



# The USNA Alumni Association

## San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Letter

Let me start by saying I am truly honored to be elected as the President of the third largest and most active Chapter in the USNA Alumni Association. It has been a pleasure serving under Dan Archer's outstanding leadership. He has set the bar high. Thank you, Dan, for your many years of dedication to this Chapter, our

members, our midshipmen and our friends.

For those who don't know me, I am a San Diego native and a member of the Class of '80. I served on active duty for 27 years, retiring as a Captain in the Supply Corps. I currently work for SPAWAR as the Director of Total Force Management (Human Relations). I am married to Spike, Cal '72, and have two daughters in college.

June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a memorial service for Lee Scherer '43. As the former Director of Kennedy Space Center, Lee kept us informed of the activities within NASA and connected many of our members with a unique opportunity to observe shuttle launches. Lee's memorial service will be Sunday, June 12 at 2:00 pm at the Unity Center located at 8999 Activity Road. There will be a reception at the MCAS Officer's Club afterwards. We hope for a strong turnout from our Chapter to honor Lee.

In case you missed, we were very active in May with another successful Networking Happy Hour, a terrific luncheon speaker and an always inspirational welcoming dinner for the Classes of '15 and 2016.

Thanks to Sal Convento '96 for opening up his karate studio for the happy hour. Thanks also to Scott Wine '89, CEO of Polaris Industries. Polaris is a \$1.6B business making a range of riding vehicles from snowmobiles and ATVs to motorcycles and neighborhood vehicles. Scott's presentation was well appreciated by the attendees. Also this month, Myron Fleming did his usual outstanding job of organizing the Welcome Dinner for the incoming Plebes and Napsters.

I encourage everyone to bring your spouse or significant other to our luncheon on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Brian Monaghan '62 and his wife Gerri are the authors of "When A Loved One Falls Ill; How To Be An Effective Patient Advocate". I read the book and couldn't put it down. They have 50 great tips on facing life's challenges. You never know if you are going to need or provide the support. I

hope to see you and your loved one at our June luncheon.

Barbette Lowndes '80  
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

### Board Vacancy

After many years as the Chapter Secretary, Mike McNeil is stepping down. We are looking for volunteers to fill the role of Chapter Secretary. The Secretary's duties include: (1) Maintaining Board records such as meeting minutes, By-Laws, Operations Manual, etc.; (2) Drafting, publishing and distributing the monthly newsletter; (3) Drafting donation letters for 501c(3) contributions; and (4) Drafting thank you letters to speakers and sponsors.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact Barbette Lowndes or any of the Board members.

### June Luncheon, Come Join Us!!

Our June Chapter Luncheon is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> at Navy Anchors Club at 32nd Street. This month we have a fantastic opportunity for us all to learn some of the secrets to being a care giver by a wonderful couple who have taken that journey together and grown closer as they did. Join Brian Monaghan, class of 62 and his wife, Gerri who discuss their book, Power of Two. Brian was a trial lawyer here in San Diego for over 30 years. Their story is both moving and very informative.

### Plebe Welcome Aboard Dinner

Thirty new Plebes and NAPsters were celebrated and recognized at the annual Plebe Welcome Aboard Dinner at Admiral Baker Clubhouse, May 31. The young people were introduced by Blue & Gold AC Myron Fleming '62, who also served as master of ceremony for the evening. Fleming instructed the young people to tell something about themselves NOT found on their resumes. The results added some hilarity, as well as insight into the lives of future leaders.

The evening was underwritten by the Alumni Chapter that was represented by Chapter President Barbette Lowndes '80. Six decades of Naval Academy graduates were recognized in the audience of 140.

The Naval Academy Parents Club of San Diego was introduced to the new families by Co-Presidents, Stephanie and Dennis Landaal. The

Link in the Chain was introduced to the new class of '15 by Frank Wilson '65, who received a standing ovation. Barbetta Lowndes concluded the evening with congratulatory remarks and a challenge to the new classes to identify the naval term associated with her name. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card. The group photo of the honorees posted on the chapter website was taken by Liz Gale, mother of NAPster Frankie, '16.

### August Field Trip

Please submit a no-cost RSVP through the website so we can get an accurate numbers for the August field trip when we will have a chance to drive the LCS Shore Based Trainer (SBT).

SBT is located at Fleet Training Support Center, Building #3292, Naval Station San Diego, CA

This is the dry-side of the Naval Base, kitty corner from the Bowling Alley on/off Norman Scott Road (main drag). There is a large Flag Pole and 6 story building there. Turn off to the right in the south west corner of the parking lot to find building #3292

Base access passes/Government Decals work for those on active duty and retired. Recommend for people to marshal at Anchors and Spurs and rideshare/carpool to the facility with those that have base decals given parking is limited.

A visit to the LCS ships will be scheduled later this year or early in 2012.

### Networking Update

Thanks to Sal Convento '96 for hosting last month's Happy Hour at the **United States Karate Academy**.

Standby for updates on the next Happy Hour networking event scheduled this summer.

### Last Call

#### Lee R. Scherer USN '43



Lee R. Scherer was director of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center from Jan. '75 to Sep '79.

Prior to his appointment as Kennedy Space Center director, Scherer was director of NASA's Flight Research Center, Edwards, California, responsible for the conduct of advanced aeronautical flight research.

A '43 graduate of USNA, where he received a bachelor of science degree in Naval Science, Scherer's operational experience in the Navy included assignments as a fighter pilot operating from various aircraft carriers. Prior to entering the Naval Academy, he attended the University of Kentucky.

He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in Aeronautical Engineering

from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in '49, and a professional degree (aeronautical engineer) from the California Institute of Technology in '50. He was awarded a PhD in engineering science from the University of Central Florida in '79.

From '50 to '53, he was flying qualities project officer for the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, responsible for establishing stability and control specifications for fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, and for approval of flight tests to meet these objectives prior to acceptance by the Navy.

From '53 to '56, he held several assignments, both in Washington, D.C., and on the staff of commander, Fleet Air Hawaii.

He was special assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for research and development from '56 through '59, the period when Vanguard, Polaris, and ballistic missile nuclear submarines were developed.

He served as technical assistant to the team responsible for the establishment of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Research Center for NATO in La Spezia, Italy from '59 to '62. In '62 he was head of the Aircraft Production Branch, responsible for planning, management and cost control in production of new Navy aircraft.

In '62, on assignment from the Navy to NASA Headquarters, he was program manager for Lunar Orbiter, unmanned spacecraft that photographed the Moon from low lunar orbit to provide data for the selection of Apollo landing sites. All five spacecraft performed their missions successfully. He retired from the Navy with the rank of captain in '64, following 25 years of service, and remained in NASA as director of lunar programs for the Office of Space Sciences.

From '67 to '71, Scherer was director of the Apollo Lunar Exploration Office, responsible for scientific aspects of lunar exploration. He held this position during the first five lunar missions.

Scherer received NASA's Exceptional Service Award in '67, the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Award in '69, and the NASA Distinguished Service Award in '74. He received the General Lewis H. Brereton Award, presented annually by the Air Force Association (Florida) to the Florida civilian making the

greatest contribution to aerospace during the year.

Scherer directed the center during the Apollo Soyuz Test Project - a joint manned space venture with the Soviet Union in '75 - and the early buildup for the Space Shuttle program. In Sept. '79 Lee was named associate administrator for external relations at NASA Headquarters.

### We are 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" or use the following link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USNA-Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/117296792155>.

If you do not have a facebook account a tutorial is on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdQhZy1xoul>.

The Facebook page is also linked to our Chapter Website.

### 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.navalumnistore.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@usnaasd.com](mailto:corrsec@usnaasd.com).

### USNA Admissions

Access our web site [www.USNA.edu/Admissions](http://www.USNA.edu/Admissions). In the "Steps to Admissions" pages click on "Contact Admissions" and fill in the information requested. This is a private data collection used to inform prospective applicants to USNA.

### Class Rep News

We've filled several Class Rep positions within the Chapter and are eager to fill the gaps.

We still need volunteers for the following year groups: '50, '54, '73, '92, '93, '04, '06 & 2008. This is a great way to support your Chapter

and serve your classmates. Please contact Richard Carlquist USNA 80

619.917.6200 with any questions you may have.

Current Members – 989

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
12 June/1400	Lee Scherer Memorial	Unity Center located at 8999 Activity Road. Reception at the MCAS Officer's Club afterwards	
16 June/1130	Luncheon/ Brian Monaghan, 62	Anchor Club-32 <sup>nd</sup> St./When a Loved One Falls Ill, How to be an Effective Patient Advocate	<a href="http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org">http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org</a>
17 June/0730	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons, tjhammons@aol.com
15 July/0730	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons, tjhammons@aol.com
21 July/1130	Luncheon/CAPT John Funk	Anchor Club – 32 <sup>nd</sup> St./ Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell	<a href="http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org">http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org</a>
13 Aug/1200	Link in the Chain Picnic	Admiral Baker Park	<a href="http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org">http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org</a> Danielgruta@yahoo.com
19 Aug/0730	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons, tjhammons@aol.com
25 Aug/1000	Field Trip	LCS Simulator	<a href="http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org">http://www.usnaaasd.com/reservations@usnaaasd.org</a>

## Link in the Chain Picnic

Join us at Admiral Baker Picnic Area  
For A Great Day Out!

We'll provide the burgers, dogs, chicken, sodas, water, you bring a dish to share!



**Saturday, August 13, Noon**

Games for Kids  
and Adults

**\$10 in Advance**  
**\$15 at the door**  
**Children under 12 \$5**  
**Make your reservations**  
**today online:**  
[www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.com)

Snail Mail: 701 Kettner Blvd #28, San Diego, CA 92101

**Luncheon Reservation Form** RSVP: secretary@usnaasd.com OR 619.384.1875. NLT Monday preceding the event

**Location: Anchors @ 32nd Street**

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**USNAAA San Diego**

**Time: 1130 Social**

**\$20 with RSVP**

**701 KETTNER BLVD UNIT 28**

**1200 Buffet Luncheon**

**\$25 at the Door**

**San Diego, Ca 92101**

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

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

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1949 Chuck Howe 619.437.4190	1950 VACANT	1951 Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690	1952 Dick Dietz 619.435.4646	1953 Jim Rodgers 619.435.1021	1954 VACANT
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