

# The Sierra Wave

The Newsletter of the Navy League of the United States  
Carson City Council #347

Bud Southard, Editor  
July 2011

**Wednesday, July  
20, 2011**

**Dinner Meeting  
Gold Dust West  
5:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Buffet Dinner**

## Speaker

Chief Warrant Officer  
**Scott Swan**  
*Navy Seal*



## Skipper's Corner

I can't speak for everyone but for me, July, August and September are busy months. You have to admit that Carson offers a lot of entertainment year around.

Navy League wise we continue to hold our own. Our adopted units still enjoy the support we give them by the way of Sailor of the Quarter recognition and scholarships.

We haven't offered much in the way of tours recently mainly due to the fact that no one indicated in the survey that they would like to go any place particular.

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### Menu:

Sliced Roast Beef or

Shrimp Scampi with all the trimmings.

Price: \$25.00

For reservations please call Bob @ 888-2050 not later than Friday 13th.

Please be responsible for meals not paid for.



**Chief Warrant Officer Scott Swan** is a native of Kingston, Indiana. The following are some of his command assignments along with the positions he has held.

### Commands assignments:

Boot Camp, Great Lakes 1985. Gunners Mate A School. Bud/s Coronado, CA—Class #137 1986. Jump School—Fort Benning, GA 1986.

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### FYI Notes

*It saddens me to inform you that Niki Stedman passed away in June after fighting cancer for some time. Niki's bright smile and pleasant personality shall be missed. At her service a friend of Niki's said that she was the only person they knew that would volunteer before asking what it was she was volunteering for.*

Featured Member  
*Dr. Delmar Snider*



Bring a friend, neighbor and/or a vet to the dinner! Last minute reservations to Bob Prater, 888-2050

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Seal Team Three—Coronado, CA 1986—1992. NSWGD—Damneck, VA— Blue Squadron 1992 –2000. Seal Team Two— Little Creek, VA—Training Officer 2000—2003. NSWG2 TARDET 2 Little Creek, VA - Training Officer 2003 – 2008. NSWGD—Damneck, VA— Advanced Training Officer 2008—2010 and May 2010— present—NSAWC NSW JTACC OIC.

**Major Qualifications held:**

Dive Supervisor  
AFF Jumpmaster  
Free Fall Jumpmaster  
Tandem Free Fall Jumpmaster  
Freefall jumper  
Static line Jumper  
Dynamic Range Safety Officer  
Dynamic Mobility Range Safety Officer  
Static Range Safety Officer  
CQC (Close Quarter Combat)  
Range Safety Officer NSW  
Sniper NSW Master Breacher  
JTAC (Joint Terminal Attack Controller) JTAC-I (Joint Terminal Attack Controller Instructor)  
Laser Range Safety Officer  
Fas-trope Master  
Rapple Master  
SPIE Master  
Cast Master.

**Major Deployments:**

5 West-PAC's  
Haiti  
Sarajevo  
2- Kosovo  
2- Iraq  
4- Afghanistan  
Africa  
A few others not able to list.

Warrant Officer Swan is married, his wife’s name is Lisa and they have two children.



*Noel & Sandy Groff*



*The Gang of Five*

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However, if you have an interest in visiting one of the bases I’m sure that it could be arranged.

I asked President Bob to forward an invitation from the Pacific Central Region to go for a cruise on the SS Jeremiah O’Brine on San Francisco Bay. If you are interested please contact Bud @ 882-7960 for more information.

Hope you will join us for dinner next Wednesday night, the food is always good and as you know the speakers are always the best.

We would also like to convey our very best wishes to Darrell Fike, Gloria Seaton, Howard Spreeman and President Bob for a quick recovery.

Bud



*The Smaller Gang*



*Captain Wilke; arriving*

# Naval Academy Graduate Dr. Delmar Snider



“The young inmate was angered; he made a statement, one word beginning with “F”. I was looking down taking notes, when I looked up the female guard had him against the wall putting cuffs on.”

Perhaps not a typical day, but not altogether unusual in the Nevada State Prison System.

Our biography in this issue is about Dr. Del Snider, a new member of the Carson City Council and a 1957 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Upon graduation, his class had a short lived option of going Air Force or Army. Due to his interest in electronics and flying – plus the Air Force offered a chance to go to graduate school – Del chose that course. Dr. Snider completed his Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois in 1958.

“The Air Force quizzed me on where I would like to be assigned upon graduation, and I labored in my choices of missile places, like Vandenberg AFB in Southern California or the White Sands AFB in New Mexico. They sent me to New York.”

His Masters Degree focused on digital computer design. Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY featured an Intelligence Data Processing Laboratory.

“My work involved analyzing highly confidential material that was put in safes before we went home each night – every piece of paper came off our desk and went in... I worked in intelligence data processing systems, putting material on tape, such as airplane radar signals from Russia.”

This highly specialized work provided Del an opportunity to give briefings and speeches to high level military and executive personnel. It also provided considerable opportunities for travel.

During that summer Dr. Snider worked at developing Physiologic monitoring for astronauts in test facilities. This brought him into contact with Wally Shirah, Deke Slayton and other astronauts in training.

Perusing another interest, he worked with electro-anesthesia technology and met men who were building this type of equipment. He felt anesthesiology would be an ideal specialty for a trip into space, not knowing at the time he was five or six inches too tall for the program.

This interest in anesthesiology and a personal tragedy turned Dr. Snider toward more education and a new career.

Del’s wife, a nurse, informed him she had a life ending disease. During her illness Del read her medical books so he could be knowledgeable about the illness. Several months after the diagnosis, his wife passed on; however, the seed had been planted. Del resigned his

commission and prepared to begin medical school.

NOTE: The next newsletter will cover Del Snider’s medical career and subsequent work at the Nevada State Prison.

*Interview and Article by Don Dallas*  
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1959 US Air Force



1954 Naval Academy

## Coming Events for 2011

Wednesday, July 20th	Dinner Meeting, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
Tuesday, August 9th	Board Meeting, Bud's, 5:00
Tuesday, September 20th	Dinner Meeting, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
Tuesday, October 11th	Board Meeting, Bud's 5:00
Wednesday, November 16th	Dinner Meeting, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
Tuesday, December 13th	Board Meeting, Bud's 5:00

## Council Dinner Meeting

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\$25 per person

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Call for reservations

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