



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear fellow Alumni!!!
 Well, we are in the middle of the Dark Ages!!! Only we live in San Diego, so the Dark Ages just aren't so dark!!! We had an impromptu Army Navy Basketball game party at the Duck Dive Saturday, February 7th. Our luncheon was a supreme success when a Navy LT spoke to us about SEAL Team deployments he had made in both

Afghanistan and the Philippines, about the future of the SEAL Teams and answered questions until well after 1PM. Very exciting!
 The Crew Team will be here in San Diego for the Crew Classic from March 26th to the 30th! The parents club are getting tents, we are providing Vans for transportation for the team. There will be a dinner to meet the team that week. As I get more information, we will be sending it out in emails.
 This months speaker is talking about Rotor Boys, so all you HELO Pilots need to be there!!!
 Go NAVY
 BEAT ARMY!!!
 Alan

Upcoming Luncheons

February 17

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Speaker - Larry Carello – author, "Rotor Boys", will speak to us about Naval Aviation in the 70's

March 17

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Speaker TBA

April 21

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Speaker TBA

Class Rep News & Gouge

We are AT 1,000 members - who will be 1001? Keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNAAA Chapter worldwide!
 Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1954. Please contact and encourage your local Classmates who are not yet Chapter members or need to renew their lapsed membership to join or renew and stay connected with our super USNAAA San Diego Chapter and receive excellent member benefits with discounted pricing to most of our events. FYI, the primary reason stated by Navy Grads for not joining the USNAAA San Diego Chapter is that they assume that USNAAA Life

Membership with Annapolis automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNAAA Chapter - this is not the case at all. When you meet a Classmate or USNA Alum, provide them the gouge about our local Chapter and direct them to the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website www.usnaaasd.com to sign-up to become a local member - thank you very much for your assistance! The Class Rep position has proven to be the cornerstone for strengthening local USNA and Classmate camaraderie while at the same time promoting all of our upcoming San Diego Chapter luncheons and special events. Serving as a Class Rep is a great way to stay connected with your local area Classmates by encouraging their support of our Chapter as well as by keeping everyone up to speed on all of our current USNA news and upcoming Chapter gatherings. Please contact Vice President for Membership, Dan Snyder '87 at (858) 551-1159, vpmembership@usnaaasd.com to volunteer to fill a Class Rep vacancy or to discuss any questions regarding application for local Chapter membership. Thank you very much for staying connected with your local Classmates and fellow Alumni - Go Navy, Beat Army!

Membership

Current Members – 1000

Paid Members – 469

The Importance of Chapter Membership

There is a lot of value as a result of maintaining a current membership in our local San Diego Chapter. Here are few of the reasons it makes sense to JOIN or RENEW your Chapter Membership:

Blue & Gold Support: The Chapter is the primary funding source for the San Diego Blue & Gold Program, which is one of USNA's primary recruiting programs. Between 20 and 30 Plebes from the San Diego area are inducted each year.

USNA Program Support: From time-to-time Clubs (Rugby, Glee Club, etc.) seek funding assistance for San Diego area visits. If you were involved with a club as a MIDN you'll recall that USNA

funding generally didn't cover all team activity costs, this has not changed. The Chapter supports as many requests as it can.

Chapter On-Line Directory Access: Only Chapter members have access to the database of over 3000 area alumni.

Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events: All Chapter events have a non-member surcharge, so you will normally save \$5/event.

It's Cheap & Easy to Join: \$25/yr; \$15/yr Active/Reserve O-3 & below. Visit www.usnaasd.com and click on the membership tab.

Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!! Please update your profile by logging onto 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. You will be able to update your profile. Be sure to put your year group in the "Year" field in the "School 1" part of the "School Information" section.

Forgot your password? Email the Chapter Webmaster to receive a temporary one. Please avoid creating a new record.

Friend us on Facebook! Search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter" or use the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USNA->

[Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/11729679215](http://www.usnaasd.com) .

Chapter Logo Gear Now On Line

Looking for the perfect shirt for the Army-Navy game or maybe some new glasses for the bar that show your San Diego support? Well, now you can order them online through the USNA.com Alumni Store. Our new chapter logo is now available and can be put on everything from glass ware to tote bags. Ordering is easy, just go to:

<http://www.navyalumnistore.com/16/Home.htm> directly or through the [USNA.com](http://www.usna.com) website via the "Shop" button in the toolbar and you can order all kinds of merchandise with our chapter logo. Show your chapter spirit and turn out for the tailgater or monthly lunch in your chapter.

Obituaries

CDR Scott Billington USNR '81

Commander Scott Billington passed away on January 10, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. Born October 5th, 1959, he was 55 years old at the time of his death.

Scott was a tireless supporter of his community of Solana Beach, CA. Among other positions, his stint as President of the Solana Beach Soccer

Club and work for the Solana Beach Schools Foundation fundraising events earned him the title of unofficial "Mayor" of Solana Beach. Many residents were honored to call him a friend.

Scott graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a naval aviator. He later flew for Delta Airlines as a Captain, while continuing to serve his country in the Naval Air Reserve, earning the rank of Commander. He had a third career as a respected real estate agent in North County with Coastal San Diego Homes.

But despite all that, Scott's three greatest jobs-and the ones he was most proud of-were his roles as a Husband, a Father and a Friend. He is survived by his wife Jessica, his daughter Reese and his son John.

He was honored to be a member of the Solana Beach community. And he will be missed.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. James Catholic Church at 10am on Monday, January 19th and an Honor Burial will be held at the Miramar National Cemetery later that day at 1pm.

Financial News

2013 Financial report is available on the Chapter website.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email vpmembership@usnaasd.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.

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1946 <u>VACANT</u>	1947 Nick Nicholson 858.454.9624	* 1948 Chuck Gorder 619.546.4808	1949 Chuck Howe 619.437.4190	1950 Dean French 858.459.4360	1951 Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690
1952 Dick Dietz 619.435.4646	1953 James Rodgers 619.435.1021	1954 <u>VACANT</u>	1955 Ned Floyd 619.423.2870	1956 Carl Nelson 619.421.9094	1957 George Lanman 619.437.6095
* 1958 Chuck Smith 619.472.5858	1959 Jim Cartwright 619.435.9363	1960 John Schmidt 858.673.7169	1961 Jim Richardson, (619) 226-4978	* 1962 Greg Chauncey 858.551.7540	1963 Phillip Marsden 619.435.3318
1964 Bob Glennon 760.730.3608	1965 Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	1966 George Klein 619.221.0059	1967 Warren Millard 858.695.3342	1968 Randy Bogle 619.328.5728	1969 Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
1970 Tom Flaherty 858.740.5142	* 1971 Tom Hammons 858.538.9824	1972 Ed Nocon, (858) 484-7279	1973 Dave Kuhn 619.957.8371	1974 Bob Santos 619.476.7683	1975 Dave Frost 858.541.2604
1976 Phil Poirier 858.538.6708	1977 Mike Keeney 619.435.2642	1978 John Rogitz 619.561.5292	1979 Pat Garcia 619.307.9167	* 1980 Rich Carlquist 619.294.9727	1981 Tom Carlson 619.397.0909
1982 Craig Smith 619.623.5509	1983 Don Hinderliter 619.665.9078	1984 Bryan Caraveo 619.249.6043	1985 Kyle Freitas 760.522.7916	1986 Dan Gruta 619.806.1155	1987 Tad Northcott 703.819.2289
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1994 Jamieson Slough 760.716.1350	1995 Kevin Messer 858.663.1658	1996 Bob Willingham 619.889.9872	1997 Chris Benson 619.417.0620	* 1998 Gilda Reeves 858.220.1108	1999 Alan Baca 619.818.1024
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2006 Eric Handal (703) 795-4420	2007 Nate Myers (760) 505-8418	2008 Natalie Lamb 301.233.4138	2009 Chris Rowland 815.954.7305	* 2010 Michelle Webster 619.980.1651	2011 Will Cunha 901.336.6581
2012 Donald Bowers 713.876.0794	2013 Leslie Beatrice 571.212.1870	2014 David Matasic 484-356-5137			

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
17Feb2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
20Feb2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
17Mar2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
20Mar2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
21Apr2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
24Apr2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com

Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaasd.com or (626) 644-6452 NLT the Monday preceding the event.

\$20 Member with RSVP; \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door

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, 14430 Callejon Musica San Diego, CA 92129

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.