



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter



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President's Letter

Greetings!

The highlight of March was definitely the luncheon. Our 1st Annual Sea Story Contest brought to light some amazing stories. The class of '52 definitely stole the show with their tall tales! One of my favorite stories was told by Mike Keeney, Class of '77, on how he survived being blown off an aircraft carrier. Mike shared his unbelievable experience of surviving a jet blast, surviving the fall from the carrier, and then escaping

the jaws of the carrier. Good thing Mike was a Navy swimmer! I won't reveal the rest of the tale, you'll just have to attend next year's contest to find out the ending.

One of the most emotional stories was told by Frank Tillotson, Class of '63, about his Vietnam experience. You could hear a pin drop during his moving account of the 110.

Watch your inboxes for upcoming events that are planned for the rest of the year. We are planning a Happy Hour for June, making arrangements for our August Tour, and finalizing our Padre event.

BEAT ARMY!!!
Gilda

Upcoming Luncheons

Looking for speakers. Please contact any board member with amazing ideas!

April-TBD

May

Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio

Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio, US Navy (ret), will discuss China's competition with America and its increasing use of coercion in the Western Pacific.

Class Rep News & Gouge

We are AT 1,000 members - who will be 1001? Keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNA Chapter worldwide!
 Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1930's, 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 USNA 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 USNA Chapter is that they assume that USNA Life Membership with Annapolis automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNA 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 USNA San Diego Chapter website 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, Craig Smith, at 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.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 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>.

Obituaries

None.

Financial News

2015 Financial report is available upon request. Please contact Chapter Treasurer.

Luncheon Reservation RSVP: 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, 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.usnaaasd.com/events.html> for additional event information and RSVP.