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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends of USNA,

On Oct 10th, our great Navy celebrated its 235th birthday. Back in 1775, we started with 2 ships, 10 guns and 80 sailors. Yes, we've come a long way since then to be the most powerful and most technologically advanced Navy in the world. The number "80" rang true in 1775 and still rings true with the USNA 80 class of today!

During the weekend of Oct 15th-17th, I had the opportunity to go back for my USNA 80 30th reunion. The USNA Class of 1960 also held their 50th reunion on the same weekend. It was good to see many of our USNA 60 and USNA 80 Chapter members back East. The weather cooperated for the weekend and we all had wonderful time. The Yard looks beautiful with many new buildings and the renovation of the Academy Chapel is spectacular. The new Supe, VADM Michael Miller, USN '74, spoke to our class and the Class of '60 on Fri afternoon and provided us an outstanding update on things going on at USNA these days.

The Supe has a great message for all our Alumni, Parents and Friends to hear. On Sat morning, there was special ceremony honoring Carl Ullrich, Navy's former crew coach and assistant athletic director. The crew team and USNA named a shell after Carl and then put the new shell into the water at Hubbard Hall and went rowing! It was a very nice tribute a wonderful person. The Navy-SMU football tailgate and game was also exciting with Navy pulling out a win in the final minute of the game.

Our Chapter Distinguished Graduate Award (DGA) nominee for 2011 is the Honorable Stephen Duncan '63. We mailed his updated nomination package back to USNAAA DGA committee the last week in Oct. Many thanks to Jim Fontana '63 for all his efforts.

Our Chapter has many exciting events and activities in the coming months. First off, we have our annual Army-Navy game at Seau's at Mission Valley on

Saturday, Dec 11th 1130am. Navy is going for our 9th straight win over a much improved Army team. Even with the tough loss to Duke (after the terrific win over Notre Dame) Navy is poised to qualify for the Poinsettia Bowl, Dec 23rd 5pm, at Qualcomm stadium. USNAAA has contacted me and is working to provide our San Diego Alumni, Parents Club and friends the best seats the Poinsettia Bowl provides USNA. I've been promised we will not be given end zone seats as our only option for seating.

Lastly, our 3rd "Dark Ages" Black Tie event will be held on Feb 19th, 2011 at the Sheraton Harbor Island. Our guest of Honor and speaker will be the new Supe, VADM Michael Miller, USN '74, who will provide a message you do not want to miss.

We thank Rear Admiral Robert P. Girrier, USN '83, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Eleven, for his informative brief on CSG-11's recent deployment to our Chapter last month. It's amazing the spectrum of its missions CSG-11 performed during its deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleets. Everything, from Strike missions into Iraq and Afghanistan to Humanitarian Relief missions in Indonesia.

GO NAVY,

Dan Archer '80

Nov Luncheon, Come Join Us!!

Our monthly Chapter Luncheon is on Nov 18th at Navy ANCHORS CLUB at 32nd St. Our speaker is Dr. Dan Hemmingway, a brilliant historian who will answer questions you have had since plebe year! What was it like to be sailing a 3-masted schooner on the high seas and preparing for battle in the 17th century, especially during wartime? What steps and actions did the sailing ship have to take to position itself to take on the enemy? What sails did the schooner use and how were they deployed? What speeds could the vessel achieve and under what wind and current conditions? Learn about all this and much more from Dr Dan Hemmingway's. Just as a reminder there will NOT be a luncheon in Dec, lunches will continue Jan 20th 2011. See you all there.

Dark Ages Event

Our annual Dark Ages event will be held Feb 19, 2011 at the Sheraton Harbor Island; VADM Michael H.

For USNA Admissions information go to the Internet at www.USNA.edu/Admissions or contact the Blue and Gold Officer. Candidates can find their school's Blue and Gold Officer at www.GoUSNA.net or contact Myron Fleming '62 at 619.692-4242. Email: mtfleming@1962.usna.com

Miller '74, USN, the current Superintendent WILL be our speaker! This will be a black tie event. We will have additional information on the website as it is available. You will be able to use PayPal from our website to register and pay for this signature event for our chapter! Stay tuned for more information!!

BEAT ARMY!!! Cheer on Navy to the Poinsettia Bowl!!

We have three locations where you can gather with classmates, alumni, and friends to cheer Navy on to VICTORY!

Seau's in Mission Valley
The Shore Club in Pacific Beach
The Fish Company in Coronado

This year we are going for the largest Army-Navy attendance outside Philly, last year we had over 600. See the schedule of events for dates and times for all games.

Next Happy Hour JAN!!

The Happy Hours at Rockbottom Brewery in La Jolla have been put on ice so to speak until Jan 2010. Check out the Jan Newsletter for the time and date!!

Beat Army Golf Tournament

Beat Army golf tournament to be held on Dec 10, at Admiral Baker Golf Course. The funds raised from this tournament benefit the USNA Foundation. We have 144 spots available. This tournament tends to fill up fast, early registrations are advisable. "Please note that the barbecue after the tournament will be held inside.

Bonita Vista HS Lacrosse help

Bonita Vista HS is looking for coaching assistance with their lacrosse program. They have training beginning in Nov, with the first day of practice 19 Feb 2011. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sam Cardenas at either sam.cardenas@slfusco.com or 619-843-0918.

We are on Facebook, are you?

The Chapter Facebook page is up and running. If you have a facebook account, go to www.facebook.com and search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter". If you do not have a facebook account a tutorial is on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdQhZy1xoul>.

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 on line 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.navalumnystore.com/16/Home.htm> directly or through the USNA.com website via the "Shop" button in the toolbar and you can order all kinds of merchandise with our chapter logo. We've just upgraded the embroidered logo so new orders will have the Coronado Bridge in Coronado blue. Show your chapter spirit and turn out for the tailgater or monthly lunch in your chapter colors! If you have any questions call Chapter Corresponding Secretary Mike Mowins at 760-602-0857 or corrsec@usnaaasd.com.

Students Interested In USNA:

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:
All HS Seniors interested in applying for the Class of 2015 should be contacting local Congressional and U.S. Senator's offices to apply for Nominations to the Naval Academy. Deadlines are IMMINENT!

Start the application NOW at www.USNA.edu/Admissions. Students with candidate packages should complete them ASAP.

Show your interest in USNA. Access our web site www.USNA.edu/Admissions. In the "Steps to Admissions" pages click on "Contact Admissions" and fill in the information requested. This is a private data collection used to inform prospective applicants.

Help Wanted:

We still need volunteers for the following year groups: 1950, 1954, 1973, 1992, 1993, 2004, 2006 & 2008. This is a great way to support your Chapter and serve your classmates. Please contact Richard Carlquist USNA 80 619.917.6200 with any questions you may have.

Last Call:

CAPT Robert C. Truax USN '39

Capt Robert C. Truax died Sept. 17 at his Valley Center, CA home. Robert Collins Truax was born Sept. 3, 1917, the youngest of two sons to Darwin and Alida Truax, in Gary, Ind. He grew up in a log cabin on a homestead in Mendocino County and later graduated from Alameda HS.

Robert C. Truax was considered one of the elite rocket scientists of the past century. He designed the submarine-launched Polaris missile, and many of the military's most sophisticated

missiles during the Cold War, as well as building the steam-powered rocket that daredevil Evil Knievel rode in his attempt to cross Snake River Canyon in Idaho. The Encyclopedia Astronautica called him "one of the great originals of American rocketry." Space historian Shirley Thomas described him as a "practical dreamer."

As a teenager, he was inspired by articles in *Popular Mechanics* to build rockets. He constructed his first missiles of balsa wood and glue filled with powder from shotgun shells.

He entered USNA and earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1939. As a midie at USNA, he developed the first jet-assisted takeoff (JATO) system that later enabled propeller-driven seaplanes to launch from the short deck of an aircraft carrier.

During WWII, he served on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CV-6), the most decorated ship of the war. He later served on a destroyer. As a LCDR he worked at the Annapolis Engineering Experiment Station of the Bureau of Aeronautics where he headed the development project that led to the fuel used in the 1945 test flight of the WAC Corporal rocket and JATO prior to the introduction of solid fuel propellants. In the 1940s and early 1950s, Capt Truax collaborated with famed physicist Robert Goddard and later received the Robert H. Goddard Memorial Award for his work in liquid propellant rockets. He also led the scientific team shortly after WWII that interrogated Nazi Germany's rocket engineer, Wehrner von Braun.

He earned a second bachelor's, in aeronautical engineering, from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, and a master's in nuclear engineering from Iowa State College. From '55-'58 Cdr Truax was assigned to the Air Force where he headed design studies for the Thor IRBM. He later worked on the Navy's Viking rocket and the Polaris missile. Capt Truax studied the sea-launch of rockets such as the Sea Bee and Sea Horse projects.

In 1957, he served as president of the American Rocket Society. A week and a half after the Soviet launch of the satellite Sputnik, Capt. Truax submitted a report to Pres Eisenhower recommending the establishment of an independent space agency, which later became NASA.

After retiring from active duty in 1959, he joined Aerojet-General Corp., where he headed the Advanced Development Division and developed the Sea Dragon, a reusable, sea-launched rocket. In 1966, he formed Truax Engineering and worked on the

steam-powered rockets that eventually brought him to the attention of Knievel. After the stunt, which was unsuccessful due to a failed parachute deployment, CAPT. Truax began working on the X-3, using left over parts from the Knievel "Skycycles." He dubbed his 25-foot-tall vessel the "poor man's space shuttle" and appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. He used the X-3 as the basis for his entry in the first Ansari X PRIZE to launch a civilian-manned spacecraft into suborbital flight. As a competitor in the X PRIZE, he shared some of his ideas for a propulsion system with Burt Rutan who ultimately won the \$10 million award with SpaceShipOne.

In August 2003, CAPT Truax was inducted into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. Attending the ceremony just seven months after the Columbia space shuttle disaster, he brought with him a briefcase filled with plans for rescuing astronauts stranded in space. His blueprint involved using Titan II missiles — many of which had been scrapped in the 1980s — to propel a Big Gemini, a spacecraft proposed by McDonnell Douglas in 1967 but never built.

CAPT Truax's first marriage to Rosalind Schroeder ended in divorce.

His second wife, Sally Sabins, died in 1993. He is survived by his third wife, the former Marisol Guzman; daughters Ann Fleming, and Kathleen Truax; sons Steven, Gary, Scott, and Dean; 13 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Randall Tweedy Bent '72

Randy Bent passed away, with his wife at his side, on 2 Oct 2010. Randy was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grand-father. He was born in Memphis, TN on 1 March 1949 to Jack and Virginia Bent. As the son of a Navy pilot, he spent his school years in various southern California towns, notably Palos Verdes, Poway, and Coronado. He attended Coronado HS (Class of '67), where he met his high-school sweetheart and wife of 38 years, Gwyneth O'Toole.

Randy graduated from USNA in 1972, and then served at various duty stations on the east coast, from Georgia to Maine, but primarily on the nuclear submarine USS JACK (SSN-605) as supply officer.

After leaving the Navy in 1979, Randy had a successful business career in San Diego, spending the

last 12 years at ViaSat in Carlsbad, making many friends along the way. Randy earned an MBA from National University.

Randy loved sports all his life. He loved his Padres and Chargers and was an overall sports fanatic! In his younger days he loved running, tennis, racquetball, sailing, and as his heart condition limited his activities, he concentrated more on golf, playing twice a week with his good buddies. He served on the board of the Coronado Men's Golf Club, serving as president in 1999.

Randy is survived by his loving wife Gwyneth Bent, his daughter, Courtney Bent, grandson Braden L'Heureux, brother Rex Bent and sister Rita Pearce, numerous devoted nieces and nephews and in-laws, and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to The Naval Academy Foundation, The American Heart Association, The San Diego Armed Services YMCA, or the charity of your choice.

Current Members – 954

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
6 Nov 1230	Navy @ East Carolina	Seau's in Mission Valley Shore Club in Pacific Beach	And The Fish Company in Coronado
13 Nov 1230	Navy vs. Central Michigan	Seau's in Mission Valley Shore Club in Pacific Beach	And The Fish Company in Coronado
18 Nov 1130	Monthly Luncheon, Dr. Dan Hemmingway, Historian Extraordinaire	Leading the Way with Sail; Anchor Club – 32nd St.	treasurer@usnaasd.com
19 Nov 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons, tjhammons@aol.com
20 Nov 1230	Navy vs. Arkansas St	Seau's in Mission Valley Shore Club in Pacific Beach	And The Fish Company in Coronado
10 Dec	Army-Navy Gold	Admiral Baker	Ken Lange '69 at (619) 231-1422 or Mark Stender '72 at mstender@higgslaw.com
11 Dec 1130	Army-Navy	Seau's in Mission Valley Shore Club in Pacific Beach	And The Fish Company in Coronado
23 Dec 1700	Navy vs. TBD	Seau's in Mission Valley Shore Club in Pacific Beach	And The Fish Company in Coronado
Jan 2011	Happy Hour	Rockbottom Brewery, La Jolla	Betsy Garvin, betsygarvin@yahoo.com
Feb 19, 2011	Dark Ages Event/ Admiral Michael Miller, 74, USN, Superintendent USNA	Sheraton Harbor Island	M. Bruneau, Michael.bruneau@hs.utc.com

December 11, 2010
The USNAAA San Diego Chapter Presents:
Army-Navy Football

54-49-7

Come watch Navy go for 9 in a row!

KICKOFF...11:30 AM PST

SEAU's The Restaurant

The Army/Navy Football bash will return to Seau's (www.seau.com) located at the East End of the Westfield Shopping Town, Mission Valley. Take Mission Center Road North from I-8 (between 163 & 805). Doors open at 10:30am. Admission includes a lunch selection from a great menu and unlimited coffee, tea, and soda re-fills.

No-Host Bar including all popular domestic & imported beers, wines, and killer Bloody Marys.

Sign-Up Today and SAVE!!! Sign up and pay on our homepage: <http://www.usnaaasd.com> or fill out the reservation form below and mail to: **USNAAA San Diego Army-Navy, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101**
 Price is \$25.00 per person in advance, \$30 at the door.



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*Requests the Pleasure of Your
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the
3rd Annual Dark Ages
Black Tie Event
Dinner and Dancing*

*February 19, 2011
6:00-11:00 PM*

*Guest Speaker
Vice Admiral Michael H. Miller
Superintendent*

At the Sheraton Harbor Island



Luncheon Reservation Form RSVP: secretary@usnaasd.com OR 619.384.1875. NLT Monday preceding the event

Location: Anchors @ 32nd Street

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