



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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May 2018



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President's Letter

Greetings!

First, I would like to recognize our off-going 2018 Board members Dick Evert '68, Myron Flemming '62, Don Heinderlter '83, and Caroline Rodi '98. Thank you all for your remarkable contributions during your tenure! Caroline Rodi '98 is taking over as VP for Membership and Dick Evert '68 is remaining as a Director.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, May 24. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event.

Please join us in welcoming Kim Mitchell '96, President and CEO of the Veteran's Village of San Diego for our May luncheon. We are looking forward to a briefing and we plan to help support Kim's organization through community service events in the future.

Mark your calendars for the Class of '22 Plebe Welcome Dinner scheduled May 29 at Admiral Baker Clubhouse from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Come on out and meet the new midshipmen and their parents.

The next day (May 30th) will be our "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" Padres game and Petco Park starting at 6:10PM. This event will sell out, so get your tickets early.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers that make this chapter run so well! Please stay plugged into our chapter website, and remember to spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

BEAT ARMY!!!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, May 03 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Wed, May 16 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM

Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Buster's)
 Speaker: Kim Mitchell '96
 Pres/CEO, Veteran's Village San Diego

Fri, May 18 @ 7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thurs, May 24 @ 08:30AM-12:30PM

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
 Food Bank – Volunteers needed
 POC: Craig Smith '82

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Chapter Board Meeting
 Wood Ranch Grill, Mission Valley

Tues, May 29 @ 6:00PM -8:00PM

Plebe Welcome Aboard Dinner
 Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Wed, May 30 @ 6:10PM

Take Me Out to the Ballgame
 Padre's versus Marline at Petco Park

Future Events

Thu, Jun 07 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Fri, Jun 15 @ 7:00AM

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Wed, Jun 20 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM

Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Buster's)
 Speaker: TBD

Sat, Sep 1 @ TBD

Navy Football vs. Hawaii (in Hawaii)

Thurs, Oct 25 @ TBD

Navy/Notre Dame Golf Tournament
 Riverwalk Golf Course

Fri, Oct 26

Navy/Notre Dame Alumni Luncheon
 MIDWAY Museum

Sat, Oct 27

Navy/Notre Dame Football Game
 SDCCU Stadium, San Diego

Class Rep News and Gouge

Get 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.

Contact our VP for Membership, Thomas Bethmann at vpmembership@usnaaasd.com to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.

Membership:

Current Members – 988

Paid Members – 418

“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!” – Chapter Information Corner:

If you’re still on active duty, if you’re 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 new Chapter VP at Benjamin.s.hobbs@gmail.com. Together, we can build a network of contacts and information that will serve our chapter and serve our community well.

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

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!

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!](#)

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 in touch
- **Camaraderie and Networking:** Get plugged into a vibrant community of veterans and leaders in America’s Finest City
- **It’s Economical & Easy to Join!**

Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!

Update your profile by logging onto 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.

Last Call/Obituaries:

CDR William T. Gurnee USN (Ret) ‘61

CDR William T. Gurnee died peacefully at his home in La Jolla surrounded by his

loving wife and family on February 28th, 2018, the day after his 78th birthday. Ted was born on February 27th, 1940 in New York City. He played squash for the Naval Academy from 1958 through 1961. He not only excelled in squash, but many other team sports.

After service at sea aboard destroyers and qualifying as a Surface Warfare Officer, Ted was assigned to the Webb Postgraduate program, and earned an MSC degree in Naval Architecture and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering in 1968.

Subsequently he served as an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) earning the designation as a Material Professional, Submarine Warfare. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish many successful businesses related to his naval and scientific background. He started the only company to own, operate, manufacture and maintain hyperbaric chambers in the United States and around the world for over 40 years. He was also President and CEO of Oxyheal Health Group of National City, CA. Ted generously donated to UCSD for Hyperbaric research, the Naval Academy Foundation for squash courts and a golf performance center, and Access Youth Academy.

Ted married Michelle, the love of his life in 1995. Together they enjoyed many happy years traveling to exotic locations, golfing, going to sporting events with friends, and dancing at the Jewel Ball. Ted will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on through his charitable works and donations.

Ted leaves behind his wife Michelle and his three children, Scott, Michelle and Danielle.

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.
 \$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, 2682 W Victoria Dr
 Alpine, CA 91901

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____

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

Date/Time	Event/Speaker	Location/Topic	Event Contact Info
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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.

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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
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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 Rich Carlquist 619.294.9727	1981 Tom Carlson 619.397.0909
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1988 John Ross 760.744.1762	1989 Paul Gallagher 760.492.4247	1990 Michael Bice (619) 947-3569	1991 Max Folkers 619.277.3688	1992 Brian Dozier 619.920.3178	1993 Arlen Aspenson 858.717.9998
1994 Jamieson Slough 760.716.1350	1995 Kevin Messer 858.663.1658	1996 Bob Willingham 619.889.9872	1997 Chris Benson 619.417.0620	* 1998 Gilda Reeves 858.220.1108	1999 Alan Baca 619.818.1024
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