



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

## Leaders to Serve the Nation

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### President's Letter

Greetings!

We had a great time at the annual sea story contest. Thanks to all 8 presenters and to those who donated cash to the scholarship cause. We matched all contributions and were able to raise \$550 to support our athletic and scholarship program candidates. Stay tuned for more great events coming up this Summer, and invite some friends.

Volunteers are still needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, August 23. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event and chance to give back.

SACC San Diego is scheduled Aug 23-24 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Your alumni association will have a booth there and sponsor a Happy Hour with our the Los Angeles USNA Alumni Chapter on Aug 23. We are also looking for more Blue & Gold officers. If interested, please contact Mike Philbrook '83.

The annual Surface Navy Association RADM James G. Prout tournament on August 24. For more details go to [www.NAVYSNA.org](http://www.NAVYSNA.org).

Mark your calendar for the Day at the Del Mar Races outing on 31 August. Many thanks to Thomas Bethmann '08 for setting that up in the Sky Room. We are limited to 60 people, so sign up soon and Good Luck!

Notre Dame week is also Fleet Week in San Diego. Make your plans now to maximize your experience with all of our great events. There are too many activities to list, so check out website frequently and sign up for our e-mail list.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers that make this chapter run so well! Please check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

**BEAT NOTRE DAME AND ARMY!!**  
**Craig**

### Upcoming Events

**Thu, Aug 02 @ 5:30PM–7:30PM**  
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour  
 Cutwater Spirits  
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

**Fri, Aug 17 @7:00AM**  
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Thurs, Aug 23 @ 8:30AM-12:30PM**  
 ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
 POC: Craig Smith '82

**Thurs/Fri, Aug 23-24**  
 Service Academy Career Conference  
 SACC San Diego  
 Manchester Grand Hyatt

**Fri, Aug 24 @ 11AM–6:30PM**  
 28<sup>th</sup> Annual RADM James G. Prout III  
 Memorial Golf Tournament  
 Sea & Air Golf Course

**Fri, Aug 31 @ 3:30PM**  
 Day at the Del Mar Races (Skyroom)  
 POC: Thomas Bethmann '08

### Future Events

**Thu, Sep 06 @ 5:30PM–7:30PM**  
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour  
 Cutwater Spirits  
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

**Wed, Sep 19 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM**  
 Chapter Luncheon  
 CAPT Larry Blumberg, USN (Ret.)

**Fri, Sep 21 @7:00AM**  
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Thurs, Sep 27 @ 8:30AM-12:30PM**  
 ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
 POC: Craig Smith '82

**Fri, Oct 19 @7:00AM**  
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Thurs, Oct 25 @ 10AM**  
 Navy/Notre Dame Golf Tournament  
 Riverwalk Golf Course

**Thurs, Oct 25 @ 6PM**  
 Navy/Notre Dame Happy Hour  
 Social Tap

## **Fri, Oct 26; 11:30AM-1:30AM**

Navy/Notre Dame Alumni Luncheon  
USS MIDWAY Museum

## **Fri, Oct 26; TBD**

Pep Rally and Pier Party  
Broadway Pier

## **Sat, Oct 27; 2PM**

Navy Tailgater and Navy/Notre Dame  
Football Game @5PM  
SDCCU Stadium, San Diego

**‘SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!’**

### **Chapter Information Corner:**

#### **Membership:**

**Current Members – 990**

**Paid Members – 408**

### **Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!**

Update your profile by logging onto [www.usnaasd.com](http://www.usnaasd.com) and clicking on the **‘My Account’** tab in the upper right hand corner. Next, click on the **‘My Profile’** tab in the middle of the page followed by the **‘Edit Profile’** tab.

### **Class Rep News and Gouge**

Everyone receiving this newsletter likely already knows the difference between membership in the National Chapter (Alumni Association) and being a member of your local San Diego Chapter. This is a crucial distinction that some of more recent classes aren’t always aware of. Your local chapter works to provide you with camaraderie, connection, and utility during your stay in San Diego whether just for a PCS or for life.

Please help us spread the word out to all alums to stay connected and receive excellent member benefits with discounted pricing to our events. Life Membership in the National Chapter does not register an alum with our chapter. When you meet a Classmate or

USNA Alum, give them the good gouge about our local Chapter and direct them to our website [www.usnaasd.com](http://www.usnaasd.com) to sign-up.

If you are still on active duty, transitioning out of the service, or if you’re an established veteran in the San Diego community, send any ideas for events that you’d like to see or take part in, groups you’d like us to connect with, or services that you’d like to see to our Chapter Vice President, Benn Hobbs ‘02 at [vp1@usnaasd.com](mailto:vp1@usnaasd.com)

### **Why Join your San Diego Chapter?**

- **USNA Program Support:** Give back to the next generation and continue the chain
- **Chapter On-Line Directory Access:** Connect or Reconnect with fellow alums in the area
- **Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events:** Enjoy discounts at fun events that keep us all in touch
- **Camaraderie and Networking:** Get plugged into a vibrant community of veterans and leaders in America’s Finest City
- **It is Economical & Easy to Join!**

Contact Caroline Rodi ‘98 for more info.

### **Bonds of Gold**

USNA and the National Alumni Chapter has recently started a program called “Bonds of Gold” which allows members of the [Another Link in the Chain](#) class to donate class rings and miniatures to the midshipman class. These rings are then melted down and incorporated in the gold used to make the new rings for the midshipmen from that class, thus creating a “Bond of Gold”.

The annual ceremony celebrates the donations of rings and miniatures from

graduates, wives and mothers from the ALITC class.

See the photos from last year's ceremony: [ALITC Class of 1968 with Class of 2018](#)

### **Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP)**

The Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP) was established as the 50th Legacy Gift of the Class of 1969, to promote the USNA culture of Alumni helping Alumni to achieve *“the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.”* Alumni from all classes may participate as volunteer mentors, protégés or both. These mentors and protégés (over 1,757 as of October 2016), matched through an e-mentoring on-line platform, engage in meaningful, confidential discussions about career and life planning, goal setting and moving forward toward a higher level of achievement. [Ctrl + Click here to learn how to be a mentor!](#)

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### **USNA Alumni Travel Program**

Did you know that our alumni network conducts annual trips all over the world?! Take a look at some of the excursions available to you on the USNA website!

### **Last Call/Obituaries:**

For more obituaries, see our chapter website.

### **Find us on Social Media!**



**Luncheon Reservation RSVP:** [reservations@usnaaasd.com](mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com) or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event. \$20 Member with RSVP; \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. (It pays to be a member!)

**New Member/Renewal:** \$25 per year, \$15 Active/Reserve O-3 and below

**Luncheon/New Member/Renewal Form:** Please make checks payable to: USNAAA San Diego, 2682 W Victoria Dr Alpine, CA 91901

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____

\*Please visit <http://www.usnaaasd.com/events.html> for additional event information and RSVP.

Date/Time	Event/Speaker	Location/Topic	Event Contact Info
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**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES** are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email [vpmembership@usnaas.com](mailto:vpmembership@usnaas.com) if you are interested in filling an opening. Class Reps will be invited to an annual training event in April. Classes that have graduated 60 or more years ago are provided a free Lifetime Membership. A "\*" indicates the Decades Rep. Class Rep e-mail addresses are located on the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website.

<b>1940</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1941</b> Rollo Rieve 760.704.1319	<b>1942</b> Charlie Bishop 619.223.0492	<b>1943</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1944</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1945</b> <b>VACANT</b>
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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.