



April 2019

IV Navy League Dinner | April 2 at 6:30 pm

Captain Joseph Buzzella, USCG

We always consider it a compliment when a past speaker asks to come back to visit. Last year during the Coast Guard Sector Open House, Captain Buzzella did just that. He and his wife Patty both enjoyed getting to know the members of our council, and experiencing our delicious T-Bone steak, so much so, that they expressed their desire to return.

When we last saw Captain Buzzella he told us that he had a video and talk he wanted to share with us. This is the backstory that isn't told often about 9/11 and the events surrounding this tragedy in our nation's history. We hope you'll make plans to join us to hear about the Coast Guard's heroes -

- it's a story you don't want to miss.



Biography

Captain Buzzella is the Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of San Diego, California. He leads operations to ensure maritime safety, security, and environmental protection. He is a 1992 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and holds a Master in National Security Strategy from the National War College, a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management with a specialization in Homeland Security from the National Graduate School. He is a former Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Public Service Fellow.

Captain Buzzella has held Instructor Pilot ratings in both the HU-25A and MH-65C

aircraft and an Airborne Use of Force Aircraft Commander designation in the MH-65C helicopter. He also holds FAA fixed and rotary wing airline transport pilot credentials. He has accumulated over 3400 flight hours.

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No problem! Let us know in advance and we'll make arrangements to sponsor you, or your guest on Base for the evening, and begin the paperwork for future visits.

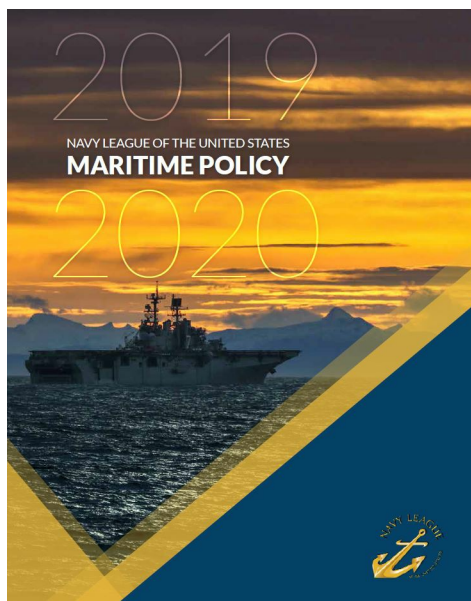
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Our members are experts on the issues driving decision-making on our sea services. Every other year, we analyze and recommend a way forward, so our legislators have a clear playbook on the best way to advocate on behalf of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

We are a maritime nation, and we must make the right investments in our sea services for the future.

Get educated on our issues by downloading our brand new report from [2019-2020!](#)



We're Seeking Volunteers



Last year Alford Distributing sought Navy League as their recipient of proceeds from their 2018 Crown Craft Beer Invitational.

As a result, the Council's Officers and Board of Directors agreed that partnering with Alford for their 2019 event was the right thing to do -- we are proud of this relationship.

This year's event is scheduled for May 18 at the I.V. Expo, and we hope you will plan to attend. We are seeking both volunteers to help work the event, and attendees.

Let's make this event the biggest and best yet. [Get your tickets](#) -- or [contact us](#) today to sign up as a volunteer.

President's Message

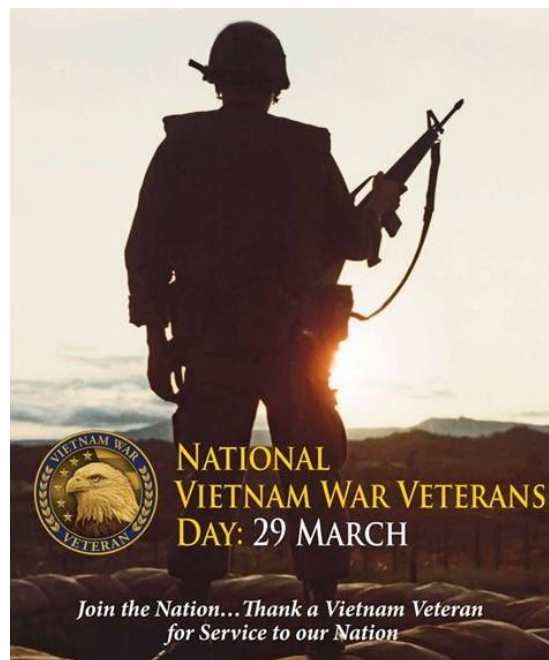
National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29th honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.

It was on March 29, 1973, when combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later, Veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. This war involved five U.S. presidents, and spanned nearly two decades and 500,000 U.S. military personnel.

Returning Veterans did not always receive respectful welcomes upon their return home. There were 58,000 killed, never to return. National Vietnam War Veterans Day recognizes the military service of these men and women who answered the call to serve their country when she needed them.

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we recognize the service and duty rendered by all servicemen and women of this era.



How to Observe

Thank a Vietnam Veteran. Buy them a drink or lunch. Send them a shout out using #VietnamWarVeteransDay on social media.

How about inviting a Vietnam Veteran to our next Tuesday's dinner meeting? We would be proud to recognize and honor them.

I'm look forward to seeing you and your guest next Tuesday.

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UPCOMING DINNER MEETINGS

April 2 | Captain Joe Buzzella, USCG

San Diego Coast Guard Sector Commander

6:30 pm, NAF El Centro Mirage Club

May 7 | Speaker: TBA

Naval Air Facility El Centro | 6:30 pm

June 4 | Speaker: TBA

Naval Air Facility El Centro | 6:30 pm

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

March 29 | National Medal of Honor Day

March 29 | National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April is National Volunteer Month - *Get involved!*

April 13 | Navy League Pacific Southwest Region Meeting

MCAS Camp Pendelton

May 6-8 | [Sea-Air-space Exposition](#)

National Harbor, MD

May 18 | Crown Craft Beer Invitational / ***Seeking Navy League Volunteers***

I.V. Expo | 5:00 pm -12am

\$30 General Admission

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