



# The USNA Alumni Association

## San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Letter

We made it through the madness that was March. What a busy month we had. We started with our annual Dark Ages event at Anthology where we listened to an amazing band playing tribute music from Journey. We had room to mingle and relax on the second floor of this unique venue in Little Italy.

The food was delicious and plentiful (loved the cupcakes!). There was even a signature Blue and Gold cocktail created just for us. The common response when asked if we were having a good time... 'We should do this again.' Thanks to Betsy Radelow '01 for making the Dark Ages brighter.

Mid month we were honored to have VADM Richardson '36 as our luncheon guest speaker. We filled the room with alumni of all ages. The best picture of the day was a photo of VADM Richardson, our most mature attendee, and MIDN Kevin Farley '13, our youngest (below).



VADM Richardson shared his experience as a pilot in World War II. There aren't many like him who can still share their stories of air engagements with the enemy, being shot down in the Pacific or being a part of some of history's most important and decisive battles.

The month also included many opportunities to engage with Midshipmen. The Women's Glee Club spent a part of their spring break in Dana Point singing at various locations. The Men's Track Team competed in a track and field event at Point Loma

Nazarene. Of course the biggest event of the Midshipmen sports schedule was the return of the Men's Crew Team to the San Diego Crew Classic. This was our signature event for so many years. Thanks to Dave Frost '75, Putnam Browne '90 and Lisa Kelly (mother of team captain Matt Fleur '13) for dusting off the old playbook and bringing this event back to life. This is Coach Clothier's 38th and final year coaching Men's Crew. We made sure he would remember his final year at the San Diego Crew Classic.

Don't miss our luncheon on April 19th. Flack Maguire will be speaking on his new and innovative aviation training program. Virtual Flight Academy (VFA) is a non-profit youth aviation training and career development program seeking to start military aviation entry training as early as 12 years of age versus the norm today of age 22. VFA designs a fun and stimulating training environment to increase proficiency essential to being a military pilot operating manned or unmanned aircraft. The goal is to engage kids early enough to give them time to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to get them into careers and schools like USNA. We are hoping to have a few students from Kearny High School join us for a demonstration of VFA. Barbette Lowndes '80  
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

### Elections

As required by our By-Laws, we are holding our annual elections this month in connection with our annual meeting of members on April 19th. Ballots will be distributed by email. Votes may be submitted electronically, by mail or in person and must be received no later than

April 19th. Look for your ballot and exercise your right to vote.

### **Navy-Notre Dame In Ireland**

It is with deep regret that we must cancel the efforts to arrange a military flight to the Navy-Notre Dame game in Ireland this Sept. LTJG Amanda Brenner did the legwork to get the flight authorized, but as of March 15th, we have not received approval. Therefore, to give everyone time to make alternate flight arrangements, we are calling an end to the military flight option.

### **LTCOL Mario Carazo, USMC '91 - Education Fund**

LtCol Carazo was killed in action while supporting Marines in Afghanistan on July 22, 2010. Mario's wife, Jennifer, and children live locally. Jennifer is an active member of our Alumni Chapter. Learn more about Mario and an education fund set up for his children on our webpage.

Those interested in supporting the Carazo Education Fund may do so by making checks payable to the "Carazo Education Fund." Checks can be deposited at any branch of California Bank & Trust, but it is probably easiest to mail them to the following address: California Bank & Trust Attn: Joe Snyder, VP & Branch Manager 1127 Wall Street La Jolla, CA 92037 Tel. (858) 551-2887.

### **Upcoming Luncheons!!**

April: Flack Maguire will be speaking on his new Virtual Flight Academy. He is going to have a live "fly with me" connected to the Internet, so you do NOT want to miss this excellent event!!

May: George Galdorisi, again a MUST NOT MISS event. George wrote the book for the movie Act of Valor that is a current block buster about Navy SEAL's and their missions.

June: Admiral Jim Beebe will connect with our March and April speakers, Admiral Richardson and Flack Maguire. Admiral Beebe will be giving us a very timely update on how the future of

naval aviation is shaping up. Admiral Beebe is the Executive Assistant to Air Pac, North Island.

August, we are going to have a very special tour of the USS Midway and then lunch in the Gaslamp.

### **We are on Facebook; are you?**

The Chapter Facebook page is up and running. If you have a Facebook account, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter" or use the following link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USNA-Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/117296792155>.

### **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 on line 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 colors! If you have any questions call Chapter Corresponding Secretary Mike Mowins at (760) 602-0857 or [corrsec@usnaaasd.com](mailto:corrsec@usnaaasd.com).

### **Class Rep News**

Welcome Aboard to our newest Class Reps including Chris Murch 83 and Jamieson Slough 94. The

Class Rep position is vital to the smooth operation of the Chapter. We still need volunteers for the following year groups: 1954, 1973, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1995, 2005, 2006, & 2008. This is a great way to support your Chapter and serve your classmates. Please contact Richard Carlquist USNA '80 at (619) 917-6200 with any questions.

### **Class Rep Hail and Farewell:**

Mike McNeil has recently relieved John O'Brien as the USNA 69 Class Rep. John has served his classmates and the chapter as class rep for many years. His efforts are sincerely appreciated. Mike is no stranger to serving our chapter having served for many years as the chapter Secretary. Welcome back Mike.

### **Blue and Gold Update**

The applications for the Class of 2016 are complete and the majority of candidates will have a decision from the Candidate Guidance Office and know their status by April 15th. Online applications for the Class of 2017 will begin on 1 April 2012 at [[www.usna.edu/admissions](http://www.usna.edu/admissions)].

Last month USMA hosted the annual San Diego Area Service Academy Night at the San Diego County Office of Education. Local Service Academy, ROTC, and Congressional Office representatives were there as well as our local Blue and Gold Officers. This was one of the best turnouts we've had in recent years and the Navy tables were swamped with interested candidates.

Current statistics for the San Diego Area:  
Offers of Appointment Accepted – Seven  
Fully Qualified Offers of Appointment not yet accepted – Nine  
Conditional Offer of Appointment – One  
Naval Academy Preparatory School Offers Accepted – One

Naval Academy Preparatory School  
Fully Qualified Offers not yet accepted  
– Two  
Naval Academy Preparatory School  
(Offer Pool) – Four  
Naval Academy Foundation  
Scholarship Offer not yet accepted -  
One  
Candidates Interviewed by BGOs – 224  
Applicants from San Diego – 377  
Applicants Nationwide – over 20,000

### Membership

**Current Members – 955**

**Paid Members - 416**

### The Importance of Chapter Membership

There is a lot of value as a result of maintaining a current membership in our 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 into USNA.

**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 all club costs....that hasn't changed. The Chapter supports as many club requests as it can.

**Chapter On-Line Directory Access:** Only Chapter members have access to the data base of over 3000 area alumni

**Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events:** All Chapter events have a non-member surcharge.

**It's cheap:** \$20/year  
**It's easy to join:** Go to [www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.com) and click on the membership tab.

**Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!!** 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 webmaster to receive a temporary one. Please avoid creating a new record.

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
19 Apr/1130	Chapter Luncheon, Flack Maguire, Virtual Flight Academy	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: <a href="mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com">reservations@usnaaasd.com</a> or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
20 Apr/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	tjhammons@aol.com
17 May/1130	Chapter Luncheon, CAPT George Galdorisi, Act of Valor	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: <a href="mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com">reservations@usnaaasd.com</a> or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
18 May/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	tjhammons@aol.com
19 May/1130	Temecula Wine Tasting Tour	Viva Vino Restaurant in Old Town Temecula	The cost is \$129 per person and is limited to the first 24 reservations. Reservations close March 15. email Chris Mannion at <a href="mailto:zoomie83@roadrunner.com">zoomie83@roadrunner.com</a>
15 June/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	tjhammons@aol.com
21 June/1130	Chapter Luncheon, RADM Beebe, Future of Naval Aviation	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: <a href="mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com">reservations@usnaaasd.com</a> or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
19 July/1130	Chapter Luncheon, TBA	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: <a href="mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com">reservations@usnaaasd.com</a> or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
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United States Naval Academy Alumni Association  
San Diego Chapter  
Chapter Board of Trustee and Officer Elections  
April 2012

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**VP for Membership** – Craig Smith, '81

**Treasurer** – Maurice Caskey '64

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dan Archer '80

**Chapter Board Member (Term to Expire 2015)**

- Dick Evert, '68
- Dan Gruta, '86
- Bob Willingham '96
- Matt Parra '91

**Chapter Board Member (Term to Expire 2013)**

- Chris Cisek '02 (to complete the term of Bryce Whiting '94)

\_\_\_\_ Approve as listed

\_\_\_\_ Approved with the following write in candidates:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Office

\_\_\_\_ Disapprove

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**Luncheon Reservation Form** RSVP: secretary@usnaasd.com OR 619.384.1875. NLT Monday preceding the event

**Location:** Anchors @ 32nd Street

**Make Checks Payable to:**

USNAAA San Diego

**Time:** 1130 Social

\$20 with RSVP

701 KETTNER BLVD UNIT 28

1200 Buffet Luncheon

\$25 at the Door

San Diego, Ca 92101

**New Member/Renewal Form (Not Required If No Changes) \$20 per year, \$10 Active Duty O-3 and below**

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

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