



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Hello fellow Alumni!!
 We have had an excellent month for July and August looks to be a good one too! As we rapidly approach football season, we all have to be thinking of watching Navy beat OHIO STATE and welcome the Big Ten to Big East Football!!
 In case you missed it, I will plug Admiral Baker and our September luncheon here.
 We have moved to Admiral Baker and they took exceptional care of us. We had a

fantastic speaker in Peggy McNeal, 86, who spoke to us about her Arctic Program she is going to be part of this year. She showed us pictures from previous expeditions and told us about what she and her team will be doing in the Arctic in Norway. It was fascinating.
 Our Annual Link in the Chain Picnic is August 2. It is going to be another fun event and we anticipate that we will have over 100 people join us at Admiral Baker Park starting at noon.
 We will have games, a jumpy room for the kids, plenty of food, and lots of beverages for all. Join us, I look forward to talking with you there.
 Lastly, our Annual Tour is August 19th at Stone Brewery. We will meet there between 1130 and 12, have lunch and then our VIP tour starts at 1PM sharp. The tour is \$5. We only have 30 slots open so sign up on our website immediately so you can make the cut.
 See you out there,
BEAT EVERYONE,
 Alan

Upcoming Luncheons

August 19

No luncheon – Stone Brewery Tour

September 16

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Speaker will be John "Mac" McLaughlin, USNA '72, President and CEO of the USS Midway Museum

Class Rep News & Gouge

Really appreciate your getting the gouge out about all of our upcoming events. We had around 100 people in attendance at Randy Jones All American Sports Grill for our 5-Star Birthday Celebration for VADM Richardson '36 and RADM Erly '37, who both turned 100 this year! Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1954, 1990, and 2014. 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 interim Vice President for Membership, Craig Smith '82, at 619-623-5509 or at swojcsmith@aol.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 – 982
 Paid Members – 471

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>.

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

Mr. James W. Hamburg '45

Mr. James Hamburg died of congestive heart failure on June 3, 2014 in his Mission Hills home. He was 92 at the time of his death.

He was born James Wayne Hamburg on July 26, 1921, in Eustis, Neb., the older of two children to George Hamburg and Viola Gruen Hamburg. He was raised in Marysville, Kan., attending Marysville High School and Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. He worked on the railroad before earning an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1941.

He earned a bachelor's degree in naval engineering from the Naval Academy in 1944 and a commission as an Ensign in the US Navy graduating with the Class of 1945 which was accelerated due to World War II. Mr. Hamburg served as a naval aviator for the next decade before resigning his commission as a Lieutenant to return to school.

He earned an MBA degree from Stanford University in 1956 after leaving active duty. Mr. Hamburg had a long career in aeronautical engineering. His employers included Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego and Aerojet General in Los Angeles, where he would work during the week and return to San Diego on weekends to his beloved Mission Hills Canyon. In 1958, he and his wife Sally purchased a home in Mission Hills. He loved the untamed canyon filled with wildlife and native growth right outside his front door. Ultimately, he campaigned for a decade to preserve this as a native park. The Hamburgs devoted many hours and contributed financially to the campaign which resulted in designating Mission Hills Canyon open space city park land in 1982.

Mission Hills Heritage honored his efforts by presenting him with a Preservation Award for his efforts to save the pristine habitat.

Mr. Hamburg was a cycling enthusiast and, on several occasions, bicycled from San Diego to his high school reunions in Kansas. Other long cycling trips included: Tecate to Cabo San Lucas; Seattle to Portland, Maine; and John o'Groats on the northeastern tip of Scotland to Land's End in western Cornwall, England, a distance of 838 miles.

Mr. Hamburg was also involved with the Sierra Club, the Knickerbikers, Skeptics, PFLAG and the Dixieland Jazz Society and the San Diego Memorial Society.

Mr. Hamburg is survived by his son, Geoffrey Hamburg, of Albany, N.Y.; and granddaughters Cambria Hamburg, of Washington, D.C., Alexandra Hamburg, of Albany, N.Y., and Kasey Hamilton, of San Francisco. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Sarah Louise Kennedy; his daughter, Paula Hamilton; and his younger sister, Patricia Hamburg.

No services are planned. Memorial donations are suggested to the Marysville High School Alumni Association in Marysville, Kan., or the Sierra Club.

ADM Charles R. Larson, '58

Adm. Charles R. Larson, a former superintendent of the Naval Academy and one-time candidate for lieutenant governor in Maryland, died Saturday morning at his home in Annapolis.

Cmdr. Wes Huey, Larson's son-in-law, confirmed Larson's death. He was 77. His death was due to pneumonia stemming from complications of his two-year battle with leukemia, Huey said.

Larson was a 1958 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and served twice as the superintendent of the academy, first from 1983 to 1986 and again from 1994 to 1998.

He became the second-youngest admiral in history at the age of 43, and in 1968 was the first naval officer to be selected as a White House fellow.

He served as a naval aide under President Richard Nixon, and worked with three other presidents during his career.

Having switched from aviation to submarines, he served on two ballistic missile submarines and three attack submarines. His most senior command position was as commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet.

Larson returned as the superintendent of the Naval Academy in the 1990s after a cheating scandal that involved more than 130 students.

He instituted a four-year character development program and gave upper class midshipmen more responsibility in the training of plebes.

Capt. Hank Sanford, who worked with Larson during his first stint as superintendent, became Larson's executive assistant when he returned to the academy as superintendent in the 1990s.

When he came back, he was more seasoned, but not arrogant, Sanford said.

"It didn't make any difference if you were the custodian or the commandant of the midshipmen, he treated everybody the same," Sanford said.

The two, who both lived in Annapolis, spent years together after Larson's retirement. Sanford said that though Larson started as a boss, he became a friend.

If Larson hadn't been willing to come back for his second stint as superintendent, Sanford said, "he could have gone off and made a lot of money and done a lot of different things as a retired four-star (admiral)."

When Larson was a member of the Class of 1958, future Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was a classmate and friend. They were later roommates for two years in five locations, while they attended flight school.

"Chuck was a 'squared away' brigade commander and class president who received his diploma and personal

congratulations from graduation speaker President Dwight Eisenhower, while I graduated some distance behind," McCain said in a U.S. Naval Academy document about Larson's career.

Larson served on the foreign policy defense team of McCain's presidential campaign in 2000, according to The Capital's archives.

In 1998, Larson chaired a task force that reviewed higher education in Maryland.

A lifelong Republican, he switched to the Democratic Party shortly before he was picked by then-Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend as her running mate in her 2002 gubernatorial campaign.

Townsend and Larson lost in the November general election to Republican Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and his running mate, Michael F. Steele.

Huey, his son-in-law, said that Larson "valued family highly, he valued duty highly, and he never veered from any of his values his whole life."

He was an honest, straightforward man, Huey said. And though he was a very powerful man, he was humble. "The day before he passed, I had a moment with him and told him how proud I was of him and what a good man he was. He said, 'Well, I tried to be,'" he said.

Huey said he was struck by Larson's response. Given his long and distinguished career, he could have just thanked Huey. "He basically said 'I did the best I could to be a good man, but it's for others to judge.' I admire that about him too," Huey said.

Larson is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sally; three daughters; and seven grandchildren.

Huey said that although Larson was buttoned-up in the public eye, his children and grandchildren brought out a more playful side of him. Having three daughters forced him to have a sense of humor, Huey said.

The current superintendent, Vice Adm. Walter E. "Ted" Carter Jr., said Larson's death is a great loss for the Naval Academy.

"He was a great man who served his nation with distinction, honor and dignity," Carter said in a statement. Beyond the Naval Academy, Larson served on numerous corporate boards in areas of defense, aerospace, oil exploration and international service.

He sat on the board for the National Academy of Sciences Committee on International Security and Arms Control, the White House Fellows Foundation, the University System of Maryland, the Anne Arundel Health System, the Atlantic Council, the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

Huey said that when Larson was diagnosed with leukemia in 2012, he took it as just another challenge to overcome. He continued to pursue treatments until the very end, consulting medical experts and complying with protocols.

He was private about his illness, Sanford said. Although Sanford could tell Larson was ill, he waited until Larson told him on his own terms — which he did, eventually.

Larson was a great American, Huey said. "He was a real role model for not just me ... but his influence on sailors and officers in the fleet. He was just a remarkable naval officer."

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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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
02Aug2014, 1200	Link In The Chain Picnic	Admiral Baker Picnic Area	http://www.usnaasd.com/article.html?aid=386
15Aug2014	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
19Aug2014, 1130	No luncheon – Stone Brewery Tour	<i>1999 Citracado Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92029</i>	Meet in front of store at 1130 for lunch. Tour starts at 1300. Tour cost is \$5.00, which does not include lunch. Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
16Sep2014	Monthly Luncheon – Speaker TBA	<i>Admiral Baker - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120</i>	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
19Sep2014	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
17Oct2014	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
21Oct2014	Monthly Luncheon – Speaker TBA	<i>Admiral Baker - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120</i>	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com

Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaasd.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, 765 Alpine Heights Road, Alpine, CA 91901

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Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____		City _____	State _____ Zip _____

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