



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings!

Some would say it's the beginning of the Dark Ages, but March is an exciting time in San Diego! The Navy Heavyweight Crew and Navy Track & Field teams are in town this month. Come on out and show some Blue and Gold spirit for these young athletes. Your Patriot League Champion Track & Field team will compete in two meets in March, and there will be a Navy Alumni tent at the Crew Classic this year. Please check our website for the latest news.

Ben Hobbs '02 and Thomas Bethman '08 are working on a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" Padres event at the Omni for April. They have a special baseball cap design that I'm sure everyone will like.

Kristen Dennis '94 and I are planning a Casino Night cruise on the Hornblower this Spring. Contact me if you want to help out, and stay tuned for more details.

The First Thursday Networking Happy Hours at Cutwater Spirits are going strong and are well attended. I hope you all have a chance to check out this great venue and fun event.

Our member numbers continue to grow – spread the word and we might bust 1000!

Please stay plugged in to our website and newsletter, and remember to spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your membership!

BEAT ARMY!!!

Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, Mar 01 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Sat, Mar 10 - TBA
 Navy Track & Field Meet
 San Diego College Challenge

Fri, Mar 16 @ 7:00AM
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Sat, Mar 17 - TBA
 Navy Track & Field Meet
 Point Loma Invitational @ PLNU

Thu, Mar 22 @ 08:30AM-12:30PM
 ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
 Food Bank – Volunteers needed
 POC: Craig Smith '82

Thu, Mar 22 @ 5:30PM-7:00PM
 Chapter Board Meeting
 Wood Ranch Grill, Mission Valley

Fri, Mar 23 @ 5:00PM-7:00PM
 Navy Crew Classic Pasta Dinner
 Details: <http://www.crewclassic.org/event/>

Sat-Sun, Mar 24-25
 San Diego Crew Classic
 Navy Heavyweight Crew Participating -
Volunteers needed for Alumni tent.
 POCs: Evan Ipema '15 and Dick Evert '68

Wed, Mar 28 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM
 Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Buster's)
 Speaker: Randy Bogle '68 (SDMAC)

Future Events

Thu, Apr 05 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave, San Diego

Wed, Apr 18 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM
 Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Buster's)
 Speaker: TBD

Fri, Apr 20 @ 7:00AM
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thurs, Apr 26 @ 08:30AM-12:30PM
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Fri, Oct 26
 Navy/Notre Dame Alumni Luncheon
 MIDWAY (TBD) (SDMAC)

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 – 977

Paid Members – 407

“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.

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:

CAPT Carl A. NELSON USN (Ret) ‘56

Captain Carl Alfred Nelson, USN, Ret., of Chula Vista, CA, passed away Feb 3, 2018 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 87 years of age. Born October 11, 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA, to Alfred and Isabel Younger Nelson, Carl enlisted in the US Navy after high school and went to Boot Camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, IL where he was given the opportunity to attend the US Naval Academy.

Carl married Barbara Long in the Naval Academy Chapel the day after he graduated in 1956.

Carl spent over 33 years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy. He enjoyed most his command of three ships: USS WORDEN (CG-18), USS COOK (FF-1083) and USS COCOPA (ATF-101). He served four tours of duty in Vietnam including one in-country as senior advisor to the commander of combat riverine operations in the Rung Sat Special Zone (RSSZ) and logistics base at Nha Be. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Combat V, two Air Medals, the Combat Action Medal, and 14 others. As Commanding Officer of the Worden in the South China Sea, Carl rescued 44 Vietnamese boat people, ages infant to late 20s, whose boat was no longer seaworthy and who were facing dehydration, starvation, and possibly death. Fifteen years later they located him, and have since treated him as their honored parent, and even named a grandchild' after him: Carli Grace.

Shore duty assignments included mentoring midshipmen at the Naval Academy and Army cadets at West Point. Besides San Diego, home ports for the family included Newport, RI, Washington DC, Japan, Hawaii, and Monterey, CA, for post-graduate school.

Carl and Barbara, with three daughters, discovered San Diego in 1963, leaving only for one tour in Japan after that. The family settled in; the girls graduated from high school and moved on to college and marriage; and Carl and Barbara decided to retire from the Navy.

In addition to his Master of Science degree in economics/systems analysis from Monterey, Carl earned a doctorate in business administration from USIU (United States International University) and taught international business at various colleges and universities in the San Diego area. His prep notes from teaching became his first five books on international trade, one of which is still considered a top seller in the field. Writing fiction was more fun, and he published a series of five novels which roughly followed his Navy career. Carl also wrote poetry, short stories, and professional articles, a play, a musical, and two memoirs. He garnered many awards for his writing. He was a member of the San Diego Writers and Editors and served several terms as the president.

Carl was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista, the Masons, the Veterans Museum in Balboa Park, and various other veterans' groups.

In 2006 Carl married Dolores Hansen and inherited another family. Carl and Dolores spent 13 years together traveling the world, playing golf, and fly fishing. Carl was predeceased by Barbara, his wife of 48 years, and is survived by his loving wife Dolores. Carl leaves behind three daughters: Jennifer Ferguson (Fred), Allison Nelson, and Monica Askari; six grandchildren: Jocelyn Miller (Mark), Justin Askari, Kristina McCabe, Andrei McCabe, Adam Nelson, and Max Nelson; one great-granddaughter, Fayte Miller, and Dolores's extended family.

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

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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 ypmembership@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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