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President's Letter

Seasons Greetings!

I would like to thank Colonel Charles Dockery '94, MCAS Commanding Officer, for speaking at our November luncheon event this week. His presentation and discussion about his vast responsibilities and great team were extremely impressive and enjoyable. Stay tuned for future guest speakers at our monthly luncheons starting again in January.

It's December, and Army Week is finally here! Come out to Social Tap this Thursday for an Army/Navy inspired Happy Hour to scope out your spot and get in the spirit for Saturday's big game. Our Dec 8th signature Army/Navy viewing party will also be at Social Tap downtown! Signups are live now, and we expect 200+ people to attend. Make sure to register on our website. www.usnaaasd.com

There are also multiple other viewing locations to watch the Army/Navy football game with your fellow alumni including:

- PB Shore Club (Pacific Beach)
- American Legion #416 (Encinitas)
- Mexican Village (Coronado)

Volunteers are always needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, December 20. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event and chance to give back.

We could not run this chapter without our great volunteer alumni team. Thank you for all that you do. Please contact me or any of our board members if you would like to get involved in your local USNA alumni chapter

I encourage all alumni to check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!
Craig

Upcoming Events**Thurs, Dec 6 @ 5:30pm**

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Social Tap
815 J Street, San Diego

Sat, Dec 8 @ 12:00pm

Navy Football vs. Army
Signature Event at Social Tap
**Doors open at 11:00AM.
815 J Street, San Diego
(Other viewing venues also available.)

Thurs, Dec 20 @ 8:30am-12:30pm

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
Volunteers Needed!

Fri, Dec 21 @ 7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Wed, Dec 26 @ 6:00PM-8:00PM

Blue & Gold Officer Holiday Reception
USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)

Future Events**Thurs, Jan 3 @ 5:30pm**

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Wed, Jan 16 @ 11:30am-1:00PM

Chapter Luncheon
Speaker: TBD
Dave & Busters, Mission Valley

Fri, Jan 18 @ 7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Tues, Jan 22 @ 5:30PM-7:00PM

Chapter Board Meeting
Gordon Biersch, Mission Valley

Thurs, Jan 24 @ 8:30am-12:30pm

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“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!”

Chapter Information Corner:

Membership:

Current Members – 982

Paid Members – 400

Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!

Update your profile by logging onto www.usnaaasd.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.usnaaasd.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, Ben Hobbs ‘02 at vp1@usnaaasd.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 or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event.

\$25 Member with RSVP; \$30 Non-Member.

(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 _____

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The USNA Alumni Association – San Diego Chapter

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email ypmembership@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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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.