



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings!

Before I put all of the focus on beating Army, I'd like to thank everyone who attended our monthly luncheon with Pearl Harbor survivor and honorary Class of '83 member **Stu Hedley**. It's always and honor and a great pleasure to welcome Stu to our luncheons.

Army Week is here! The Army/Navy Football Game is this Saturday, Dec 9th, and this game will decide who takes home the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy! The trophy hasn't been in West Point since 1996, so the Cadets are going to come out swinging. Come out and cheer on the team to make sure the trophy comes back to Annapolis where it belongs.

There are many great Army/Navy viewing locations around town including:

- The PB Shore Club (Pacific Beach)
- The Fish Company (Coronado)
- American Legion (Encinitas)
- Social Tap (815 J Street) for this year's **Signature Event**. Please see our website for details. Doors open at 11:00AM. Game at noon Pacific.

The Friday before the big game (Dec 8th) will be the **30th Annual Army/Navy Golf Tournament** with an 11:00AM shotgun start at Admiral Baker golf course. That is always a great tournament that's not to be missed.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. Please remember to spread the word and bring a friend!

BEAT ARMY!!!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, Dec 07 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave

Fri, Dec 08 @ 9:00AM
 Army/Navy Golf Tournament
 (Admiral Baker Golf Course)

Sat, Dec 09 @ 12:00PM Pacific
 Army/Navy Football Game

Fri, Dec 15, 2017 @ 7:00AM
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thu, Dec 28, 2017 @ 10:30AM
 Military Bowl - Navy vs. Virginia

Future Events

Thu, Jan 04 @ 5:30pm-7:00pm
 Networking Happy Hour
 Cutwater Spirits
 9750 Distribution Ave

Tue, Jan 09 @ 5:30PM
 Class Rep Meeting
 Mitre Office - Liberty Station

Wed, Jan 17 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM
 Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Buster's)
 Speaker: RADM Tom Lynch '64, USN (ret)

Fri, Jan 19, 2018 @ 7:00AM
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

TBD
 USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) Tour
 (Stand by for more details.)

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.

The next Class Rep meeting will be held Jan 9th, 2018 from 5:30PM – 7:00PM @ the Mitre office in Liberty station.

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 – 971
Paid Members – 403

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

This year our chapter wants to increase not only our camaraderie and connectedness, but also our utility

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

[RADM Richard E. Curtis SC USN \(Ret\) ‘53](#)

Richard Earl Curtis (Dick) was born in Beckley, WV on Nov 17, 1930. He attended 14 schools before the ninth grade. In 1949, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in June, 1953, along with 924 classmates. His service assignment was in the Supply Corps and his Naval career spanned thirty years.

For the first several years, he was assigned to New Jersey (Navy Supply Corps School), ship tours, Norfolk, VA, Key West, FL, and NATO command headquarters in Naples, Italy. After that, Admiral Curtis earned an MBA from Harvard University Business School, with Distinction, in 1961.

Next came a series of tours of duty in Mechanicsburg, PA, San Francisco, CA, and Charleston, SC. Following Charleston, he was assigned in Da Nang, Vietnam for a one-year tour. He always considered his time in Vietnam as his most interesting and challenging tour.

Over the next 13 years he was assigned almost exclusively in Washington. He escaped D.C. only once for a 3-year-tour in Charleston, SC, where he was the Commanding Office of the Naval Supply Center. His final tour in D.C. was Deputy Chief of the Naval Supply Corps. He retired from active duty in 1986.

In addition to his Harvard MBA, Admiral Curtis also earned a certificate from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Among his service awards were: Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star, the Army Commendation medal, Combat Action ribbon, Defense Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Service medal, Joint Service Achievement medal. And the Navy & Marine Corps medal.

He married Pat Lancaster after graduation from USNA in 1953. When Dick retired from the Navy, he and Pat moved to San Diego, CA where he worked as Vice President, U.S. Elevator Company for four years. He then retired again staying in San Diego where he and Pat raised award-winning roses, traveled worldwide, spoiled their grandchildren, and researching their family genealogy. In 2012, Dick and Pat returned to northern Virginia to be closer to family and settled in at a retirement community in Fort Belvoir. He passed away on November 2, 2017.

Dick is survived by his wife Pat, children Steve (wife Sandie), Rick (wife Vikki), and Beth Ostlund (husband John); grandchildren Stephanie, Matt (wife Ashley), Drew, Jeff, Timothy, and Michael; great grandson Judah; sister Suzanne Pouliot..

Find us on Social Media!



Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaasd.com or (626) 644-6452 NLT the Monday 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
Dec 07, 2017; 5:30PM	First Thursday Networking Happy Hour	Cutwater Spirits 9750 Distribution Ave San Diego, CA	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
Dec 08, 2017; 9:00AM	30th Annual Army/Navy Golf Tournament	Admiral Baker Golf Course 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Brigand Kline '95 bkline@missiontf.com
Dec 09, 2017; 12:00PM	Army/Navy Football Game	Multiple Viewing Venues	See our website for info.
Dec 15, 2017; 7:00AM	NAVNET Breakfast	Admiral Baker Clubhouse– 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Tom Hammons '71 thammons@aol.com
Dec 28, 2017; 10:30AM	Military Bowl Navy vs. Virginia	Navy Marine Corps Stadium, Annapolis, MD Multiple Viewing Sites in San Diego	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
Jan 04, 2018; 5:30PM	First Thursday Networking Happy Hour	Cutwater Spirits 9750 Distribution Ave San Diego, CA	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
Jan 09, 2018; 5:30PM	Class Rep Meeting	The Mitre Corp Offices 2280 Historic Decatur Rd #100 (Liberty Station) San Diego, CA 92106	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
Jan 17, 2018; 11:30AM	Monthly Luncheon Speaker: RADM Tom Lynch '64, USN (ret)	Dave & Busters (TBD) 2931 Camino del Rio North San Diego, CA 92108	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
Jan 19, 2018; 7:00AM	NAVNET Breakfast	Admiral Baker Clubhouse– 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Tom Hammons '71 thammons@aol.com

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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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Note: The next Class Rep meeting will be held Jan 9th, 2018 from 5:30PM – 7:00PM @ the Mitre office in Liberty station. Address: 2280 Historic Decatur Road #100, San Diego, CA 92106