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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019. Your San Diego Chapter was recently selected as the 2018 Distinguished Chapter for the Western Region! Alan Lerchbacker '74 accepted the award for our Chapter and passed the great news back to us.

Another point of great pride is our recent joint recognition at the Holiday Bowl. Together with the Notre Dame alumni association, our efforts helped bring in 63,626 fans to the Navy/Notre Dame game and had a local economic impact of over \$25M to the local economy. I was honored to receive recognition on your behalf on the field at the Holiday Bowl. We look forward to more games of this magnitude in San Diego in the future.

I am ever grateful for the hard work and dedication of our past presidents, board members, alumni, spouses, and parent group volunteers. Without you, none of this would be possible. We all look forward to the year ahead.

Mark your calendars – election for new board members and chapter officers will be in April 2019. Please reach out to me or any of the chapter officers or board members listed if you are interested in volunteering in one of these roles.

This is an exciting time of the year. Naval Academy seniors assigned to serve as surface warfare officers will select their first ship on Jan. 30. You can watch the event LIVE starting at 3:30 p.m. (PST) by clicking on this link: <http://navylive.dodlive.mil/tag/ship-selection-night/> VP2, Sofi Loomis '99, will be present to welcome the new San Diego SWOs to America's Finest City and encourage them to join our chapter and link up with fellow alumni. Thanks, Sofi, for this initiative! We wish you the very best in Annapolis.

Volunteers are still needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, January 24. 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****Thurs, Jan 3 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm**First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Social Tap

815 J Street, San Diego

Fri, Jan 18 @7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Tues, Jan 22 @6:00PM-7:30PM

Chapter Board Meeting

Lazy Dog Restaurant, Mission Valley

Wed, Jan 23 @11:30am-1:00PM

Chapter Luncheon

Speaker: VADM Robert Thomas, USN
(Ret.)Former U.S. 7th Fleet Commander
Dave & Busters, Mission Valley**Thurs, Jan 24 @ 8:30am-12:30pm**ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
Volunteers Needed!**Future Events****Thurs, Feb 7 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm**First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
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Fri, Feb 15 @7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

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Chapter Luncheon

Speaker: TBD

Dave & Busters, Mission Valley

Thurs, Feb 28 @ 8:30am-12:30pmASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
Volunteers Needed!**Homepage:** <http://www.usnaaasd.com>**President's Letter**

“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!”

Chapter Information Corner:

Membership:

Current Members – 982

Paid Members – 400

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.

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](#)

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 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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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.

1940 VACANT	1941 Rollo Rieve 760.704.1319	1942 Charlie Bishop 619.223.0492	1943 VACANT	1944 VACANT	1945 VACANT
1946 VACANT	1947 Nick Nicholson 858.454.9624	1948 VACANT	1949 VACANT	1950 Dean French 858.459.4360	1951 Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690
1952 Dick Dietz 619.435.4646	1953 James Rodgers 619.435.1021	1954 VACANT	1955 Ned Floyd 619.423.2870	* 1956 Carl Nelson 619.421.9094	1957 George Lanman 619.437.6095
* 1958 Chuck Smith 619.472.5858	1959 Jim Cartwright 619.435.9363	1960 John Schmidt 858.673.7169	1961 Jim Richardson, 619.226.4978	* 1962 Greg Chauncey 858.551.7540	1963 Phillip Marsden 619.318.6364
1964 Bob Glennon 760.473.3181	1965 Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	1966 George Klein 619.221.0059	1967 Warren Millard 858.695.3342	1968 Dick Evert 858.999.1008	1969 Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
1970 Tom Flaherty 858.740.5142	* 1971 Tom Hammons 858.538.9824	1972 Ed Nocon, (858) 484-7279	1973 Dave Kuhn 619.957.8371	1974 Bob Santos 619.476.7683	1975 Dave Frost 858.541.2604
1976 Phil Poirier 858.538.6708	1977 Tom Hejl 619.437.4706	1978 John Rogitz 619.561.5292	1979 Pat Garcia 619.307.9167	* 1980 Barbette Lowndes 858.243.2142	1981 Tom Carlson 619.397.0909
1982 Craig Smith 619.623.5509	1983 Don Hinderliter 619.665.9078	1984 Bryan Caraveo 619.249.6043	1985 Kyle Freitas 760.522.7916	1986 Dan Gruta 619.806.1155	1987 Tad Northcott 703.819.2289
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2012 Bryan Leight 314-545-4306	2013 Leslie Beatrice 571-212-1870	2014 David Matasic 484-356-5137	2015 Evan Ipema 678-448-8056	2016 Mike Sappio 925-255-3503	2017 VACANT

Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.