



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings!

The Service Academy Career Conference (SACC) last month was a huge success. I hope everyone was able to link up with some old friends at the happy hour. Thanks to Mike Philbrook '83 for being a big part of it.

Also, the day at the Del Mar Races went very well. Thanks to Thomas Bethman '08 for spearheading that event.

Volunteers are always needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, September 27. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event and chance to give back.

If you have not heard, Navy football is back! Remember there are multiple viewing locations to watch the games with your fellow alumni including:

- Cutwater Sprits (near Miramar)
- Social Tap (Downtown)
- PB Shore Club (Pacific Beach)
- American Legion #416 (Encinitas)

Make your plans now to maximize your experience during Notre Dame week! Over 55,000 tickets have been sold to the game, so check our website frequently and sign up for our e-mail list. Both alumni associations are fired up for the game and there will be a full weekend of events. There is a golf tournament on Thursday followed by a Joint happy hour downtown (Social Tap), a great Joint luncheon on the MIDWAY on Friday, a "Come Around" Pier Party Friday evening (Broadway Pier), a big Navy tailgate (SDCCU Stadium) and a great game on Saturday! Sign-ups are now open and the links in this newsletter are live.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers that make this chapter run so well! Please check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

BEAT NOTRE DAME AND ARMY!!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, Sep 06 @ 5:30PM-7:30PM

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Cutwater Spirits

9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Sat, Sep 08 @ 12:30pm

Navy Football vs. Memphis
Multiple Viewing Locations

Sat, Sep 15 @ 12:30pm

Navy Football vs. Lehigh
Multiple Viewing Locations

Fri, Sep 21 @7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Sat, Sep 22 @ TBD

Navy Football at SMU
Multiple Viewing Locations

Wed, Sep 26 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM

Chapter Luncheon

CAPT Larry Blumberg, USN (Ret.)

Executive Director, Fleet Week San Diego

Wed, Sep 26 @ 5:30-7:00PM

Chapter Board Meeting

Wood Ranch Grill

Thurs, Sep 27 @ 8:30AM-12:30PM

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange

POC: Craig Smith '82

Future Events

Thurs, Oct 4

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour

Cutwater Spirits

9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Sat, Oct 06 @ 12:30pm

Navy Football at Air Force

Multiple Viewing Locations

Sat, Oct 13 @ 12:30pm

Navy Football vs. Temple

Multiple Viewing Locations

Fri, Oct 19 @7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Sat, Oct 20 @ 12:30pm

Navy Football vs. Houston

Multiple Viewing Locations

Thurs, Oct 25 @ 10:00AM

Navy/Notre Dame Golf Tournament
Riverwalk Golf Course
<http://www.holidaybowl.com/navy-notre-dame-golf-tournament/>

Thurs, Oct 25 @ 6:00PM-8:00PM

Navy/Notre Dame Happy Hour
Social Tap, 815 J Street, San Diego

Fri, Oct 26 @ 11:30AM-1:30AM

Navy/Notre Dame QB Luncheon
USS MIDWAY Museum
For tickets: <https://www.nd-navy2018.com/tickets/quarterback-luncheon>

Fri, Oct 26 @ 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Come Around Pier Party
Broadway Pier

Sat, Oct 27 @ 2:00PM

Navy Tailgater
SDCCU Stadium, San Diego
<https://www.usna.com/2018Navy-NotreDame>

Sat, Oct 27 @ 5:00PM

Navy Football vs. Notre Dame
SDCCU Stadium
<http://www.holidaybowl.com/tickets/navy-vs-notre-dame-2018-tickets/>

"SIR, I'll find out SIR!!!"

Chapter Information Corner:

Membership:

Current Members – 991
Paid Members – 409

Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!

Update your profile by logging onto www.usnaaasd.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.

Class Rep News and Gouge

Everyone receiving this newsletter likely already knows the difference between membership in the National Chapter (Alumni Association) and being a member of your

local San Diego Chapter. This is a crucial distinction that some of more recent classes aren't always aware of. Your local chapter works to provide you with camaraderie, connection, and utility during your stay in San Diego whether just for a PCS or for life.

Please help us spread 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.

If you are still on active duty, 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 Chapter Vice President, Benn Hobbs '02 at vp1@usnaaasd.com

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

Contact Caroline Rodi '98 for more info.

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!](#)

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USNA Alumni Travel Program

Did you know that our alumni network conducts annual trips all over the world?! Take a look at some of the excursions available to you on the USNA website!

Last Call/Obituaries:

For more obituaries, see our chapter website.

Find us on Social Media!



Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaasd.com or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event. \$20 Member with RSVP; \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. (It pays to be a member!)

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

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____

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

Date/Time	Event/Speaker	Location/Topic	Event Contact Info
Sep 06, 2018; 5:30PM-7:30PM	First Thursday Networking Happy Hour	Cutwater Spirits 9750 Distribution Ave San Diego, CA	Caroline Rodi '98 caroline.rod@gmail.com
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Sep 27, 2018; 8:30AM-12:30PM	ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange Food Bank	ASYMCA Volunteers Needed!	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaasd.com
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Oct 25-27	Notre Dame Week Events	Various - Check our website	Various - Check our website

Football viewing locations:

- **Cutwater Spirits** (near MCAS Miramar), 9750 Distribution Avenue, San Diego (POC: Craig Smith '82, 619-623-5509)
- **Social Tap** in Downtown San Diego, 815 J Street #101, San Diego (POC: Thomas Bethmann '08, 904-955-1304)
- **American Legion Post 416** in Encinitas on the corner of F and 2nd Street (POC: Alan Lerchbacker '74 626-644-6452)
- **The PB Shore Club**, 4343 Ocean Blvd, Pacific Beach (POC: Chris Cisek '02, 619-990-2273 cell, chriscisek@gmail.com)

The USNA Alumni Association – San Diego Chapter

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email ypmembership@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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1946 VACANT	1947 Nick Nicholson 858.454.9624	1948 VACANT	1949 VACANT	1950 Dean French 858.459.4360	1951 Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690
1952 Dick Dietz 619.435.4646	1953 James Rodgers 619.435.1021	1954 VACANT	1955 Ned Floyd 619.423.2870	* 1956 Carl Nelson 619.421.9094	1957 George Lanman 619.437.6095
* 1958 Chuck Smith 619.472.5858	1959 Jim Cartwright 619.435.9363	1960 John Schmidt 858.673.7169	1961 Jim Richardson, (619) 226-4978	* 1962 Greg Chauncey 858.551.7540	1963 Phillip Marsden 619.435.3318
1964 Bob Glennon 760.730.3608	1965 Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	1966 George Klein 619.221.0059	1967 Warren Millard 858.695.3342	1968 Randy Bogle 619.328.5728	1969 Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
1970 Tom Flaherty 858.740.5142	* 1971 Tom Hammons 858.538.9824	1972 Ed Nocon, (858) 484-7279	1973 Dave Kuhn 619.957.8371	1974 Bob Santos 619.476.7683	1975 Dave Frost 858.541.2604
1976 Phil Poirier 858.538.6708	1977 Tom Hejl 619.437.4706	1978 John Rogitz 619.561.5292	1979 Pat Garcia 619.307.9167	* 1980 Barbette Lowndes 858.243.2142	1981 Tom Carlson 619.397.0909
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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.