



# The USNA Alumni Association

## San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends of USNA,

It's hard to believe that summer is over and the fall season is upon us! Lucky for us, we all live in Southern California where we have "summer like" weather the year round. Back at USNA, Midshipmen returned from their summer cruises and leave and started academic classes Aug 24<sup>th</sup>.

Navy football kicked off its season Sep 5<sup>th</sup> against the mighty Ohio State Buckeyes at Columbus, OH and lost a great-close game, 31-27. Navy has bounced back with 2 victories against Louisiana Tech and Western Kentucky. On Sat, Navy beat the "Zoomies" for the 7th straight time. Our Chapter has arranged 3 viewing places to watch Navy games: Seau's in Mission Valley, the Shore Club in Pacific Beach and the Fish Company on Coronado.

Our Chapter Board met on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 to continue work on our Chapter Strategic Plan. For this year's USNA Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Award, our Chapter will submit 2 nominees, Admiral Leon "Bud" Edney '57 and the Honorable Stephen Duncan '63. Both are outstanding candidates who have contributed many things to our country, community, Navy and USNA. Lastly, the Board voted to approve Capt. John Reeves, USMC '04, to be a Chapter Director. John will fill the billet vacated by Barbetta Lowndes '80 who is our new Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Congratulations John!

At our Chapter luncheon on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, Capt Dan Eagan, USMC '04, provided us a great briefing on his last deployment as OIC of a Marine platoon on the Syrian border. It's absolutely amazing the responsibilities and dangers our young Marine and Naval Officers are placed in nowadays while deployed. At our luncheon on Thurs October 15th, Capt Tim McCully, USN (Ret.), Deputy Cdr Sealift Logistics Command Pacific, CTF 33, will be our guest speaker. Tim will speak to us about the "Missions of the Mercy" that chronicles his time as Commander Task Group Mercy aboard the USNS Hospital Ship

Mercy during the earthquake disaster in Indonesia in 2005. We have also invited Capt Jeff Paulson, MC, USN, current CO of Mercy's Medical Treatment Facility to attend.

Lastly, I want to note the passing of RADM Jack Shaw '60. Jack was truly respected, admired and loved by all. He served his community, the Navy, and our Chapter with distinction as Director and as a Class Rep. He was an excellent adviser and friend who will be missed. We send our deepest sympathies to his family.

GO NAVY,  
Dan Archer '80

### October Luncheon

You are in for a treat in Oct. We will both a guest speaker and special guest to tell us about the Navy's role in Humanitarian Assistance.

Capt Tim McCully, USN(Ret) will discuss the USNS Mercy's 3 humanitarian assistance/disaster relief missions, and the ongoing planning for the next mission in 2010.

Commodore McCully was mission commander from Mar - May 2005 during the ship's operations in Indonesia after the tsunami and earthquake, East Timor, and Papua New Guinea. As the Deputy Cdr, Sealift Logistics Command Pacific, Commodore McCully assis in coordinating preparations for Mercy's 2010 humanitarian cruise.

We are hoping the current CO of Mercy's MTF, Capt Jeff Paulson, MC will be able to attend as well.

### November Luncheon

We are honored to have RADM Mike Bachmann, Cdr, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command as our guest speaker on 19 Nov. Mark your calendars to join us.

### The return of Happy Hour

The Networking Happy Hour will be Wed Oct 14th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Rock Bottom in LaJolla.

### We're 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". If you do not have a facebook account a tutorial is on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O dQhZy1xoul>.

### Football

There are now 3 locations to watch Navy football: Seau's in Mission

For USNA Admissions information go to the Internet at [www.USNA.edu/Admissions](http://www.USNA.edu/Admissions) or contact the Blue and Gold Officer. Candidates can find their school's Blue and Gold Officer at [www.GoUSNA.net](http://www.GoUSNA.net) or contact Myron Fleming '62 at 619.692-4242. Email: [mtfleming@1962.usna.com](mailto:mtfleming@1962.usna.com)

Valley, Shore Club in Pacific Beach or The Fish Company in Coronado. No excuse for missing Navy football.

### Class of '68 "Gives Back"

Jack and Nancy Vellis have put a new spin on half time entertainment for Navy football games. Each Saturday during 2009 Navy football season they will once again host a cheering group of '68ers at their home to socialize, feast on Jack's famous burgers and cheer Navy to victory. They have added a noble purpose to the otherwise ribald partying. Each week a raffle or 50-50 split is held at half time and fine bottles of wine, Navy memorabilia, or some yet-to-be-determined prizes are offered to generate charitable funds to support the many organizations we already devote service hours to. For Louisiana Tech, \$160 in donations was raised by those present to help send medical supplies to the orphans who are infected by AIDS in South Africa at the Missionvale Care Center in Port Elizabeth, where Mary Griffin visited and worked this summer. For Western Kentucky, \$250 was raised for the Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego whose doctors and nurses saved the infant life of Ken and Sharyn Pyrz' son, Scott, in 1982. For Air Force, they raffled off wine with proceeds going to Dick Evert's charity, the San Diego Armed Services YMCA. Each week, The Class of '68 will select the beneficiary organization and its sponsor shall receive the funds to donate on behalf of the "USNA Alumni of San Diego, Class of '68 and Others" present for our half time "Giving Back" program.

### 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.navyaluminstore.com/16/Home.htm> directly or through the USNA.com website via the "Shop" button in the toolbar and you can order all kinds of merchandise with our chapter logo. We've just upgraded the embroidered logo so new orders will have the Coronado Bridge in Coronado blue. 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@usnaas.com](mailto:corrsec@usnaas.com).

### Fundraiser for Dan Cnossen, '02

Dan Cnossen, Class of 02, was a SEAL stationed at NAB Coronado when he lost both legs to an IED explosion. He was on his 5th tour in the

Middle East. His friends and classmates are organizing a fundraiser on his behalf. All the proceeds go directly to him and his family. The fundraiser will be held in La Jolla, CA on Sat, Oct 17. An Aquathlon consisting of a 500M ocean swim and a 5K beach run will begin at 9 am at La Jolla Shores Beach. An evening fundraiser will begin at 7 pm. The organizers are seeking items to auction as well as attendance at both events. Read Dan's story at [www.dancnossen.org](http://www.dancnossen.org). Make auction donations to Bill Czopek at 732-977-1273

### Interested in a Bridge Club

Members have expressed interest in forming a Bridge Club. If you enjoy a cerebral challenge, contact Dan Archer

### Interested In the USNA:

SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL INTERESTED IN THE NAVAL ACADEMY: Log on to [www.USNA.edu/Admissions](http://www.USNA.edu/Admissions) and go to the "Steps for Admission" page. Proceed with the on line Pre-Application Form to initiate your application. Contact U.S. Senators and the Congressional Representative to seek a nomination. Note: Congressional Offices have early fall deadlines for Nomination Applications. Seek nominations from as many sources as you are eligible.

### Class Reps Desired!

We have some Classes without Reps - so links in the Chapter communication chain are absent. Please consider filling one of the vacant slots (see the [usnaas.com](http://usnaas.com) Class Rep page).

Interested? Contact Dave Frost [df2030@yahoo.com](mailto:df2030@yahoo.com) or 619-203-3017.

Please check our chapter BLOG: <http://reefpoints.blogspot.com> for gouge.

### Last Call:

### CAPT Donald A. Sherer USN '34

Capt Donald Arthur Sherer passed away peacefully with his daughter at his side, just two weeks before his 98th birthday. Donald Scherer was born in New Buffalo, MI, on Sept 20, 1911. His parents homesteaded 1500 acres of prairie near Timberlake, SD which they farmed with horses. When Don was only nine, in 1920, his father's health caused the family to move south and they resettled in Daytona Beach, FL. Already a gifted musician as a youth, Don was the only teenager

to play first violin on the Daytona Beach symphony orchestra.

After graduating from Daytona Beach High School as his class valedictorian, Don attended Georgia Tech for two years before receiving an appointment to USNA in 1930. He majored in mechanical engineering and was on the fencing team.

Following his graduation with the Class of 1934, Don served on USS Pensacola (CA-24) and USS Trever (DD-339). When the Trever arrived in San Diego in 1935, Don met his future wife, Arline Kuhlman. They were married in St. John's Catholic Church on Oct 31, 1937, in a union that was to last for 65 years until her death in 2003.

Capt Sherer graduated from Submarine School in 1938. He was ordered as Chief Engineer of the Submarine S-47 in Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. When WW II started, Don was attending a postgraduate course in Mechanical Engineering at the Naval Post Graduate School at Annapolis, MD. His course was accelerated and Don was ordered to Pearl Harbor to be the Executive Officer of first, USS Pike (SS-173), and then USS Lapon (SS-260). He completed one war patrol in each submarine. He was given command of USS Permit (SS-178) in early 1944 and completed three more war patrols. He also commanded USS Pampanito (SS-383). Pampanito was scheduled for a Radar Picket conversion to support the planned invasion of Japan but because of the conclusion of the war, she was decommissioned instead and placed in "mothballs" [Pampanito was restored and now proudly serves as a San Francisco Maritime Museum ship where visitors can see what life was like on a WW II diesel submarine.]

Don received the Legion of Merit plus three stars, the Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Navy Commendation Medals with V, Submarine War Patrol Pin with four stars as well as the WW II Victory medal and the Asia Pacific campaign medal.

Don continued to serve in the Navy a variety of engineering assignments including Supervisor of Shipbuilding for the Navy at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, MS supervising construction of 5 SSNs: Sculpin (590); Snook (592); Barb (596); Dace (601); and Haddock (621).

Retiring from the Navy after 30 years, Don brought Arline back to her hometown of San Diego, where he earned his Masters in Physical Sciences from SDSU. For the next 15 years, he worked as a marine engineering consultant for Brown & Root on many projects, including

Project Mohole in conjunction with the National Science Foundation. He retired in 1979.

Don was a true gentleman and patriot. An exceptionally talented man, he was a scholar, musician, outdoorsman, designer and builder. He was devoted to his family, the Navy, and his country and served them all well.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna Cihak, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. His burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Donations in Don's memory may be sent to: the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, 5040 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 104A, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. (757) 671-3200. Fax (757) 671-3330.

#### **CAPT Maino des Granges USN '42**

Capt Maino des Granges died Aug 19, 2009 while attending a San Diego Padres game. He was born Aug 2, 1918 in Fullerton, CA to Paul and Julia des Granges where he lived on a large farm as a youth. He graduated from Fullerton High School and enlisted in the Navy in 1936. He served on a Battleship before attending NAPS in 1937. He was selected for an appointment to USNA in 1938. His class was accelerated and graduated six months early in Dec 1941. In 1942 he married the former Dorothy Beckley.

Arriving in Pearl Harbor in Jan 1942, he promptly made his first of three war patrols in USS Narwhal (SS-167) and qualified in submarines. After a brief tour at Submarine School, New London, CT, he joined USS R-2. He later

commanded USS R-13, operating from Key West, FL. In 1944, he was assigned to USS BOWFIN (SS-287) as XO, and after a short tour in Panama, decommissioned her in 1947. After a year as CO, USS Finback (SS-230), he served in OPNAV for three years. He later commanded USS Greenlet (ASR-10) and USS Archerfish (SS-311) in SUBPAC, and SUBDIV 122 in Key West.

In 1955, he became Officer-in-Charge, Experimental Diving Unit, Anacostia, MD., and in 1960, he became Chief, Naval Mission, India, in New Delhi. After his final tour as CO USS Nereus (AS-17) in San Diego, he retired from the Navy in 1966 to make his permanent home there in Point Loma.

After retiring from the Navy, Capt des Granges pursued a second career as the owner/operator of Superior CATV Construction, a major installer of underground cable. The business has nearly 200 employees and offices in El Cajon and Huntington Beach. Capt des Granges was also active in the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce until he sold the company in the mid-1980s after almost 20 years of ownership.

Capt des Grange was an inventor. While in charge of the Experimental Diving Unit, he was involved in the development of

the Navy's diving tables and invented a hand-held diving computer which was widely used and served as a prototype for many dive computers used today. Wanting to improve his golf game, he designed and built a collapsible driving range cage and a putting green complete with sand trap.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters Jeanne Vivoli and Anne Chambers; son Paul; 4 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

#### **Current Members – 956**

##### **New Members**

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##### **Membership Renewal Reminder**

You can renew for multiple years by increasing the amount you remit in \$20 increments.

### **USNAAS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>EVENT/SPEAKER</b>	<b>LOCATION/TOPIC</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>Class Host</b>
10 Oct 1230	Navy vs Rice	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
15 Oct 1130	Monthly Luncheon: CAPT Tim McCully, USN	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: Humanitarian Missions		94
16 Oct 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons tjhammons@aol.com	
17 Oct 1700	Navy vs SMU	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
17 Oct 0900	Fundraiser for Dan Cnossen	La Jolla Shores Beach	Bill Czopek at 732-977-1273	
17 Oct 1200	Memorial Capt Don Scherer	Sub Base Chapel, Lunch at Harbor View		
24 Oct 1230	Navy vs Wake Forest	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
31 Oct 1230	Navy vs Temple	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
7 Nov 1130	Navy vs Notre Dame	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
14 Nov 1230	Navy vs Delaware	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
19 Nov 1130	Monthly Luncheon: RADM Mike Bachmann, USN, '74	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: Overview of SPAWAR		79
20 Nov 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons tjhammons@aol.com	
28 Nov 2000	Navy vs Hawaii	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		
11 Dec 0800	Army-Navy Golf	Admiral Baker Golf Course	Ken Lange 619.231.1422 Mark Sender mstender@iggslaw.com	
12 Dec 1130	Navy vs Army	Seau's, Shore Club, Fish Company		

## Luncheon Reservation Form

**RSVP: Email:** secretary@usnaaasd.com **OR voice mail 858-279-USNA NO LATER THAN Monday preceding the event**  
**Location:** Tom Ham's Lighthouse **Make Checks Payable to:** USNAAA San Diego  
**Time:** 1130 Social **\$20 with RSVP/\$25 at the Door**  
 1200 Buffet Lucheon **Mail to** 701 KETTNER BLVD UNIT 28  
 1230 Presentation San Diego, Ca 92101

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

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<b>City, St ZIP:</b>		<b>Company/ Position:</b>	/

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1941 <b>Rollo Rieve</b> 760.704.1319	1958 <b>Chuck Smith</b> 619.472.5858	1971 <b>Tom Hammons</b> 858.538.9824	1984 <b>Scott Biel</b> 619.297.8734	1997 <b>Chris Benson</b> 619.417.0620	
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1943 <b>Lee Scherer</b> 858.566.6308	1960 <b>John Schmidt</b> 858.673.7169	1973 <b>Steve Resser</b> 619.296.3557	1986 <b>Dan Gruta</b> 619.806.1155	1999 <b>Alan Baca</b> 619.818.1024	
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