

Dear San Diego District Tennis Association Colleagues,

On behalf of the San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic Board of Directors and Volunteers, I offer a hearty and sincere "Thank You!" for the District's \$1,000 contribution to this year's event which took place at the University of San Diego Oct 4-6.

The competition between USD, the Naval Academy, UC-Berkeley, UC-Irvine, University of Oregon, Grand Canyon University, Loyola Marymount University, and Fresno State University was absolutely phenomenal. And to be able to watch it up close (and for free!), was even better. If you haven't seen college tennis in a while, I highly recommend it! These athletes will blow you away with their tennis skills, athleticism, mental toughness, and sportsmanship.

And in keeping with the patriotic theme and tradition of the event, there were several military/veteran-related activations. We kicked off the SDVTC with a Welcome Dinner at the Air & Space Museum where we recognized the tournament co-hosts USD and the Naval Academy and thanked supporters from the local community. We are very pleased that Jeff Greenwald, John Broderick, Sabi Leon, and Geoff Griffin were there to represent the District and our Collegiate Committee.

We held an Opening Ceremony that included the Color Guard from the San Diego Naval ROTC program and a national anthem singer from the Navy's newest destroyer, USS Michael Monsoor. We also recognized and thanked USD's military-connected students - there are over 900 of them attending classes on campus!

The USD and Navy athletes ran an evening tennis clinic for dozens of kids from military families and for Wounded Warriors that everyone enjoyed, and we also invited, recognized, and thanked members of San Diego's Filipino American community, as there are historic and current military ties between the U.S. and the Philippines that go back over a century.

And of course, we recognized standout players with Sportsmanship, MVP, and Leadership awards. USD was the overall winner of the SDVTC based on match results.