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Scheduled Meetings & Theme:

OCT 15th: Theme - Yuma's
new Veterans Center 6 pm
NOV 19h: Theme - Welcome
aboard to MCAS' new 6 pm
Operations Officer
DEC17th: Annual Xmas
Party ...plus Toys for Tots 6pm

Upcoming Events:

Oct 3rd: Fall Charity Concert
Oct 17th: Navy B'day Ball
Nov 10th: Marine B'day Celebration
Nov 11th: Veterans Day Parade
Dec 5th: Mil. Appreciation Day
Dec 12th: Salvation Army Bell Ring
2 stores w/sea cadets!
Jan 23rd: Annual Car Show

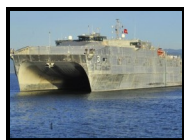
Navy League Recognizes MCAS Yuma's Sailors of the Year



Sept 2015: Two MCAS Sailors of the Year were recognized at the Yuma council's monthly meeting at the Yuma Holiday Inn. HM2 Velasco, HM3 Moseley and their families enjoyed a fine dinner and spoke of their career experiences to the assembled membership. Both sailors received plaques depicting the 'American Creed' as a small token of our thanks for their service to our nation.

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USNS YUMA RECEIVES NEW PLATFORM DESIGNATION BY SECNAV



WASHINGTON : There are different kinds of submarines, of destroyers and amphibious ships, of patrol and support ships. The US Navy's unique designation system defines all of them, starting with a root type, like SS for submarine, adding an N for nuclear, adding a G for guided missiles or a B for ballistic missiles. Now there's a new root designator: E for "expeditionary support". Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, working with Adm. Jon Greenert, chief of naval operations, signed off on the E plan and changed the designation of Joint High Speed Vessels (JHSV) to become EPF, for expeditionary fast transport. So our USNS Yuma will be EPF-8 upon it's christening late 2016.



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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

~ a message from the President, NLUS Yuma Council



Dear Fellow Yuma Council members,

With our homeport meeting site confirmed and the hot days rapidly leaving, it is now time to begin planning for our busy fall event season. As you can see posted below, there is just about something for everyone. In addition to providing birthday celebration cakes for both Navy and MCAS Marines, we have several events to support starting

with the Navy Ball (Oct 17th) and ending with our annual Toys for Tots Party (DEC 17th) - whew! And if that's not enough, let's throw in annual elections for the 2016 Board of Directors. Nominations will be solicited from the membership this October with a vote in November. New Board members will be sworn in at our DEC meeting so they may begin the new year fresh! The good news is that after several years of growth, we have mature programs in place; needing only maintenance and mature oversight. I strongly recommend you give thought to taking a role in our council's governance - let's keep her on course!

Dean D. Hager

CAPT, MSC (FMF), USNR ret

YUMA NAVY BALL, OCT 17th: This years **Navy Ball** will be held at the Pivot Point Conference Room. Tickets are now on sale! Please go to: www.ShowTix4U.com to buy your tickets and reserve your seats. Just search Navy Ball Yuma on the site. Dinner options are beef, chicken, fish, and vegetarian. If anyone needs help electronically, please contact HMC Gallardo, Branch Health Clinic Yuma Leading Chief Petty Officer at W: [928-269-3625](tel:928-269-3625) C: [808-428-6895](tel:808-428-6895).

MCAS USMC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 10 NOV: Plan on receiving your member invitation (shaded seating) to MCAS Command's annual birthday celebration on the parade deck. 1000 and open to the public.

YUMA VETERANS DAY PARADE, 11 NOV: The parade lasts from 0900-1100 and ends with Navy League members having brunch at Burgers & Beer. Our contingent this year includes the USS Arizona & USS Barbell replicas, the entire Yuma sea cadet squadron in formation, plus Navy and Naval Sea Cadet color guards. Show your pride and drive your car with the League.. wave a bit and enjoy the day. Please contact 'doc' to get your space assignment by OCT 15th. We have 3 cars - need at least 2-3 more!

YUMA MIL APPRECIATION DAY, 5 DEC: Henry C. is coordinating the Saturday event beer & beverage sales booth. You know we'll need volunteers.. Please contact Henry and get your seat/time assigned.

BELL RINGING, 12 DEC: Bill B. is coordinating the Saturday Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. October's general meeting will be sign-up for times and places. The Sea Cadets will assist League members at both Yuma and Foothills Frye's Grocery stores, 0900-1500. We had the Yuma record for one day donations generated. Let's beat our old record!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ~ JUL - SEPT 2015

JUNE-JULY: SINGLE MARINES PIZZA NIGHT

For the second year running, free pizzas were delivered to MCAS single marine during their Tuesday evening SMP swim. While many "Yumans" depart the area for cooler pastures, we cannot forget our young marines and sailors who serve each day in the hot Yuma sun. A welcome change from the standard dog + bun issue, these free pizzas are just a small way to say "Thank You for your service and God Bless" from your Yuma Navy League. Semper fi!

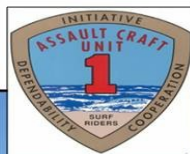


AUGUST: Yuma Council helps to replace stolen American Flag. Learning of the theft on S. Arizona Ave, the League helped coordinate it's replacement. Thanks to Mr. Tom Rush of Yuma Investment Group and Boy Scout Troop 8051 for replacing and raising the 10'x15' flag.



August also was the annual Yuma Council's California adventure!

This year saw 20 members enjoy a Friday afternoon SD harbor water jet patrol craft cruise courtesy of the Navy's ACU-One based in Coronado CA. Saturday saw 35 members at Del Mar for some great horse racing action and a beachfront BBQ that evening. But all things must come to an end, so on Sunday back to Yuma we drove (stopping for a great Brigantine brunch, of course!). Now it's time to prepare for fall fund raisers, parades, and sea service birthday cakes!



August 2015
Yuma Council's San Diego
US Navy Harbor Run



Beginning in October, the Yuma Council will hold monthly general meetings at the Yuma Holiday Inn's banquet room. Council consensus was also to return meetings to the third Thursday of each month.

General meetings include a buffet dinner, open bar, and great guest speakers - reflecting the diverse military expertise within our community. You do not have to be a member to attend! Everyone is welcome to enjoy the evening.

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SEPT: NAVY SEA CADETS and YUMA COUNCIL ARRIVE AT NEW HOMEPORTS

SEA CADETS: Entering their quarterdeck and requesting the cadet on duty to “come aboard”, naval sea cadets attached to the Yuma Sea Eagle Squadron arrived for training at their new drill site, Castle Dome Middle School. Initially stood up this May, the squadron has continued to grow from 19 first drill “plank owners” to over 40 cadets by September. Still learning the basic military requirements (BMR), the cadets are nevertheless committed to march in the Veterans Day parade and field their own color guard as well. Preparations are also underway for a three day training and .22 rifle marksman event in Phoenix later that same month. Squadron Operations Officer, SGT Alex Johnson USMC, commented “...the cadets are displaying a growing confidence in their close order drill and understanding of their BMRs. Personal growth, both academically and behaviorally, is remarkable for only 4 months of training. Parents should be proud of their accomplishments to date.”

COUNCIL: September’s meeting was WET !! - how rare is that for our desert? Well, the membership shrugged off the rain and settled into our new meeting spaces on time and in good spirits. It was great the membership turned out to recognize our MCAS Sailors of the Year and their families. Our treasurer, Rochelle, instructed everyone on the Monday Nite Football Pool and encouraged everyone to sell out before the season gets rolling. Henry & Valerie gave a good briefing on our first October dinner/concert under the stars - look like a sell out!

Since our meeting, Monday Nite Football tickets sales have been strong and steady. Our Marine Wives have been out in force selling close to 200 tickets to assist us in donating their revenue to the H&HS’ Marine Birthday Ball. Naval Sea Cadets parents have also successfully sold most of their 100 tickets to assist us in funding their squadrons’ color guard. We also have established two more 2016 sea cadet sponsorships - thanks to Yuma Intn’l Airport and Bobby’s Territorial Harley Davidson .

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ARE FAST APPROACHING: *Nominations due October, Vote in November.*

PRESIDENT: Direct the activities of the council; preside at meetings including those of the Board of Directors; appoint committee chairmen; assure compliance with National Bylaws; submit the council's annual report and other reports required by higher authority; represent the council in public relations and in Navy League national, region, and area organization activities. A Council President Turnover Guide is available to assist in the relief process.

VICE PRESIDENT: Assist the President as approved by the Board of Directors. Vice Presidents coordinate the activities of assigned committee chairmen, may serve as chairmen of major committees, and should be willing to serve as President if called upon. The office of the Vice President is the training ground for future Council Presidents.

TREASURER: Maintain financial records of the council including a record of all receipts and expenditures of council funds; establish the council's bank account and serve as co-signer (with at least one other designee) on checks for all disbursements; prepare and oversee the council's budget; submit to the membership an annual report on the finances of the council; arrange for an annual audit of council financial matters.

SECRETARY: Maintain council records such as bylaws, minutes of meetings, election results, and an accurate membership roster; prepare an annual report to the council membership; assure that timely notice of meetings is given to all members.

KNOW YOUR MCAS YUMA PERSONNEL



Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group - 13

Colonel Marcus Annibale, USMC

Colonel Marcus Annibale was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines in May, 1991. He graduated from George Mason University, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. After completing The Basic School in Quantico in February, 1992, he was winged a Naval Aviator in October, 1994. He then underwent AV-8B Harrier transition training at VMAT-203 in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

From June, 1996 to July, 1999, Colonel Annibale served with VMA-513 (Nightmares), in Yuma. He deployed twice on back-to-back deployments with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), first in 1997 aboard USS BOXER (LHD-4) and then in 1998 aboard USS ESSEX (LHD-2) to the western Pacific and Middle East. On these deployments he flew in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and participated in numerous exercises.

From July, 1999 to May, 2000, he attended the Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) in Quantico, Virginia. He also attended the Tactical Air Control Party course and was certified a Forward Air Controller (FAC). In May, 2000, Colonel Annibale returned to VMA-513. He held the billets of Pilot Training Officer and Operations Officer. In October 2001, he graduated from the Weapons and Tactics Instructors (WTI) course. In anticipation of hostilities with Iraq, he was transferred to the MAG-13 staff in November, 2002 and deployed from January to May, 2003 aboard USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He served as the MAG-13 Director of Safety and Standardization (DOSS), WTI and Training Landing Signal Officer (T-LSO). While embarked he flew numerous sea-based combat missions with VMA-311 (Tomcats).

In July, 2003, Colonel Annibale reported to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) as an AV-8B Instructor. While at MAWTS-1, he served as the Harrier Division Head as well as the TACAIR Department Head. In January, 2006, Colonel Annibale returned to VMA-311 and served as the squadron Executive Officer. The squadron deployed to Japan from July, 2006 until January, 2007 in support of the 31st MEU operations in the western Pacific. In June, 2007, he transferred to Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) at Quantico, Virginia and served as the Operations Officer for the Concepts and Plans Division. In January, 2008, he again returned to MAG-13. Colonel Annibale commanded VMA-513 from August, 2008 until March 2009. The squadron deployed to Japan in support of III MEF from August 2009 to January 2010. Additionally, a Detachment was embarked in support of 11th MEU and executed tasking in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Colonel Annibale served on the Joint Staff, Pentagon from June, 2010 until August, 2012 as the Assistant Deputy Director for Operations (ADDO), J-36, at the National Military Command Center (NMCC). He was then assigned as the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) Fellow to the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) from August, 2012 until July, 2013 where he earned a Masters in International Public Policy. In July, 2013 he reported to 1st Marine Air Wing, Okinawa, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 for Plans and then as the G-3 for Operations. In July, 2015 he returned to Yuma, Arizona, where he assumed command of MAG-13 on 31 July, 2015.

Personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with two Strike Awards, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He has flown over 2,000 hours in the AV-8B and over 2,300 total mishap-free flight hours.

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