



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings!

We had a couple of great events in August which included a Networking Happy Hour at the SACC Event & a tour of Petco Park.

The brigade has reformed in Annapolis and Navy football is here! Our midshipmen soundly defeated Florida Atlantic in their opening game, and Army and Air Force were impressive in their wins as well. This football season will certainly be an exciting one as we fight to bring home the Commander in Chief's Trophy and climb up the ranks of the American Athletic Conference. There are at least FIVE great venues to watch the games in San Diego, so come out and cheer with local alumni.

Fall also brings class reunions. It's hard to believe that it has been 35 years since my graduation. It's been 45 for Steve Miller ('72) and his classmates. Any class of '67 out there going for the big Five Zero?

San Diego Fleet Week takes place in October which will include the Parade of Ships on Sat, Oct 14th from Noon – 2PM. For more information on all of the great events scheduled, check out the Fleet Week website: <https://fleetweeksandiego.org/>

Our monthly luncheons are back, too! Please come hear from Mark Neville (SD Bowl Game Association) on Wed, Sep 20. He will be talking about the 2018 Navy vs. Notre Dame football game being played in Diego on Oct 27, 2018 in Mission Valley.

VADM Shoemaker ('82) joins us on Wed, Oct 11th. The admiral will no doubt be very excited about the 100-year anniversary celebration of NAS North Island. He has a huge party planned with over 200 aircraft from all eras putting on an airshow over San Diego Harbor on Sat, Nov 11.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Sep 20th luncheon and these other great events in the area. As always, please remember to spread the word and bring a friend!

BEAT ARMY!!!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Sat, Sep 9 @12:30pm Pacific
Navy Football vs. Tulane

Fri, Sep 15, 2017 @7:00am
NAVNET
Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Wed, Sep 20 @ 11:30am – 1:00pm
Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Busters)
Speaker: Mark Neville, Executive Director, SD Bowl Game Association

Sat, Sep 23 @ 12:30PM Pacific
Navy Football vs. Cincinnati

Sat, Sep 30 @ 12:30PM Pacific
Navy Football @ Tulsa

Future Events

Sat, Oct 7 @ 12:30PM
Navy Football vs. Air Force

Sat, Oct 14 @ TBD
Navy Football @ Memphis

Sat, Oct 14 @ 12:00PM Pacific
Fleet Week Parade of Ships

Wed, Oct 11 @ 11:30am – 1:00pm
Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Busters)
Speaker: Vice Admiral Shoemaker '82

Fri, Oct 20, 2017 @7:00am
NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Sat, Oct 21 @ 12:30PM Pacific
Navy Football vs. UCF

Sat, Oct 28 @ TBD Pacific
Navy Football @ Temple

Sat, Nov 11 @ 12:30 Pacific
Navy Football vs. SMU

Sat, Nov 11 @ 10:00AM–4:00PM
NAS North Island 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Wed, Nov 15 @ 11:30am – 1:00pm
Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Busters)
Speaker: TBD

Fri, Nov 17, 2017 @7:00AM
NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Class Rep News and Gouge

Get 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.

Contact our VP for Membership, Thomas Bethmann at vpmembership@usnaaasd.com to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership. "On the strength of one link in the cable, dependeth the might of the chain." Go Navy, Beat Army!

Membership:**Current Members – 941****Paid Members – 372****“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!” – Chapter Information Corner:**

This year our chapter wants to increase not only our camaraderie and connectedness, but also our utility

If you’re still on active duty, if you’re 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 new Chapter VP at Benjamin.s.hobbs@gmail.com. Together, we can build a network of contacts and information that will serve our chapter and serve our community well.

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!](#)

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 in touch
- **Camaraderie and Networking:** Get plugged into a vibrant community of veterans and leaders in America’s Finest City
- **It’s Economical & Easy to Join!**

Last Call/Obituaries**Francis C. TAYLOR USN (Ret) ‘50**

entered heavenly rest quietly on July 31st at Scripps Mercy Hospital due to medical complications from recent surgery.

Born on July 11, 1926 in Baltimore. His father and grandfather were naval officers and Frank followed the family tradition, entering USNA in 1946. After graduation in 1950, he served 26 years through the Korean and Vietnam wars, reaching the rank of Commander and also serving as Commanding Officer, *USS Agerholm* (DD-826). While deployed in the Vietnam war, in the South China Sea, *Agerholm* encountered Typhoon Joan. CDR Taylor used every mariner skill he possessed to save the ship and the 287 crew members on board. Many years later, one of the *Agerholm* naval officers looked him up and presented him with a model of his ship in Lucite, and a letter from other officers who had served on that ship during the typhoon, thanking him and reminding him that there are children and grandchildren alive today because of what he did. He was a hero to his crew.

Crew member, Gurden Hutchins commented, “his skill as a ...sailor is what saved us all, those three days in 1970. We who were onboard for that cruise owe him our lives. he “sailed” the ship on a broad reach to finally exit the center of the storm, heading out to the right side. We did not go thru the eye wall, and were in the most violent part of that storm for over 24 hours. Sea state was off the Beaufort scale (past 12), winds gusting once at 180 knots, and peak to trough going by me as I stood in the door to the radio shack passageway was 140’. No one who has not been in such a storm can come close to comprehending what nature can do. The thing that stands out most in my memory is the incredible noise of wave tops being blown into green-white foam above our mast top, passing the ship at a relative velocity of over 60 mph.”

Frank was an early member of the Long Beach Neptunes, a free diving club, and held multiple spear-fishing records. He was also an extremely talented tennis player and continued to play into his 90th year. Frank loved boats and boating and any time he could spend on the ocean. He liked Mustangs and his ‘65 Fastback and ‘69 Mach One were his “daily drivers”. He was an avid fisherman, making over 100 trips to Alaska over the years as well as Mexico, Canada, and Europe. He loved birds and kept over 30 homing pigeons.

A “Celebration of Life” was held on Saturday, August 5th and shared by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Diana; Frank’s son, Capt. Michael J. Taylor USN (Ret) and wife Vicky; stepsons, Steve Hinck and wife (Krystn) and Brett Hinck and wife (Natalie); stepdaughter Karen Eubanks and husband (Joey) and daughters, Ann and Susan Taylor. He also leaves nine grandchildren; Madeline and Alexander Taylor; Kaelen, Austin, Joshua and Jacob Penrod; Tristn, Olyvia and Brady Hinck.

He loved his family and friends. He was a tremendous example of a life well lived and will be greatly missed.

Forgot your password? Email the Chapter Webmaster to receive a temporary one.

Find us on Social Media!

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, 2682 W Victoria Dr Alpine, CA 91901

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Email: Alternate _____			
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*Please visit <http://www.usnaasd.com/events.html> for additional event information and RSVP.

Date/Time	Event/Speaker	Location/Topic	Event Contact Info
Sep 15, 2017; 0700	NAVNET Breakfast	Admiral Baker Clubhouse– 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Tom Hammons ‘71 thammons@aol.com
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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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