



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

## Leaders to Serve the Nation

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**President's Letter**

Greetings!

I am very excited to announce that our CNO, Admiral John Richardson '82 will be in town speaking at a conference, and has accepted my invitation to join our alumni chapter for dinner at the Admiral Kidd Club on Feb 14. Imagine bringing your special someone to a nice dinner with a great view on Valentine's Day with our highest ranking Naval Officer – and fellow Academy Alumni! What could be better? Tickets are available now on our website.

Regret that our First Thursday Happy Hour has been cancelled this week. Sorry if you have already made plans. The Social Tap staff will be supporting a major event across the street, so they will not be open Thursday.

Election for new board members and chapter officers will be in April 2019. Please reach out to me our any of the chapter officers or board members listed if you are interested in being considered for the board.

VP2, Sofi Loomis '99 welcomed 79 new San Diego SWOs to America's Finest City and encouraged them all to join our chapter and link up with fellow alumni. Thanks, Sofi!

Our Navy Varsity Track and Field team will be in San Diego Mar 07-16 for their annual Spring training and dual meets. Come out and support the team! Details will be posted on our website.

Volunteers are needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, Feb 28. 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, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

### GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!

**Craig**

### Upcoming Events

**Thu, Feb 14@ 6:00PM**

Featured Event – Dinner with the CNO Admiral John Richardson '82

Location: ADM Kidd Club  
 Navy Base Point Loma, Harbor Drive Annex

**Fri, Feb 15 @7:00AM**

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Thu, Feb 28 @ 8:30am-12:30pm**

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
 Volunteers Needed!

### Future Events

**Thu, Mar 7 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm**

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour  
 Social Tap  
 815 J Street, San Diego

**Fri, Mar 15 @7:00AM**

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Wed, Mar 20 @11:30am-1:00PM**

Chapter Luncheon  
 Speaker: Ben Higgins  
 Local Channel 10 Sportscaster &  
 Mighty 1090AM Sports Radio Host  
 Dave & Busters, Mission Valley

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**“SIR, I'll find out SIR!!”**

### Chapter Information Corner:

#### Long Rang 2019 Planner:

- Mar – Navy Track Team Visit (Volunteers needed to help support.)
- Mar/Apr – Dark Ages Event (Stay tuned for details.)
- Mar/April – Class Rep Meeting (Details coming out soon)
- April – Chapter Board Election (Contact me if you are interested)
- May – Plebe Welcome Dinner
- May/June – Padres Ballgame Event
- June – Plebe Send-off Luncheon
- June/July Strategic Planning Meeting

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

### Membership:

**Current Members – 979**

**Paid Members – 397**

**Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!**

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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](#)

## 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 higher 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](mailto: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, 2682 W Victoria Dr  
 Alpine, CA 91901

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
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Feb 14, 2019 6:00PM	<b>Featured Event</b> ADM John Richardson '82 Chief of Naval Operations	Admiral Kidd Club NBPL Harbor Drive Annex	Craig Smith '82 <a href="mailto:president@usnaaasd.com">president@usnaaasd.com</a>
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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](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.

<b>1940</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1941</b> Rollo Rieve 760.704.1319	<b>1942</b> Charlie Bishop 619.223.0492	<b>1943</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1944</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1945</b> <b>VACANT</b>
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<b>1964</b> Bob Glennon 760.473.3181	<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> Dick Evert 858.999.1008	<b>1969</b> Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
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<b>1988</b> John Ross 760.744.1762	<b>1989</b> Paul Gallagher 760.492.4247	<b>1990</b> Michael Bice (619) 947-3569	<b>1991</b> Max Folkers 619.277.3688	<b>1992</b> Brian Dozier 619.920.3178	<b>1993</b> Arlen Aspenson 858.717.9998
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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.