



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Letter

#### Dear Fellow Alumni,

As the cherry blossoms explode, the water warms, and you can smell the salt in the air, we know it is almost summer here, while in Boston they are still wondering if it is going to snow any more before they can call it spring!!

We have a fantastic speaker this month, Vice Admiral Koenig, MC, will be talking with us about the latest and greatest news about Tricare and how Obama Care will impact our health in the future.

Be sure to check out our Padres Baseball game, as we have a limited number of tickets, you must sign up now because they are going fast. The game is Wednesday, April 15th at 6PM.

I look forward to seeing you all there, Alan

### Upcoming Luncheons

#### April 21

#### Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Admiral Harold Koenig, MC (ret), former Surgeon General of the Navy

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

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

CDR Corliss Nugent USN (Ret) '46

Retired Commander Corliss Nugent, 93, passed away at his San Diego home on Sunday, March 1st, surrounded by family. CDR Nugent was born September 13th, 1921.

He was appointed to the Naval Academy Class of 1946 from the State of Illinois. The Class of 1946 entered the Academy in June 1942, the month the Battle of Midway was fought, reversing the march of the Japanese Empire across the Pacific. CDR Nugent graduated with the Class of 1946, a year early on 6 June 1945 because of the needs of the nation for naval officers in World War II. Victory in Europe (V-E) Day was 8 May 1945, just prior to their graduation, but the War in the Pacific did not end until 14 August 1945 following the explosion of the second U.S. atomic bomb over the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Upon graduation, CDR Nugent pursued a career in Surface Warfare retiring with the rank of Commander. His naval career spanned conflicts in the Second World War, Korea and Vietnam. He was Commanding Officer of USS Prichett (DD-561) from Feb 1963 to July 1964. Following his retirement from the Navy, he commenced a long second

seafaring career as a Captain in the Merchant Marine earning a Master's Mate license from the Coast Guard.

One of his commands in the Merchant Marine was the Texas Clipper, a training ship for naval cadets from the Texas Maritime Academy. In 1978, a different policy was adopted for the ship's Commanding Officers. "On her first 13 voyages, the ship was commanded by one of the members of the school's faculty. After 1978, the Clipper was commanded by single voyage captains from commercial lines (such as Exxon, Lykes and Texaco). They received a salary from their company, were on vacation or were retired. They viewed it as a public service to their profession."

"The Texas Clipper left Galveston with 176 cadets on 9 June [1979], under the command of Corliss R. Nugent for an itinerary that included ports of call in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico."

Quotations from the book, *The Ship That Would Not Die: USS Queens, SS Excambion, and USTS Texas Clipper* By Stephen J. Curley

Captain Nugent is survived by, Arlene, his wife of 31 years, four children, three step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His eldest daughter predeceased him.

### Financial News

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

**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>1946</b> <u>VACANT</u>	<b>1947</b> Nick Nicholson 858.454.9624	* <b>1948</b> Chuck Gordor 619.546.4808	<b>1949</b> Chuck Howe 619.437.4190	<b>1950</b> Dean French 858.459.4360	<b>1951</b> Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690
<b>1952</b> Dick Dietz 619.435.4646	<b>1953</b> James Rodgers 619.435.1021	<b>1954</b> <u>VACANT</u>	<b>1955</b> Ned Floyd 619.423.2870	<b>1956</b> Carl Nelson 619.421.9094	<b>1957</b> George Lanman 619.437.6095
* <b>1958</b> Chuck Smith 619.472.5858	<b>1959</b> Jim Cartwright 619.435.9363	<b>1960</b> John Schmidt 858.673.7169	<b>1961</b> Jim Richardson, (619) 226-4978	* <b>1962</b> Greg Chauncey 858.551.7540	<b>1963</b> Phillip Marsden 619.435.3318
<b>1964</b> Bob Glennon 760.730.3608	<b>1965</b> Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	<b>1966</b> George Klein 619.221.0059	<b>1967</b> Warren Millard 858.695.3342	<b>1968</b> Randy Bogle 619.328.5728	<b>1969</b> Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
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<b>1982</b> Craig Smith 619.623.5509	<b>1983</b> Don Hinderliter 619.665.9078	<b>1984</b> Bryan Caraveo 619.249.6043	<b>1985</b> Kyle Freitas 760.522.7916	<b>1986</b> Dan Gruta 619.806.1155	<b>1987</b> Tad Northcott 703.819.2289
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<b>1994</b> Jamieson Slough 760.716.1350	<b>1995</b> Kevin Messer 858.663.1658	<b>1996</b> Bob Willingham 619.889.9872	<b>1997</b> Chris Benson 619.417.0620	* <b>1998</b> Gilda Reeves 858.220.1108	<b>1999</b> Alan Baca 619.818.1024
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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
15Apr2015, 1800	Padres Game	Petco Park, Skyline Terrace	Tickets are \$45 for members and guests, \$50 for non-member alumni and guests.  Contact: Ben Hobbs '02 Email: benjamin.s.hobbs@gmail.com or Cell 707.301.9607
17Apr2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>
21Apr2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, <a href="mailto:alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com">alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com</a>
15May2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>
19May2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, <a href="mailto:alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com">alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com</a>
16Jun2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, <a href="mailto:alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com">alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com</a>
19Jun2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, <a href="mailto:tjhammons@aol.com">tjhammons@aol.com</a>

**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, 14430 Callejon Musica San Diego, CA 92129

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NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____

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