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President's Letter

Greetings!

The 8th annual "Take me out to the Ballgame" at Petco Park sold out at 102 attendees for the Military Opening Day. The Leap Frogs and F-18 flyover were inspiring, and the Padres beat the Giants to go to 3-1 on the season!

I hope to see some of you at our First Thursday Happy Hour at Social Tap downtown this Thursday Apr 4.

Last month the Navy Track and Field team won both of their pre-season meets in San Diego. Thank you to everyone who supported the team.

Elections for new board members, directors and chapter officers will this month, both online and at our monthly luncheon. Look for your ballot to arrive by e-mail, or come to our Apr 17 luncheon to vote in person. We will also have our Class Rep meeting that same evening, Apr 17.

The Women's Shared Interest Group (SOG) has invited everyone to their happy hour on Apr 25. We look forward to many opportunities to work together across all interest groups to include as many alumni as possible in all of our events and initiatives.

We have a good connection with our Midshipmen Parent Club. They are also having election to select their new officers. Please contact Sheila for more information if you are interested.

Volunteers are needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, Apr 25. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event and chance to give back.

I encourage all alumni to check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook to get frequent updates, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, Apr 4 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm
First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Social Tap
815 J Street, San Diego

Sat, Apr 6 @ 3:00pm-6:00pm
Midshipman Parent Club Pass the Gavel
Contact Shelia Douglass for info.

Wed, Apr 17 @ 11:30am-1:00pm
Chapter Luncheon & Election Meeting
Speaker: Commander Kenneth Douglas,
Deputy Commander, CSS-11
Dave & Buster's, Mission Valley

Wed, Apr 17 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
Class Rep Meeting
Mitre Office Building
Liberty Station

Fri, Apr 19 @ 7:00am
NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thu, Apr 25 @ 8:30am-12:30pm
ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
Volunteers Needed!

Thu, Apr 25 @ TBD
Women's Shared Interest Group (SIG)
Happy Hour
(Details coming soon.)

Future Events

Thu, May 2 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm
First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Social Tap
815 J Street, San Diego

Wed, May 15 @ 11:30am-1:00pm
Chapter Luncheon
Speaker: TBD
Dave & Buster's, Mission Valley

Fri, May 17 @ 7:00am
NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thu, May 23 @ 8:30am-12:30pm
ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
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Tue, May 28 @ 6:00pm-8:30pm
Plebe Welcome Aboard Dinner
ADM Baker Clubhouse

“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!”

Chapter Information Corner:

Long Rang 2019 Planner:

- April – Class Rep Meeting at Mitre (Details coming out soon)
- April – Chapter Board Election (Contact me if you are interested)
- May 28 – Plebe Welcome Dinner
- Jun 18 – Happy Hour (Not on 1st Thu)
- Jun 21 – Commissioning Week Luau at Catamaran Hotel
- Jun – Plebe Send-off Luncheon
- Jun/Jul Strategic Planning Meeting
- Jul 11 – Happy Hour (Not on 1st Thu)
- Aug – Summer Event – Del Mar Races

Please contact any board member of chapter officer to volunteer to help with an event.

Membership:

Current Members – 969

Paid Members – 387

Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!

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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, Ben 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](#)

Parent Club Corner

Our Midshipman Parent Club will hold their annual Pass the Gavel election for new officers on April 6. Please contact Shelia Douglas for information and RSVP info.

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 bvhiger 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@usnaaasd.com or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event.

\$25 Member with RSVP; \$30 Non-Member.

(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, 3240 Nimitz Blvd, San Diego, CA 92106

Full Name	Class	Phone	Cell
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The USNA Alumni Association – San Diego Chapter

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email 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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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.