



# The USNA Alumni Association

## San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends of USNA,

Another year has come and another "I-Day" has occurred on the banks of the Severn River. On July 1st, 2009, 1,230 young men and women took the Oath of Office at the Induction Day ceremony held at T-Court USNA. Time really does fly, it seems like only yesterday I was there with my USNA '80 classmates taking the oath. Our nation's future leaders have started their careers in our great Navy!

The presentation and discussion at the July 16th luncheon at Tom Ham's was outstanding. All who attended would agree! Many thanks to Carl Weiscopef '70, LT Matthew Vernon '00 and LT Chandra Hunt '05 for speaking to us about Navy Individual Augmentation (IA) duty and their personal stories.

A reminder to all that we will not have a luncheon this month at Tom Ham's. In lieu of our monthly luncheon, we will have a trip and tour of MCRD on Friday, August 21st, 0730am. We will meet at the MCRD parking lot located on your immediate right as you enter Gate 5. Please let our Chapter Secretary Mike McNeil, secretary@usnaaasd.com, know if you'll be attending. If you don't have a car sticker, make sure you bring up-to-date proof of car insurance and registration. It will be a terrific tour that will include attending morning colors ceremony, tour of the MCRD museum, attending Recruit Graduation ceremony followed by a no host luncheon at the Bay View restaurant.

On Tuesday, July 28th, we held a Chapter Board meeting and discussed plans for our upcoming picnic on August 29th. Chapter nominations for the USNA Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Award program and preparations needed for review and update of our Chapter's Strategic Plan which was held August 1st. Steve Haines, USNA Class of '68, graciously agreed to facilitate our Strategic Thinking again this year. Thank you Steve!

Please mark your calendars and sign up to attend our first "Link-in-the-Chain" Chapter Picnic that will be held on August 29th at ADM Baker picnic area number 1.

This will be a great opportunity to get together with friends, family, and fellow alumni for great food and fun.

Lastly, if you have not done so already, please take time and respond to the USNA Alumni Association on-line survey that's being conducted. Make your voice heard and provide USNAAA your good ideas!

### GO NAVY,

Dan Archer '80

### August Tour of MCRD

In lieu of our Chapter luncheon during the month of August, we have arranged a tour of Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego. The tour will be a fabulous opportunity to get a guided tour of the MCRD base that will include observation of Marines conducting the Moring Colors Ceremony, visit to the Command Museum Tour, observation of the next Marine Recruit Graduation ceremony and lunch at the Bay View restaurant on base.

Where: Enter MCRD Gate 5, and go to parking on immediately right

Date: Friday, August 21st, 2009

Time: 7:30am

Agenda:

--Observe Morning Colors Ceremony  
--Command Museum Tour  
--Observe Graduation Ceremony  
--Lunch at the Bay View Restaurant  
Folks without base Sticker: Provide your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of car insurance when entering the gate. Inform the gate guard that you are with the USNAAA SD Chapter.

If interested in attending, please reply to this message, secretary@usnaaasd.com

### The return of Happy Hour

*In keeping with one of our chapter missions, "To serve the community and social needs of Chapter members through activities and programs that bond member of all classes..." we kicked off our monthly happy hour July 15<sup>th</sup> in a new location, Rock Bottom in La Jolla, at 5:30 pm. We had great success drawing over 20 active duty and civilian professionals from classes '58 (Chuck Smith) to '03 (Fred Myers). Gary Gray '99, who has since moved to Massachusetts even made an appearance! No doubt everyone was excited to meet new alumni and catch up with old friends. The chapter picked up the 50% of the cost and charged only \$5 per person so everyone could enjoy a great*

For USNA Admissions information go to the Internet at [www.USNA.edu/Admissions](http://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](http://www.GoUSNA.net) or contact Myron Fleming '62 at 619.692-4242. Email: mtfleming@1962.usna.com

spread of food, which included titan toothpicks and beer pizza. Thank you everyone for making this event a success and we look forward to seeing you Aug 12!

### Chapter Web Site

Lots of useful information and links  
A Chapter Calendar with events through the next year – subscribe or download.

Pay for events and dues.

Bookmark it NOW to be in the know!!

<http://www.usnaaasd.com>

### Interested In the USNA:

Access the USNA web site at [www.USNA.edu/Admissions](http://www.USNA.edu/Admissions). Once there, peruse the site to learn more about USNA. In the Admissions section, go to the "Steps for Admission" page. There is a button "Request Information" which brings up a template to fill out.

### Class Reps Desired!

We have some Classes without Reps - so links in the Chapter communication chain are absent. Please consider filling one of the vacant slots (see the [usnaaasd.com](http://usnaaasd.com) Class Rep page).

Interested? Contact Dave Frost [df2030@yahoo.com](mailto:df2030@yahoo.com) or 619-203-3017.

Please check our chapter BLOG: <http://reefpoints.blogspot.com> for gouge.

### Last Call:

#### CAPT Lee Fox USN (Ret) '43

Captain Elmer Lee Fox died Jun 29 at his home in La Jolla. He had a 30-year career in the Navy, commanding three ships. CAPT Fox lived in Coronado, National City and La Jolla as a young officer but moved to Tahoe City at the end of his naval career. He returned to San Diego in 2000.

CAPT Fox was born in Hollywood but grew up in Sacramento where he decided

as a child to join the Navy. He entered USNA in '39, graduating in Jun '42.

His first assignment was USS Chester (CA-27). Chester was hit by a torpedo at the Battle of Guadalcanal. After repairs, she participated in the Marshall and Gilbert islands campaigns. CAPT Fox was next assigned to the aircraft carrier Franklin (CV-17), known as "Big Ben" and "The Ship That Wouldn't Die". On March 19, 1945, the Franklin was less than 60 miles off the coast of Japan to launch a fighter attack against the island of Honshu. The ship was as close to the mainland as any carrier had been in World War II. A single enemy plane dropped two semi-armor piercing bombs. One struck the flight deck centerline, penetrating to the hangar deck, effecting destruction and igniting fires through the second and third decks, and knocking out the combat information center (CIC) and AIRPLOT. The second hit aft, tore through two decks and fanning fires, which triggered ammunition, bombs and rockets. The Franklin lay dead in the water within 50 miles of the Japanese mainland, with a 13° starboard list, burning from fires fueled by its own aircraft fuel, bombs and rockets, and without radio communications. Many of the crew were blown overboard, driven off by fire, killed or wounded, but the 106 officers and 604 enlisted who voluntarily remained saved their ship through sheer valor and tenacity. Half the crew – 724 men – were killed, and LT Fox was awarded the Bronze

Star for his leadership. Two other officers, one of them the chaplain, were awarded the Medal of Honor.

After the war, CAPT Fox taught naval science at Harvard. In '53, he was appointed ass't naval attaché at The Hague.

CAPT Fox commanded the destroyers Hollister (DD-788) and Peterson (DD-969) and the oiler Cacapon (AO-52). In '66 he was the on-scene commander, sinking 3 North Vietnamese torpedo boats and capturing 19 POWs. CAPT Fox's medals include the Legion of Merit and multiple decorations for his service during the Vietnam War.

Following retirement from the Navy, CAPT Fox obtained a law degree "for something to do," he would say later, taking on "anything that walked in the door." He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy, to whom he had been married 55 years. He is survived by wife Helen Pickard-Fox and three children, Beth Ruiz and Anne Pickard of San Diego and Michael Pickard of Seattle. CAPT Fox will be buried Oct. 28, 2009 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

### Current Members – 961

#### New Members

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#### Electronic Delivery

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Subject: **Electronic Delivery.**

#### Membership Renewal Reminder

You can renew for multiple years by increasing the amount you remit in \$20 increments.

### USNAAS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT	Class Host
12 Aug 1730	Happy Hour	Rock Bottom in La Jolla (8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA)	Gilda Reeves, <a href="mailto:gadessi@hotmail.com">gadessi@hotmail.com</a>	
21 Aug 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>	
21 Aug 0730	Tour in MCRD in lieu of monthly luncheon	MCRD Gate 5 0730- lunch at Bay View at 1230	Dan Archer '80	
29 Aug 1200	Link in the Chain picnic	Admiral Baker Field - Cook House Area 1	<a href="mailto:secretary@usnaaasd.com">secretary@usnaaasd.com</a>	
17 Sept 1130	Monthly Luncheon Speaker: TBD	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: TBD		72
18 Sept 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>	
15 Oct 1130	Monthly Luncheon Speaker: TBD	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: TBD		94
18 Sept 0700	Monthly Luncheon Speaker: TBD	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: TBD	Monthly Luncheon Speaker: TBD	79

# Link in the Chain Picnic

USNA Alumni San Diego

Join us at Admiral Baker Picnic Area  
For A Great Day Out!



We'll provide the burgers, dogs,  
chicken, sodas, water, you bring a  
dish to pass!

**Saturday, August 29th,  
Noon**

AirDale Brewing will  
host a beer tent!

**\$5 for adults  
Children under  
10 Free**

Games for Kids and Adults,  
Golf Tee  
Times,  
Swimming.

**Make your  
reservations today by  
mail or online.**

[www.usnaasd.com](http://www.usnaasd.com)

or

Snail Mail to  
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Location: Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Make Checks Payable to:

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Time: 1130 Social

1200 Buffet Lucheon

Mail to

\$20 with RSVP/\$25 at the Door

1230 Presentation

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### New Member/Renewal Form (Not Required If No Changes) \$20 per year, \$10 Active Duty O-3 and below

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<b>Rank/Service:</b>	/	<b>Alt Email:</b>	
<b>Spouse:</b>		<b>Work Address:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>		<b>City, St:</b>	
<b>City, St ZIP:</b>		<b>Company/ Position:</b>	/

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