



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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of room for the kids to run around and play. The 100+ guests included alumni from seven decades ranging from the Class of 1953 to the Class of 2017. I personally want to thank all our volunteers who made this event successful!

Next on the calendar is our August Tour at the Maritime Museum on August 11th. We will meet for a morning tour and follow it with lunch at the Indigo Café on the top floor of the County Admin Building, which hosts a spectacular view of the Bay and the Maritime Museum. Please remember to sign up on-line.

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of VADM Richardson '36. VADM David Charles Richardson passed away peacefully in his San Diego home on June 13, 2015. He was 101 years old. VADM Richardson was an active USNA supporter, often watching the football games from his favorite seat at the Fish Company in Coronado. VADM Richardson was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne in June 2014 and his son CDR David W. Richardson (retired) in May 2015. He was laid to rest at Miramar National Cemetery.

If you are interested in making a difference in our USNA alumni community here in SD, there are a few open positions on our chapter board and always opportunities to assist with our chapter events. Please feel free to contact me, and I'll be more than happy to speak with you.

**BEAT ARMY!!!**  
**Gilda**

### Upcoming Luncheons

**September 15**  
**Admiral Baker Clubhouse**  
 Speaker TBA

### Class Rep News & Gouge

**We are AT 1,000 members - who will be 1001?** Keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNAAA Chapter worldwide! 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, Nick Norris, '03 at [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 – 1000**  
**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

### President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Alumni!

August is always an exciting month for our chapter! For those of you who were able to join us for our annual Link-in-the-Chain picnic, thank you. It turned out to be a great event where I had the opportunity to socialize with both some new and old faces to include some members of the parents club. The MCRD picnic area provided us with a beautiful view of the bay and plenty

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](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 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.navyalumni.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

VADM David C. Richardson, USN (Ret) '36

Vice Admiral David Charles Richardson passed away peacefully in his San Diego home on Saturday, June 13, 2015. He was 101 years old.

David was born in Meridian, Mississippi in 1914, the only child of Isaiah and Anne Kate Richardson. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout, graduated from Marion Institute and attended the United States Naval Academy. He graduated 4 June 1936 with the other 260 members of the Class of 1936. After two years on the battleship Tennessee (BB-43) he was selected for flight training in Pensacola and earned his wings in 1940.

David flew the Grumman F3F, the last American biplane fighter and the F4F Wildcat in Fighting Squadron Five. In 1942, flying off the USS Saratoga (CV-3), was credited with the first kill of a Japanese 'May' seaplane. Later near Guadalcanal Island, he shot down three additional enemy aircraft and was himself shot down. He earned his Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, Air Medals and the Purple Heart during that action. Later in the war he commanded Fighter Squadron One.

Following WWII, David studied at the Royal Navy Staff College in London and then spent two years at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island as a student and staff. He commanded Carrier Air Group 13 during the Korean War and served in mid-career staff tours including naval aviation planning for both Europe and the Pacific. Additional commands included USS Cimarron (AO-22) and the aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-12) where he won the Battle

Efficiency Award. In addition to the decorations previously mentioned, he also earned three Distinguished Service Medals and a Presidential Unit Citation during his career in addition to numerous campaign awards.

With promotion to Rear Admiral, David commanded Carrier Division Five/CTF-77 off Viet Nam. In 1968, he was selected for Vice Admiral and commanded the Sixth Fleet based in Gaeta, Italy. In 1972, he retired as Deputy Commander, Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and his family returned to Julian, California.

Following his naval service, David began consulting and advising in the exploitation of intelligence and in the technology of command and control of naval forces. He served many years on national intelligence panels, including the Naval Research Advisory Committee and was a member of the Naval Intelligence Advisory Board. On his 95th birthday, David received a formal recognition for his significant contributions to naval intelligence.

David and his wife of 54 years, Jeanne enjoyed residing in a Julian cabin that Jeanne had built in the 1960s, a home David had built in Coronado in the 1940s, and Jeanne's home in San Diego built by her family in 1920s. They were married in 1955; Jeanne M. Simonds was a Navy widow and mother of Caprice. He had two sons from a previous marriage, David and Robert. They combined families and added three more children of their own, Ruthanne, Schamber and Samuel. Many years the family enjoyed their Mammoth Lakes condo in the mountains of California where they fished the streams and lakes in summer and skied in winter. They saw all six children graduate from colleges across the country and remained involved in their lives.

David was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne in June, 2014 and his son David W. (Commander retired) in May of 2015. Surviving David is Caprice (Dan), Robert, Ruthanne (John), Schamber (Mark), Sam (Beth) (Captain, retired), and daughter-in-law Margaret. He has twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law and various nephews and nieces.

Throughout his retirement, David remained active in the Episcopal Church, the Julian Lions Club, QED, Golden Eagles, Tailhook Association and various military intelligence organizations.

Services will be held Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 10:00 AM at All Saints Episcopal

Church in San Diego with a private burial with full military honors at Miramar National Cemetery.

**Financial News**

2014 Financial report is available upon request. Please contact Chapter Treasurer.

| DATE/TIME | EVENT/SPEAKER | LOCATION/TOPIC | EVENT INFORMATION* |
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**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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| * <b>1930's</b> David Richardson<br>619.295.3994 | <b>1941</b> Rollo Rieve<br>760.704.1319      | <b>1942</b> Charlie Bishop<br>619.223.0492       | <b>1943</b> <u>VACANT</u>                     | <b>1944</b> Jack Reynolds<br>858.673.8122      | <b>1945</b> <u>VACANT</u>                   |
| <b>1946</b> <u>VACANT</u>                        | <b>1947</b> Nick Nicholson<br>858.454.9624   | * <b>1948</b> Chuck Gorder<br>619.546.4808       | <b>1949</b> Chuck Howe<br>619.437.4190        | <b>1950</b> Dean French<br>858.459.4360        | <b>1951</b> Paul Tuzo<br>858.695.3690       |
| <b>1952</b> Dick Dietz<br>619.435.4646           | <b>1953</b> James Rodgers<br>619.435.1021    | <b>1954</b> <u>VACANT</u>                        | <b>1955</b> Ned Floyd<br>619.423.2870         | <b>1956</b> Carl Nelson<br>619.421.9094        | <b>1957</b> George Lanman<br>619.437.6095   |
| * <b>1958</b> Chuck Smith<br>619.472.5858        | <b>1959</b> Jim Cartwright<br>619.435.9363   | <b>1960</b> John Schmidt<br>858.673.7169         | <b>1961</b> Jim Richardson,<br>(619) 226-4978 | * <b>1962</b> Greg Chauncey<br>858.551.7540    | <b>1963</b> Phillip Marsden<br>619.435.3318 |
| <b>1964</b> Bob Glennon<br>760.730.3608          | <b>1965</b> Dave Schlesinger<br>619.470.0542 | <b>1966</b> George Klein<br>619.221.0059         | <b>1967</b> Warren Millard<br>858.695.3342    | <b>1968</b> Randy Bogle<br>619.328.5728        | <b>1969</b> Mike McNeil<br>858.354.6565     |
| <b>1970</b> Tom Flaherty<br>858.740.5142         | * <b>1971</b> Tom Hammons<br>858.538.9824    | <b>1972</b> Ed Nocon,<br>(858) 484-7279          | <b>1973</b> Dave Kuhn<br>619.957.8371         | <b>1974</b> Bob Santos<br>619.476.7683         | <b>1975</b> Dave Frost<br>858.541.2604      |
| <b>1976</b> Phil Poirier<br>858.538.6708         | <b>1977</b> Mike Keeney<br>619.435.2642      | <b>1978</b> John Rogitz<br>619.561.5292          | <b>1979</b> Pat Garcia<br>619.307.9167        | * <b>1980</b> Rich Carlquist<br>619.294.9727   | <b>1981</b> Tom Carlson<br>619.397.0909     |
| <b>1982</b> Craig Smith<br>619.623.5509          | <b>1983</b> Don Hinderliter<br>619.665.9078  | <b>1984</b> Bryan Caraveo<br>619.249.6043        | <b>1985</b> Kyle Freitas<br>760.522.7916      | <b>1986</b> Dan Gruta<br>619.806.1155          | <b>1987</b> Tad Northcott<br>703.819.2289   |
| <b>1988</b> John Ross<br>760.744.1762            | <b>1989</b> Paul Gallagher<br>760.492.4247   | <b>1990</b> Mike Bice<br>(619) 947-3569          | <b>1991</b> Max Folkers<br>619.277.3688       | <b>1992</b> Brian Dozier<br>619.920.3178       | <b>1993</b> Arlen Aspenson<br>858.717.9998  |
| <b>1994</b> Jamieson Slough<br>760.716.1350      | <b>1995</b> Kevin Messer<br>858.663.1658     | <b>1996</b> Bob Willingham<br>619.889.9872       | <b>1997</b> Chris Benson<br>619.417.0620      | * <b>1998</b> Gilda Reeves<br>858.220.1108     | <b>1999</b> Alan Baca<br>619.818.1024       |
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| <b>2006</b> Eric Handal<br>(703) 795-4420        | <b>2007</b> Nate Myers<br>(760) 505-8418     | <b>2008</b> Natalie Lamb<br>301.233.4138         | <b>2009</b> Chris Rowland<br>815.954.7305     | * <b>2010</b> Michelle Webster<br>619.980.1651 | <b>2011</b> Will Cunha<br>901.336.6581      |
| <b>2012</b> Donald Bowers<br>713.876.0794        | <b>2013</b> Leslie Beatrice<br>571.212.1870  | <b>2014</b> David Matasic<br><b>484-356-5137</b> |   |  |   |

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| 11AUG2015, 1000 | Summer Tour                       | San Diego Maritime Museum<br>1492 N Harbor Dr, San Diego,<br>CA 92101  | Contact: Gilda Reeves '98, (858) 220-1108,<br><a href="mailto:president@usnaaasd.com">president@usnaaasd.com</a> |
| 08AUG015, 0700  | NAVNET                            | <i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral<br>Baker Rd<br>San Diego, CA 92120 | Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824,<br><a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>              |
| 05SEP2015, 0900 | Navy Football vs Colgate          | Navy Marine Corps Memorial<br>Stadium, TBA local sites                 | Televised on CBS Sports Network  |
| 15SEP2015, 1115 | Monthly Luncheon :<br>Speaker TBA | <i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral<br>Baker Rd<br>San Diego, CA 92120 | Contact:<br>Gilda Reeves '98, <a href="mailto:president@usnaaasd.com">president@usnaaasd.com</a>                 |
| 18SEP2015, 0700 | NAVNET                            | <i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral<br>Baker Rd<br>San Diego, CA 92120 | Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824,<br><a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>              |
| 19SEP2015, 1230 | Navy Football vs East<br>Carolina | Navy Marine Corps Memorial<br>Stadium, TBA local sites                 | Televised on CBS Sports Network  |
| 05OCT2015, 1230 | Navy Football vs USAFA            | Navy Marine Corps Memorial<br>Stadium, TBA local sites                 | Televised on CBS Sports Network  |
| 12OCT2016, 1230 | Navy Football vs Notre Dame       | South Bend, IN, TBA local sites  | Televised on NBC   |
| 16OCT2015, 0700 | NAVNET                            | <i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral<br>Baker Rd<br>San Diego, CA 92120 | Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824,<br><a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>              |
| 21OCT2015, 1115 | Monthly Luncheon :<br>Speaker TBA | <i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral<br>Baker Rd<br>San Diego, CA 92120 | Contact:<br>Gilda Reeves '98, <a href="mailto:president@usnaaasd.com">president@usnaaasd.com</a>                 |
| 24OCT2015, 1000 | Navy Football vs Tulane           | Navy Marine Corps Memorial<br>Stadium, TBA local sites                 | Televised on CBS Sports Network  |
| 31OCT2015, 0900 | Navy Football vs South<br>Florida | Navy Marine Corps Memorial<br>Stadium, TBA local sites                 | Televised on CBS Sports Network  |
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**Luncheon Reservation RSVP:** [reservations@usnaaasd.com](mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.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: Alternate _____ |             |               |              |
| Home<br>Address _____  | City _____  | State _____   | Zip _____    |

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