



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni,

What a great month we have had and what a wonderful spring and summer we are planning for you all!! Casino Night at the Air and Space Museum was a huge success and all of you who attended made it a very fun night.

In our March luncheon, Bob Shultz gave us a view into the Naval Academy that was

both enlightening and filled with thoughtful insight. Bob's last tour was as Director of Leadership for Character Development at USNA. He attended Stanford as an undergrad and then spent 30 years as a Navy SEAL. At the same time he was at USNA teaching, his son, now a Navy SEAL, was a Youngster at Navy. We filled Randy Jones.

If you missed opening day for the Padres on April 1st, you not only missed 81 of our Alumni gathering in what ended up being a fantastic venue on top of third base, BEST VIEW in the house, but you missed a GREAT game!! The event was sold out for the third year in a row, congratulations and thanks to Rich Carlquist for his hard work pulling this event together for us!

The luncheon on May 20th is going to be a very special one. We have two very senior Alumni celebrating their 100th Birthday!! We are going to honor them. Check your emails and texts as we will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date.

Lastly, it was announced today by National that we are THE BIGGEST and BEST USNA Alumni Chapter in the WORLD!!!! See size does matter! Huge thanks go out to all for making our Chapter the BEST!!!

I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at our lunches and events.

Alan

Upcoming Luncheons

**April 15, 2014 –
CAPT Patrick Rabun
Commanding Officer**

Pat Rabun was born and raised in rural north Louisiana. He graduated from Farmerville High School in 1980, and entered the U.S. Naval Academy that summer. Graduating with honors in Applied Science (Mathematics), his first assignment was to the Pre-Commissioning Unit

for USS VALLEY FORGE (CG 50). He served as First Lieutenant, Navigator, CIC Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer during this four-year tour, participating in CONSTELLATION Battle Group's 1987 Arabian Gulf escort operations of reflagged Kuwaiti shipping.

Earning a subspecialty in Operations Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School in 1990, he next served as WEPS/CSO onboard USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62). During the 1993 Arabian Gulf deployment, the ship conducted a successful Tomahawk strike against the Iraqi Intelligence Headquarters.

Following a one-year fellowship as the Surface Warfare liaison to the Center for Naval Analyses, he served as the Ship's Operations Budget Analyst for the SECNAV/OPNAV Comptroller. He then reported as Executive Officer, USS CHOSIN (CG 65), preparing the ship to serve as Air Defense Commander for CONSTELLATION Battle Group's 1999 deployment.

His next shore duty was in Millington Tennessee as the PERS-41 Community Management Analyst, and subsequently as PERS-41 Deputy. He assumed command of USS VALLEY FORGE (CG 50) in July 2002. The ship served as Multi-National Interdiction Force flagship during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A SOUTHCOM Counter-Narcotics deployment with four major drug busts was also completed prior to the ship's decommissioning in August 2004.

Serving as COMNAVSURFOR N1 from 2004 to 2006, he was the first Action Officer of the Surface Warfare Enterprise (SWE) Personnel Readiness Team. After earning a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies at Naval War College, he reported as Commanding Officer, USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71) in March 2008. CAPE was the Sea Combat Commander for PELELIU Expeditionary Strike Group's 2008 C5F deployment, and then began workups to serve as the Air Defense Commander for LINCOLN Carrier Strike Group in 2009. Captain Rabun became the second Cruiser Class Squadron Commodore in

October 2009 - then transitioned CG ClassRon into the N47 CRUDES Readiness Directorate in late 2010. He next completed a 9-month Individual Augmentation tour as the Chief of Staff for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay Cuba. Captain Rabun assumed duties as CO/PNS of NROTC San Diego in April 2012.

May 20, 2014 –

5-Star Birthday Bash Celebration!!

Our 2 most senior Class Reps are both celebrating their 100th Birthdays in 2014 - VADM Richardson '36 on April 8th & RADM Erly '37 on June 12th. This month's luncheon will be a tribute to them, and both are planned to attend.

Class Representative News and Gouge (Class Rep Meeting on April 24th!)

ATTENTION CLASS REPS: PLEASE PUT THIS DATE, TIME, AND PLACE ON YOUR CALENDAR - Thursday, April 24th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Mitre Office in Liberty Station for our Annual All Class Rep Meeting! Gouge session agenda to follow very soon via e-mail. Thank you all for getting the word passed about our March Chapter Luncheon. We had 53 people in attendance at Randy Jones All American Sports Grill in Mission Valley for some great food & a superb guest speaker. Retired Navy Captain and former Navy SEAL Bob Shoultz shared about his "almost attending" Annapolis as well as his time working as a senior officer at USNA with leadership training and character development. Also, really appreciated everyone's support of two of our annual events - the Vegas Night Dark Ages Celebration where over 125 people enjoyed the festivities and raffle prizes and the very popular "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" where all 80 tickets were sold for the Padres Opening Day Game. Please chow call out our April 15th Chapter Luncheon at RJs which features CAPT Pat Rabun '84 speaking about his time aboard AEGIS CGs, a recent tour in GITMO, and his leading the San Diego Navy ROTC program. Welcome Aboard our newest Class Rep Leslie Beatrice '13. FYI, Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 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 superb USNAAA San Diego Chapter and receive outstanding member benefits with special pricing to all of our events. FYI, the primary reason stated by Canoe-U Grads for not joining the USNAAA San Diego Chapter is that they assume that USNAAA Life Membership with Crabtown on the Bay automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNAAA Chapter, which is not the case at all. When you meet a Navy Classmate or USNA Alum, provide them the gouge about our local Chapter and direct them to the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website www.usnaasd.com to sign-up to become a local member - thanks for your assistance! The Class Rep position has proven to be the key to laying the foundation for local USNA and Classmate camaraderie while at the same time promoting all of our super upcoming San Diego Chapter luncheons and special events. Serving as a Class Rep is a wonderful way to stay connected with your local area Classmates by enthusiastically encouraging their support of our Chapter as well as by keeping everyone up to full speed on all of our current USNA news and upcoming Chapter gatherings. Please contact Vice President for Membership, Craig Smith '82, at 619-623-5509 or at swojcsmith@aol.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 the Buckeyes!

Membership
Current Members – 977
Paid Members – 466

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>.

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 Henry A. Eimstad Jr. USN (Ret) '44

Commander Henry "Hank" Arthur Eimstad, Jr., U.S. Navy, retired, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in San Diego. He was born on July 18, 1920 to Henry Arthur Eimstad, Sr. and his wife, Barbara in Butte, Montana. Hank spent most of his early years in Portland, Oregon. He earned Eagle Scout rank in 1936 and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938.

He enlisted in the Navy and served on the USS California (BB-44) until he received a Presidential appointment to the United States Naval Academy. While Hank was a Midshipman at USNA, the California was sunk on 7 December, 1941 in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, HI; she sank at her moorings in Battleship Row but was salvaged and reconstructed. She served again for the remainder of World War II before being decommissioned in 1947. Hank's Class of 1944 entered the Academy in June 1940 and graduated 766 three years later in June 1943. Early in his commissioned naval career he served on the USS Indianapolis (CA-35), before her sinking in June 1945 by a Japanese submarine, I-58, south of Guam after delivering the first atomic bomb to Tinian.

Hank went on to naval flight school in Corpus Christie, Texas, where he met his future wife, Dorothy Marie Goodenough. They were married in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1946.

Hank was aboard for the around-the-world cruise of the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge (CV-45) from 1947-1948 visiting Hawaii, Australia, China, Singapore, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), and Saudi Arabia before operating in the Persian Gulf, transiting the Suez Canal and returning to her homeport of San Diego via the Mediterranean Sea and Panama Canal.

After his time as an aviator, flying torpedo bombers, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy Post-Graduate School in Annapolis, Maryland before transferring to the surface Navy, where he rose to the rank of Commander, serving as Commanding Officer of the USS Richard B. Anderson (DD786), homeported in San Diego.

During his years of military service, Hank received six stars for service in Navy campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II including the battles of Tarawa, Kwajalein and Saipan; the American Defense Service Medal; the American Theater Medal; the World War II Victory Medal, the China Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He also served on the USS Midway (CV-41), the USS Coral Sea (CV-43) and was the

Executive Officer of the USS Stickell (DD-888).

Hank retired from the Navy in 1963 after 25 years of service through World War II and the Korean War and then attended graduate school in electrical engineering at Stanford University. He then went to work in the aerospace industry for Pan American in the Cape Kennedy, Florida area. While working at Philco-Ford Electronics in the San Francisco Bay area he biked to work every day for many years. He permanently retired near Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1981 and moved to the San Diego area. Hank was an avid hiker, back packer, cross country skier and walker. He loved the outdoors and Yosemite National Park, in particular.

His wife, Dorothy, predeceased him passing away in 2005. Hank is survived by his two sons, Henry and his wife Barbara of San Diego, California and Eric and his partner Michael of Coconut Grove, Florida.

Arrangements are being made for funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Hank's memory to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrrs.org/> donate. Friends may post condolences or share memories of Hank at <http://memorialwebsites.com>.

Financial News

2013 Financial report is available on the Chapter website.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email vpmembership@usnaas.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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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
15Apr2014/1115	CAPT Patrick Rabun, '84 CO/PNS of NROTC San Diego	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
18Apr2014	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
24Apr2014/1730	Class Rep Meeting	MITRE Offices, Liberty Station	Contact: Craig Smith '82, 619.623.5509, swojcsmith@aol.com
20May2014/1115	5-star 100 th Birthday Celebration	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
23May2014	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
17Jun2014/1115	TBA	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
20Jun2014	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com

Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaasd.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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City _____		State _____	Zip _____

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