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**President's Letter**

What a shame so many people missed a great speaker in February. Nico Marcolongo (former USMC), the Program Manager for Operation Rebound, a program in the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) gave a very inspirational overview of how Operation Rebound empowers wounded service members to pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and

competitive athletics. Nico brought his dog who is a trained service dog and a very beautiful four-legged friend. Accompanying Nico was Eric McElvenny '06 (USMC). Eric lost his right leg below the knee just over 14 months ago after stepping on an IED in Afghanistan. Eric has already completed the Marine Corps Marathon and several triathlons. Eric's next major goal is to compete in the Kona Ironman competition. Thanks to the training and support from CAF, Eric will be ready. How many of us would have been on up for the challenge if we had been in Eric's shoes. Eric promised to come back and tell us about his experience at Ironman.

Make sure you have marked your calendar for Ring Dance West on April 27th. Richard Lederer, a comedian and author will be our guest speaker. It's going to be a great event. You still have time to dust off your dancing shoes, slim down to fit into your old uniform and find your photos from your first Ring Dance back in Annapolis.

Barbette Lowndes '80  
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

**Upcoming Luncheons!!**

March: CAPT Yvette Davids '89 CO USS BUNKER HILL (CG52).

April: ADM Dixon Smith '83 USN, Commander, Naval Region Southwest - the Navy Mayor of San Diego.

May: Geoff Griffin & Steve Kappes, Balboa Wounded Athlete Program, topic: Wounded Warrior recovery initiatives.

June: TDB

July: RADM Pat Brady '81, Commander SPAWAR, topic: SPAWAR initiatives.

August: Field trip to Challenged Athlete Foundation facility.

**Class Representative News**

**\*\*All Class Rep Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:00pm\*\***

We will be having our annual All Class Rep Meeting at the Mitre Office in Liberty Station. An e-mail will be sent out to all Class Reps with the meeting details, including location address and agenda - hope you can attend. You are highly encouraged to invite your local Classmates who are not members to join and stay connected with our local USNAAA San Diego Chapter and also receive great member discounts.

The Class Rep position continues to be a very important link to building Class camaraderie and promoting upcoming Chapter events. USNA Alumni volunteers for Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1954 and 2011. This is a great way to stay in touch with your Classmates and support our Chapter. Please contact Craig Smith '82 at (619) 623-5509 with any questions or comments regarding application for local membership or becoming a Class Rep. Look forward to seeing you on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership**

Current Members – 917  
Paid Members – 402

**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 into USNA.

**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 data base 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](http://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](http://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 webmaster to receive a temporary one. Please avoid creating a new record.

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Search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter" or use the following link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USNA-Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/117296792155>.

#### **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.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 colors!

## **Promotion**

### **RDML JIM MCNEAL '86**

Secretary of Defense, Leon E. Panetta, announced the nomination of Captain James R. McNeal for appointment to the rank of Rear Admiral Lower Half. CAPT McNeal is currently serving as commodore, FIFTH Naval Expeditionary Logistics Regiment, Point Hueneme, Ca. In his civilian career, McNeal is the Managing Recruiter of International Search Partners, an Executive Search firm based in La Mesa, Ca.

CAPT McNeal graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in 1986 and holds a Master's of Science in Organizational Management from Chadron State College. He also graduated from the Advanced Joint Professional Military Education program at the Joint Forces Staff College and is JQS Level II qualified.

CAPT McNeal's afloat assignments include Disbursing Officer and Wardroom Officer, USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64); and Assistant Supply Officer, USS MERRILL (DD 976).

His staff assignments include Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Defense Logistics Agency (J-9); Operations Officer, FISC San Diego Detachment 519; Training Officer, Naval Special Warfare Command; Division Officer, Naval Regional Contracting Command 519; and Supply Officer, Submarine Base, San Diego.

He was mobilized in 2009 as the Commanding Officer of Defense Contingency Support Team-Kuwait and as the Deputy Director of the Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

Ashore, CAPT McNeal served as the

Supply Officer of SEAL Team ONE. After transitioning to the Reserve Component, McNeal served as Assistant Officer-in-Charge, DCST-LAT San Diego; Executive Officer, Logistics Task Force-Pacific; Officer-in-Charge, Fuels Company F; Commanding Officer, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 5; and Commanding Officer, NR NAVSUP Logistics Operations Center.

Personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

## **Last Call**

### **ROBERT O'LEAR '55**

Robert was born on May 24, 1931 in Yonkers, New York. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy by congressional appointment and graduated in June of 1955. After graduation he served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He resigned his commission and pursued a career as an Electronic Engineer. He earned a masters degree in civil engineering from Columbia University.

Robert met his wife, Tulia in New York. They moved to San Diego in 1969 and he worked for Naval Ocean System Center before retiring in 1989.

Robert was a member of St. Therese Church since 1970. In his 42 years as a parishioner he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Eucharistic Minister. He had a deep passion for people in crisis and spent thousands of hours volunteering with the Family Crisis hotline, suicide hotline, and also visited prisoners serving life in jail. In his spare time he loved golfing with his wife and traveling.

He died February 12, 2013. He was 81 years old at the time of his death. His family was with him during his illness and at his death. He is survived by his wife and extended family.

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES** are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email [vpmembership@usnaasd.com](mailto:vpmembership@usnaasd.com) if you are interested in filling an opening. The Chapter will support Class Reps in mailing expenses. Classes that have graduated 60 or more years ago are Lifetime Members. A "\*" indicates the Decades Rep. Class Rep e-mail addresses are located on the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website.

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**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

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14Mar/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	For more information, contact Tom Hammons at <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a> . No charge for this event.
21Mar/1130	CAPT Yvette Davids '89	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
4Apr/1730	Class Rep Meeting	Mitre Liberty Station	RSVP online.
18Apr/1130	RADM Dixon Smith '83	TBA	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
19Apr/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	For more information, contact Tom Hammons at <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a> . No charge for this event.
27Apr/1800	Annual Black Tie Ball	TBA	Richard Lederer, guest speaker. Details TBA.
16May/1130	Balboa Wounded Athlete Program	TBA	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
20May/1900	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"	Kona Cove #1 at Petco Park	Tickets available online. \$40 Chapter members (& their non-alumni guests) & \$45 for non-members. Includes admission, hotdogs, popcorn, soft drinks & water. Contact Richard "Quisty" Carlquist '80, @ <a href="mailto:rich@affluence.com">rich@affluence.com</a> or 619.917.6200.

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