



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni,

What a great month we have had and an even better two months we have left for the rest of this year, 2014. Navy Football is 4 games won toward our six and bringing the team back out to San Diego for their Bowl Game!!! Many of us were back at USNA for Homecoming to watch Navy beat San

Jose State and see many of our classmates we haven't seen for years. Talk about a beautiful weekend!

We have decided to stay with our 4 places to watch the Navy ND game and not join ND, but ND is joining us in North County at D Street Bar and Grill, so we should give Penn State a run for their money as to who has the most people there. 5PM Pacific, be there!!!

Speaking of Penn State, we had such a good time watching with them up in North County we asked them to join us at PB Shore Club on November 13th at 5:30 for our next Joint Happy Hour. It is going to be a great party so be there.

General Draude, from the Marine Corps University, has asked me to get out an invitation to all the Marines in San Diego to join us at Ki's for a dinner starting at 5:30 on November 11th. Email me ASAP and let me know if you want to attend. I have to give the restaurant an accurate count, so please let me know you are planning on attending.

Army Navy is going to be at Buffalo Wild Wings on December 13th and we are going to be the only show in town, so we will have great service so plan on being there. Again, sign up at our website so we can know how many people will be there. We are planning on over 300 this year!

**Go Navy, BEAT Army!**  
**Alan**

### Upcoming Luncheons

**November 18**  
**Admiral Baker Clubhouse**  
Speaker TBA

### Class Rep News & Gouge

We are closing in on 1,000 members - keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNAAA Chapter worldwide! Football season is upon us - please chow call the gouge out regarding our 5 football

viewing locations. Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1954. 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](http://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 Vice President for Membership, Dan Snyder '87 at (858) 551-1159, [vpmembership@usnaaasd.com](mailto:vpmembership@usnaaasd.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 – 997**  
**Paid Members – 469**

### 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.usnaasds.com](http://www.usnaasds.com) and click on the membership tab.

**Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!!** Please update your profile by logging onto [www.usnaasds.com](http://www.usnaasds.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://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

#### RADM K.J. Christoph Jr. USN (Ret) '48

Rear Admiral K.J. Christoph Jr. died on 10 October 2014; he was 87 years old. A Coronado native and descendant of Alvin B. Daniels, one of the pioneers of Coronado, he was the son of RADM K.J. Christoph, a pioneer in amphibious warfare in World War II. He attended the Severn School in Severna Park, MD prior to the Naval Academy from which he graduated in three years with Class 48A in June 1947.

His service selection following graduation was Underwater Demolition, the predecessors of the unconventional warfare SEAL Teams. He served as a Platoon officer in UDT-1 and UDT-4. Assigned to Underwater Demolition Team ONE in 1950, he participated in commando raids against road and rail targets in Korea before the Inchon assault. Trapped behind a beach south of Inchon, Christoph had to work his way around the enemy before finding a half inflated rubber boat, and, with several others, escaped safely. These operations demonstrated for the first time that frogmen could operate beyond the high water mark and deep into enemy territory. This was revolutionary in the employment of Underwater Demolition Teams.

Admiral Christoph always considered himself first and foremost a Surface Warfare officer, or shipdriver. He also served aboard USS BUCK (DD-761), USS KULA GULF (CVE-108), USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), and USS BAUER (DE-1025). He commanded USS PLUCK (MSO-464), USS JONAS INGRAM (DD-

938), USS Wm V. PRATT (DDG-44), USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3), Amphibious Squadron Three, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, and Amphibious Group Two. He was extremely proud of the fact that he was one of the very few officers who had commands in all four elements of the Surface Navy: Mine Force, Service Force, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, and Amphibious Force. He served as the last chief of staff for the Atlantic Amphibious Force and the first chief of staff for Atlantic Surface Force. He also served as chief of staff, Naval Forces Vietnam in Saigon, at the U. S. Readiness Command (the successor of Strike Command and the predecessor of Central Command), and the Joint Deployment Agency in Tampa, Florida.

While a student at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, he met and married his wife, the former Geraldine Couture. Together, they raised five children: Karen Munch of Galt, CA; Kimberly Reinking of Davis, CA; Karl J. III of Maricopa, AZ; and Kathleen McCarthy USN (Ret) of San Diego, CA and Kerry D. of Pasadena, CA. Ten grandchildren and one great-grandson also survive him.

Admiral Christoph was an excellent athlete and won trophies in tennis, volleyball, softball, handball, racquetball, golf and squash. In addition, he enjoyed sailing, playing lacrosse and touch football.

After retirement he and his wife traveled extensively throughout the world. He also worked as an enrolled agent at the H & R Block Premium office in Claremont for 13 years, and served on the Board of Directors of the Brittany Tower HOA for 23 years.

A memorial mass will be said in his honor at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church at 11451 Blue Cypress Dr., Scripps Ranch, San Diego, CA 92131. He will be inurned at a future date at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Donations are suggested to Saint Vincent de Paul Village in San Diego, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Scripps Hospice.

### 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](mailto: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*
14Nov2014, 1730	Networking Happy Hour with Penn State Alumni	<i>PB Shore Club, 4343 Ocean Blvd, Pacific Beach</i>	<a href="http://www.usnaasd.com/article.html?aid=409">http://www.usnaasd.com/article.html?aid=409</a>
15Nov2014	Navy Football vs Georgia Southern	<i>1230 Pacific, CBS Sports Network</i>	Viewing sites: 1. Tilted Kilt Mission Valley 2. The Fish Company on Coronado 3. PB Shore Club in Pacific Beach 4. The West End in North Pacific Beach 5. D Street Bar and Grill in Encinitas
18Nov2014, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120</i>	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, <a href="mailto:alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com">alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com</a>
21Nov2014, 0700	NAVNET	<i>Trellis Garden Grill, Town &amp; Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108</i>	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>
28Nov2014	Navy Football vs South Alabama	<i>TBA Pacific, ESPN 3</i>	Viewing sites: 1. PB Shore Club in Pacific Beach 2. The West End in North Pacific Beach 3. D Street Bar and Grill in Encinitas
13Dec2014, 1200	Army – Navy Football	<i>1200 Pacific, CBS</i>	Buffalo Wild Wings, 1640 Camino Del Rio North, 1376, San Diego, CA 92108  Cost: TBA
19Dec2014, 0700	NAVNET	<i>Trellis Garden Grill, Town &amp; Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108</i>	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>

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 \$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, 14430 Callejon Musica San Diego, CA 92129

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Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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