



# Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society San Diego Office

March 2019

## March Potluck 🍀

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the office enjoyed a combined building-wide potluck, complete with traditional foods, Irish music,



and a brief history of St. Patrick from Barry! Thank you to all who participated in making this fun event!

WELCOME our new CW Lead,  
Sorannun Boopanun!

## Hails 😊

- Thi Connelly
- Ramiro Cadena
- Jamerson Garcia
- Anthony Tran
- Tracie Sunvold
- Mark O'Brien
- Ji-Hyun Kim
- Patty Rojas
- Lisa Witte

## Farewells 😞

- Frida Gomez
- Leilani Labrador
- Rosie Milewski

## March Birthdays 🎂

- 3/2 Sierra Leuthe
- 3/5 Christine Jordan
- 3/16 Sara Gribbin
- 3/17 Mark O'Brien
- 3/18 Anthony Tran
- 3/22 Tiffany Fuller
- 3/27 Gwen Yager
- 3/28 Reyes Heredero
- 3/31 Karen Heidemann

# SAVE THE DATE

## Schooner Cup Regatta

**Saturday, March 30th**



Held by the Silver Gate  
Yacht Club each year to  
benefit NMCERS!

*A silent auction event will  
be held Friday, March 29th.*

## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

**Tuesday, April 9th**

@ 12 p.m.



RSVP by

**Friday, March 29th**  
to [sandiego@nmcrs.org](mailto:sandiego@nmcrs.org)

Event will be at the Bay  
View Restaurant on  
Neville Road - MCRD

# Professional Development Day

On Thursday, March 7th, more than 20 staff members and volunteers participated in "Professional Development Day." Everyone in attendance enjoyed lunch and a tour of Pacific Beacon, one of the luxury apartment buildings at Naval Base San Diego.

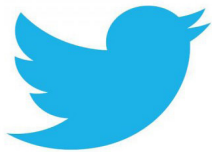
Below is a group picture from on top of the Pacific Beacon. 😊



After the tour, we broke into groups. Each group was asked to come up with ideas of how to improve our office. Some of the topics were: communication, work environment, and services. We wrote down our ideas and taped them to a tree. By the end of the day, the tree was filled with wonderful, colorful ideas!



## Social Media



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## Resource of the Month

The Columbia Sportswear store in Carlsbad is offering 40-60% off current season merchandise. Call (760) 936-0458 for more information.

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## DISCOUNTED PADRES TICKETS



The San Diego Padres are excited to invite all active and retired Sailors and Marines as well as their families and friends to Petco Park!

Tickets for select games are available for up to 50% off expected average gate prices and a portion of each ticket purchased will go back to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society!

To purchase tickets click the link below and enter the password:  
**NMC19**

<https://www.mlb.com/padres/tickets/specials/nmc-relief-society>

# NMCRS San Diego Long-Time Relief Services Assistant Retires After 44 Years With Society

Richard Nixon resigns from office as President of the United States. Sears Tower (now Willis Tower) in Chicago is completed. Satirical Western comedy film “Blazing Saddles” is released. The year 1974 had some life-changing events, especially for Eleanor Sanchez. It’s the year she started working for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Eleanor’s story started before that. Eleanor grew up in the Imperial Valley, after being brought to the United States when she was six-years-old. In 1973, she came to San Diego to go to business school. She graduated as a legal secretary from Kelsey Jenney Business College in Miramar. NMCRS contacted the college when it had an opening for a secretary. Eleanor was sent for an interview and was hired as a clerk typist on October 21, 1974. It’s a day she will never forget, because it’s also her mom’s birthday.



“I took the job thinking that it would be temporary since I wanted to work in the legal field,” Eleanor said.

Lucky for us, Eleanor became a permanent staff member. She went from clerk typist, to staff assistant, to office assistant, and lastly, relief services assistant. Since she held many important positions within the Society, Eleanor was someone many people went to when they had questions. She was always willing to drop whatever she was doing to help, and she did it with a smile on her face. This often meant that there was no “typical” work day for her.

“Many times I would come in thinking that I was going to get to everything on my to-do list, then I’d be called to trouble shoot issues with the printer, take an emergency leave or a regular case due to a caseworker being absent, cover for the client coordinator or something else,” Eleanor said.

It didn’t matter if her day sometimes didn’t go how she had originally planned it. Eleanor loved helping Sailors, Marines and their families, and enjoyed working with all the volunteers. She knew she was making a difference when she was able to help a widow in need.

“I used my Spanish and negotiating skills to assist a widow in bringing her deceased husband’s remains back to the United States from Mexico.”

Eleanor used her skills for 44 years to help Sailors, Marines, and their families. She retired at the end of 2018. Now that she’s retired, she is getting some much needed home repairs completed, and is planning to take a trip to the Holy Land in the fall.

Although she’s already given great advice to many volunteers and staff members, she wants to

make sure employees remember to nurture and empower the volunteers, and remind everyone to “work as a team.”

When asked if she would have done anything differently during her time with NMCRS, Eleanor simply said, “No.”

“It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside so many awesome volunteers and employees while helping those that put their lives on the line to defend this great country of ours,” Eleanor said.

It was an honor to work with you, Eleanor.