



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is the Dark Ages and we are getting emails asking if we are going to have a BLACK AGES event this year. We are going to skip 2015 and are setting up our committees to work and plan now to make something very special happen for 2016. If you have ideas about what you really

enjoyed in the past or something we have never done, please feel free to email me with your ideas. I look forward to hearing them.

What do we have lined up!! We have the Navy Crew Team visiting us from the 26th to the 30th of March for the San Diego Crew Classic. Check our website for more information. We are sharing a tent at the event with Parents Club, so we look forward to seeing you all there.

We have lined up some INCREDIBLE speakers for our next 4 luncheons at Admiral Baker, so you need to sign up early, so you will not miss them!!

Captain Howard Warner, the MILITARY MAYOR of Point Loma is going to talk with us about things as far reaching as National Security Strategy to drinking Absinthe in Belgrade Serbia for our March 17th, St. Patrick luncheon. Admiral Mike Shatynski will speak to our group about his racing with the Wounded Strong team on the Ensenada to Cabo racing he has done and is going to do in the near future! Admiral Merz, Commander Naval Mine and AntiSubmarine Warfare Command, will be speaking to us either in June or July and we are just working with the Admiral and his staff to lock in a date!

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events if not all!!

Alan

Upcoming Luncheons

March 17

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Captain Howard Warner, the MILITARY MAYOR of Point Loma

April 21

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

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Class Rep News & Gouge

We are AT 1,000 members - who will be 1001? Keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNAAA Chapter worldwide! Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1954. Please contact and encourage your local Classmates who are not yet Chapter members or need to renew their lapsed membership to join or renew and stay connected with our super USNAAA San Diego Chapter and receive excellent member benefits with discounted pricing to most of our events. FYI, the primary reason stated by Navy Grads for not joining the USNAAA San Diego Chapter is that they assume that USNAAA Life Membership with Annapolis automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNAAA Chapter - this is not the case at all. When you meet a Classmate or USNA Alum, provide them the gouge about our local Chapter and direct them to the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website www.usnaaasd.com to sign-up to become a local member - thank you very much for your assistance! The Class Rep position has proven to be the cornerstone for strengthening local USNA and Classmate camaraderie while at the same time promoting all of our upcoming San Diego Chapter luncheons and special events. Serving as a Class Rep is a great way to stay connected with your local area Classmates by encouraging their support of our Chapter as well as by keeping everyone up to speed on all of our current USNA news and upcoming Chapter gatherings. Please contact Vice President for Membership, Dan Snyder '87 at (858) 551-1159, vpmembership@usnaaasd.com to volunteer to fill a Class Rep vacancy or to discuss any questions regarding application for local Chapter membership. Thank you very much for staying connected with your local Classmates and fellow Alumni - Go Navy, Beat Army!

Membership

Current Members – 1000

Paid Members – 469

The Importance of Chapter Membership

There is a lot of value as a result of maintaining a current membership in our local San Diego Chapter. Here are few of the reasons it makes sense to JOIN or RENEW your Chapter Membership:

Blue & Gold Support: The Chapter is the primary funding source for the San Diego Blue & Gold Program, which is one of USNA's primary recruiting programs. Between 20 and 30 Plebes from the San Diego area are inducted each year.

USNA Program Support: From time-to-time Clubs (Rugby, Glee Club, etc.) seek funding assistance for San Diego area visits. If you were involved with a club as a MIDN you'll recall that USNA funding generally didn't cover all team activity costs, this has not changed. The Chapter supports as many requests as it can.

Chapter On-Line Directory Access: Only Chapter members have access to the database of over 3000 area alumni.

Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events: All Chapter events have a non-member surcharge, so you will normally save \$5/event.

It's Cheap & Easy to Join: \$25/yr; \$15/yr Active/Reserve O-3 & below. Visit www.usnaasd.com and click on the membership tab.

Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!! Please update your profile by logging onto www.usnaasd.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. You will be able to update your profile. Be sure to put your year group in the "Year" field in the "School 1" part of the "School Information" section.

Forgot your password? Email the Chapter Webmaster to receive a temporary one. Please avoid creating a new record.

Friend us on Facebook! Search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter" or use the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USNA-Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/11729679215>.

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 online 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.navyalumnistore.com/16/Home.htm> directly or through the [USNA.com](http://www.usna.com) website via the "Shop" button in the toolbar and you can order all kinds of merchandise with our chapter logo. Show your chapter spirit and turn out for the tailgater or monthly lunch in your chapter.

Obituaries

CDR Scott Billington USNR '81

Commander Scott Billington passed away on January 10, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. Born October 5th, 1959, he was 55 years old at the time of his death.

Scott was a tireless supporter of his community of Solana Beach, CA. Among other positions, his stint as President of the Solana Beach Soccer Club and work for the Solana Beach Schools Foundation fundraising events earned him the title of unofficial "Mayor" of Solana Beach. Many residents were honored to call him a friend.

Scott graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a naval aviator. He later flew for Delta Airlines as a Captain, while continuing to serve his country in the Naval Air Reserve, earning the rank of Commander. He had a third career as a respected real estate agent in North County with Coastal San Diego Homes.

But despite all that, Scott's three greatest jobs--and the ones he was most proud of--were his roles as a Husband, a Father and a Friend. He is survived by his wife Jessica, his daughter Reese and his son John.

He was honored to be a member of the Solana Beach community. And he will be missed.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. James Catholic Church at 10am on Monday, January 19th and an Honor Burial will be held at the Miramar National Cemetery later that day at 1pm.

CAPT Albert A. JENKS USN (Ret) '49

CAPT Albert A. Jenks USN (Ret) passed away on February 1, 2015. He was 89 years old when he died. Captain Jenks was born and raised in Chicago and Dixon, IL and Balboa Island, CA.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 at the age of 18 when World War II was three years old and far from a resolution--- just one more member of America's Greatest Generation.

His enlistment was followed by a Congressional nomination from the state of Illinois which resulted in an appointment to the Naval Academy Class of '49. Imagine the perspective for Captain Jenks and his classmates as they took the Oath of Office in June, 1945. Victory had been achieved in Europe but victory in the Pacific was several months in the future. They didn't know that at the time---they were prepared to give their all. What patriots were that Greatest Generation of Americans.

CAPT Jenks served with Navy ships in the Mediterranean Sea earning his naval qualification in submarines before attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for graduate school.

Upon graduation from MIT in 1955 with a degree in Naval Construction, he continued his naval career as an Engineering Duty Officer. He served as Chief Engineer in USS Macon (CA-132), in BuShips (now Naval Sea Systems Command), at the Naval Development and Training Center (DATC). The success and benefits of this effort resulted in broad establishment of the DATC concept, at activities throughout the world later to be known as Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activities (SIMAs); and with Amphibious Staff in Coronado before becoming Director of Engineering and Weapons at the Naval Academy

during an epic period (1973-1975) in which historic Isherwood and Griffith Halls were torn down to make room for the pending Alumni Hall and the Engineering Department moved into the new Rickover Hall complex.

His final tour was commanding the Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan, where he led the 1985-1986 overhaul of USS Midway (CV-41), now located in San Diego harbor as one of the most successful ship museums in history.

Among Captain Jenks military decorations are: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious

Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Presidential Unit Citation.

After retiring from the Navy, Captain Jenks worked for JJ Henry Company, an Architectural and Engineering firm, heading their San Diego office. He lived in San Diego 46 years.

Al and his wife, Bobby, relocated from San Diego to Fairfield, CA in 2013. He is survived by Bobby; their son Tim, two daughters-in-law and three granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held March 7 at 2800 Estates Dr., Fairfield, CA 95433. Gifts may be made to American Diabetes Assoc., Box 1834, Merrifield, VA 22116, or www.diabetes.org

Financial News

2014 Financial report is available upon request. Please contact Chapter Treasurer.

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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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
17Mar2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
20Mar2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
21Apr2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
24Apr2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com
19May2015, 1115	Monthly Luncheon	<i>Admiral Baker</i> - 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, 626.644.6452, alan.lerchbacker@gmail.com
22May2015, 0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grill, Town & Country resort, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108	Contact: Tom Hammons '71, 858.538.9824, tjhammons@aol.com

Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaas.com or (626) 644-6452 NLT the Monday preceding 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, 14430 Callejon Musica San Diego, CA 92129

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
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Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____		City _____	State _____ Zip _____

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