) Justin Sobleskie, Junior Sailor of the Quarter; HM1(FMF) James Briggs, Senior Sailor of the Quarter; LCpl Andres J. Sanchezgeronimo, Marine of the Quarter; Sgt Courtney P. Holliday, NCO of the Quarter and Bob Berman, VP Sea Services.



Homefront San Diego members that attended the annual Issa Pancake Breakfast to support the efforts of Homefront San Diego. Donations from the breakfast exceeding \$12,000 for Homefront. OUTSTANDING!!



2015 Council President Jon Berg-Johnsen presents Veterans United Home Loans representatives Brannon Knox (l) and Anthony Johnson (r) the Councils Community Affiliate of the Year award.

## VICE ADMIRAL NORA W. TYSON COMMANDER, U.S. THIRD FLEET

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Vice Admiral Nora Tyson graduated from Vanderbilt University and received her commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. She earned her wings as a naval flight officer in 1983 and reported to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ4), where she ultimately served three tours at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland, and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, including one as commanding officer.



Tyson also commanded the amphibious assault ship, USS Bataan (LHD 5), leading the Navy's contributions to disaster relief efforts on the U.S. Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and deploying twice to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her other commands include commander, Task Force 73/commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific based in Singapore and, most recently, commander, Carrier Strike Group 2, where she led the USS George H.W. Bush Strike Group on its maiden deployment in support of operations in both 6th and 5th Fleet areas of responsibility.

Her other tours at sea include assistant operations officer aboard the training aircraft carrier, USS Lexington (AVT 16), and as navigator aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

Her shore tours include service on the Joint Staff as a political-military planner in the Asia-Pacific Division of the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5); as executive assistant for the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; as director of staff for Commander, Naval Forces Europe/Commander, 6th Fleet; as executive assistant for the Chief of Naval Operations; and as vice director, Joint Staff. Tyson's last command was as deputy commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. Tyson reported as Commander, U.S. Third Fleet in July 2015.

Tyson earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Affairs from the U.S. Naval War College in 1995.

## Save the Date

**Feb 17-19 SDNL Booth at AFCEA West.**

## Volunteers needed!

**Contact Dave Grundies at  
dgrundies@gmail.com  
to volunteer.**

## Mark Your Calendar...

*THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST & LUNCH DATES AT  
ADMIRAL BAKER CLUBHOUSE ARE LISTED BELOW:*

### BREAKFAST DATES 7:00 a.m - 8:30 a.m.

**February 5, 2016**  
**March 4, 2016**  
**April 1, 2016**  
**May 6, 2016**  
**June 3, 2016**  
**July 8, 2016\***  
**August 5, 2016**  
**September 9, 2016\***  
**October 7, 2016**  
**November 4, 2016**  
**December 2, 2016**

### LUNCH DATES 11:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

**February 10, 2016**  
**March 9, 2016**  
**April 13, 2016**  
**May 11, 2016**  
**September 14, 2016**  
**October 12, 2016**  
**November 9, 2016**

## NEW MEMBERS

Tristan Beukers	Sandra Lucas
Lewis Buratti	Diane McCloskey
Carlo Chavoya	Susan Medley
Andrew Davitt	Jason Nickle
Kellan Denning	Brian Snow
Daniel Drury	John Sprague
Sean Friday	Mark Stout
Jeffrey Harman	Srinivasa Talla
Kathleen Hermans	James Woeltjen
Keneesha Johnson	

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@ New Community Affiliate

# Husband & Wife Members  
^ Student  
+ Active Duty Spouse

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continued support:*

<b>San Diego Copy</b>	<b>15 years</b>
<b>Raytheon</b>	<b>13 years</b>



**Rudolph (Rudy) Shappee**

Rudy was born in Newport, Oregon. He served in the Oregon State National Guard from 1955 to 1957 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957, after graduating from high school.

In the Navy, Rudy flew as an air crewman in patrol aircraft and helicopters from 1960 until 1973, accumulating over 3,000 flight hours as an electronics-countermeasures operator, radar operator, and dipping sonar operator. He served four cruises in Vietnam as a Rescue Crewman, Flight Deck Line Chief Petty Officer, and Squadron Maintenance/Material Control Officer. Rudy retired from active duty in 1976 as a Chief Warrant Officer 2.

From 1978 until 1998, Rudy taught in the public school systems in Santa Rosa, Vallejo, and San Diego, California in primary, elementary, and secondary grades and Teaching Without a Textbook at San Diego State University College of Teacher Education from 1994 to 2001.

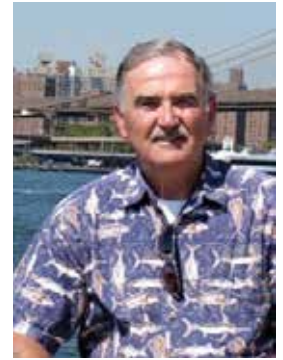
From June 2001 to present Rudy has volunteered with more than 14,000 hours aboard USS Midway Museum in Aircraft

Restoration, Education, Ship's Restoration, Docent Program, and Exhibits departments.

Rudy is a published author of "Making My Way," "Beef Stew for 2500," and "Why Do They Call It That?" and co-author of "Midway Memories," with Scott McGaugh.

Rudy is the curator/writer of city-wide exhibition, "From Presidio to Pacific Powerhouse," featured in eight of the city's museums; April – December, 2014 and is the creative Advisor for the Midway Museum's \$9 million multi-media production, "Battle of Midway Experience" which opened in January, 2015.

Rudy is currently volunteering as Special Projects Manager aboard the USS Midway Museum.



## Welcome Home

### Costal Riverine Squadron 3. Det-A



# THE NATION' s 2016 BUDGET

The White House announced plans to roll out its budget submission for the next fiscal year on February 9. This would miss the mandated deadline of delivering a budget blueprint by the first Monday in February by one week. With the announcement many focused their attention on other matters to such as the date coincides with the New Hampshire primary. Or if they submit the budget on the 1st of February as mandated, it would be the same day as the Iowa caucuses.

The tardiness in submitting the budget has been a frequent point of attack for Members of Congress in recent years. The rollout of the White House's fiscal 2016 request met the deadline last year – for the first time since 2010.

For its part, Congress has been consistently late in advancing appropriations bills just about every year for the last two decades. The fiscal 2017 budget requisition is expected to adhere to the discretionary spending limits as part of the bipartisan budget deal Congress has struggled for.

There will be caps on defense and nondefense programs which will remain frozen between current fiscal 2016 levels and fiscal 2017. Base defense spending will be up about \$3 billion to \$551.07 billion while nondefense programs remain effectively flat at \$518.53 billion. Overseas Contingency Operations funding is slated to continue at the current level of \$73.69 billion.

Regardless of what shape the budget takes, the request will largely be met on Capitol Hill with a shrug in this presidential



election year. Leaders in both chambers see a sparse legislative calendar as November rolls around and the voters hit the polls.

President Obama focused on making recommendations that he believes will pay off for future generations in his final State of the Union address.

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## **POLICY FOR ACCESSING CAMP PENDLETON**

Starting on Feb. 1, 2016, all visitors seeking access to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton will need to be sponsored by an authorized person or organization and have a valid reason to enter the installation. Those authorized to sponsor visitors are:

1. Military personnel who possess a CAC.
2. Members of the reserve components who possess a CAC or Uniformed Services Identification Card (USID).
3. Retired military personnel in possession of a USID.
4. Honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a 100% service connected disability who possess a USID card.
5. Adult family members of 1-4 above and who possess a USID.
6. U.S. government employees (APF and NAF) who possess a CAC.
7. Adult base housing residents who possess a MCB CAMPEN Base Access Pass.
8. Employees of PPV Housing Partners who reside on base and possess a RAPIDGateR credential.

A Sponsored Visitor Form must be submitted by a sponsor on your behalf.

Information and instructions for sponsors are available at: <http://www.pendleton.marines.mil/About/BaseInformation/BaseAccess.aspx>

For additional information, please contact Base Access Control at (760) 763-7604/7605 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday or email [mcbcampensponsoredvisitor@usmc.mil](mailto:mcbcampensponsoredvisitor@usmc.mil).

**There is a number of membership options from regular individual to community affiliate. Visit [www.navyleague-sd.com](http://www.navyleague-sd.com) for more information.**

## **Be a Navy League Volunteer**

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2015 Junior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM2 Samantha Sanchez, USN and  
2015 Senior Enlisted Woman of the Year HM1 Barbara Mayer, USN

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***March 30, 2016***  
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