



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear fellow Alumni,

Once again, our monthly speaker was over the top!! "Coach" John Kentara gave us all a look into all kinds of San Diego Sports. John is the GM for our indoor San Diego Sockers soccer team and is a sports host for the Mighty 1090 AM San Diego Sports Radio. John took us through his college days, into his first coaching gigs, and then his transition to radio. He took Q and A for

at least 30 minutes and his responses were from the heart and also from someone who has been involved with San Diego Sports for over 3 decades!

Our speaker for February is Col George Reed (USA, Ret.). He will be speaking about Leadership topics. You do NOT want to miss this luncheon.

Another event you do NOT want to miss is our Casino/St. Patrick's Day event on March 15, 2014 at the Air and Space Museum. This is not just for our alumni but for you to bring neighbors and all your friends. We would like to get over 400 people to attend Vegas Night!! The cost of the tickets is \$50 per person, which will include food, one drink ticket and \$500 in chips. Even if you do not gamble, this event is for you. We are going to have instructional tables and Richard Lederer will be our guest of honor. Richard taught both his son's to play poker and they have won over \$23M playing in poker tournaments around the world! The food is going to be fantastic and the drinks will be flowing. Wear your Casino attire and make it GREEN!!

We also have put our last year's financial report on our website for you to view and also our budget for next year. We want our Chapter to be 100% transparent for all our members.

Come and join us in February and March!!!

Your President,

Alan

Upcoming Luncheons

February 18, 2014 – Retired Army Colonel George Reed will be our February speaker. Reed is most recognized for his research on Toxic Leadership in the Army. You can read more about the subject and about him from this link: <http://www.npr.org/2014/01/06/2594>

[22776/army-takes-on-its-own-toxic-leaders](#)

Reed is currently the Associate Dean at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at USD.

March 18, 2014 – Mark Divine will be our March speaker, sharing about his recently published book, The Way of the SEAL: Think Like an Elite Warrior to Lead and Succeed. In The Way of the SEAL, ex-Navy Commander Mark Divine reveals exercises, meditations and focusing techniques to train your mind for mental toughness, emotional resilience and uncanny intuition. This book is a practical guide for businesspeople or anyone who wants to be an elite operator in life.

Bob Schoultz, a former Navy SEAL with 30 years of Active Duty service, will be providing perspectives to augment some of the insights in Mark's excellent book.

April 15, 2014 – CAPT Kent "Torch" Whalen is our invited April speaker. CAPT Whalen is currently the CO of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Class Representative News and Gouge
 Our 2013 Chapter Membership Drive has wrapped up with 952 members - please still encourage your Classmates to join the best USNAAA Chapter in the world for about \$2 a month (O-3 & below only \$1.25 per month) as we forge ahead to break the 1,000 member mark in 2014! Another great victory for Navy Football as they put a beating on Middle Tennessee State University in the 2013 Armed Forces Bowl. We had very good attendance at our 3 Bowl Game viewing venues as we cheered on Navy to a super victory & a final 9-4 season – RJs had about 35 turnout for an early Monday morning Bowling breakfast, with 8 Classmates from '82 gathering together to remind the Blue Raiders why they need to "Fear the Goat." Really appreciate everyone getting the gouge out about our January Chapter Luncheon. We had 40 people in attendance, including 8 members of the Class of '80, at RJs for some great food & an outstanding guest speaker, "Coach" John Kentara, General Manager of the San Diego Sockers & esteemed member of the Mighty 1090

AM Sports Radio Team! The latest & greatest gouge item to chow call out to all of your local Classmates regards our upcoming February 18th Chapter Luncheon with Retired Army Colonel George Reed sharing his research on Toxic Leadership in the Army. FYI, Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 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 superb USNA San Diego Chapter and receive excellent member benefits with special pricing to all of our events, including our Vegas Night on Saturday, March 15th at the San Diego Air and Space Museum and our Annual Take Me out to the Ballgame on Tuesday, April 1st as the San Diego Padres take on the Los Angeles Dodgers at Petco Park's 2014 Opening Day. FYI, the primary reason stated by Canoe U Grads for not joining the USNA San Diego Chapter is that they assume that USNA Life Membership with Crabtown on the Bay at Mother "B" automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNA Chapter, which is not the case. When you meet a Navy Classmate or Grad, please get them gouged up about our local Chapter and direct them to the Chapter website www.usnaasd.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 backbone to strengthening our local USNA and Classmate camaraderie while promoting all of our superb upcoming San Diego Chapter luncheons and special events. Serving as a Class Rep is an awesome way to stay connected with your local area Classmates as well as encouraging support of our Chapter and keeping everyone up to full speed ahead on all of our current USNA news and upcoming Chapter happenings. Please contact Vice President for Membership, Craig Smith '82, at 619-623-5509 or at swojcsmith@aol.com to volunteer to fill a Class Rep vacancy or to discuss any questions regarding application for local Chapter membership. Thanks again for staying connected with your local Classmates and fellow Alumni – Go Navy, Beat the Dark Ages! Keep charging, Craig

Membership

Current Members – 965
Paid Members – 454

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

VADM Patrick Hannifin, USN, (Ret.) '45

Patrick J Hannifin, Vice Admiral USN (Ret.), a resident of Solana Beach, CA for almost three decades, passed away on January 9, 2014; he was 91.

Born in Oklahoma on January 26, 1923, he was raised in Roswell, NM, where he attended New Mexico Military Institute prior to entering the U.S. Naval Academy. Graduating with the Class of 1945 in June 1944, he was commissioned an Ensign and in 1978, he retired as a Vice Admiral. Following graduation, he completed Submarine School and then joined USS BALAO (SS-285) in the Pacific. While in BALAO, he participated in three war patrols.

After World War II ended, his service included duty in multiple diesel submarines:

U-858, SEA ROBIN (SS-407), GRAMPUS (SS-523), RASHER (SSR-269) and he commanded USS DIODON (SS-349).

After completing Navy Nuclear Power Training, VADM Hannifin served as the commissioning Executive Officer of the Navy's first Fleet Ballistic Missile

submarine, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598); he was then selected as the first Commanding Officer of USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN-616). He later served as Commander Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN in Guam.

Ashore, he was one of the early students at the Armed Forces Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, TX and was subsequently assigned as a Department Head at the Navy's Guided Missile School in Point Mugu, CA. He also had duty in Washington at the Bureau of Ships, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and on the Joint Staff.

As a flag officer, VADM Hannifin served as Commander THIRTEENTH Naval District in Seattle, Commander Submarine Flotilla EIGHT/Commander Submarines Mediterranean (the NATO submarine forces in the Mediterranean), Deputy Director for Strategic and Nuclear Plans for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on CNO's staff as Assistant Director, Plans and Operations, as Director Plans and Policy (J-5) for JCS. His final responsibility was as Director of the Joint Staff for the Joint Chiefs.

VADM Hannifin graduated with distinction from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, concurrently earning an MBA from George Washington University.

After retirement, he lived an active life in Santa Fe, NM and Solana Beach, CA. As a member of the Senior Executive Service,

he conducted studies and provided advice to the Department of Energy on future nuclear issues. He was also President of HANESCO, INC., a family-owned oil and gas exploration company, for over 30 years.

Pat was an active member of the Navy League of the United States, the Rotary Club of Encinitas, and was also a deeply involved parishioner of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar—serving for years on the vestry and directing a multi-million dollar capital campaign.

A man of surprising talents, he also managed to fit in travel to Rome and Malta with his new-found Hollywood friends when he was hired as the Technical Advisor for the motion picture U-571. Subsequently, the television industry called upon him for technical expertise and commentary as they covered the loss of the Russian submarine Kursk.

He was inducted into the New Mexico Military Institute's Hall of Fame in 1985; in 2012, the Naval Submarine League honored VADM Hannifin with their Distinguished Submariner Award.

Pat Hannifin was married to the former Mary Snyder—also of Roswell, NM and a childhood friend – for over 55 years. They raised three

children, Steve (a retired Naval Aviator), Mary (Molly), and Margaret Jane (Margo). He has three grandchildren, Pat (also a Naval Aviator), Susan, and Honor; and four great-grandchildren – Justen, Sean, Kelsey, and Jacob. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steven and Elizabeth, and by his younger siblings Betty, Kay, Marty, Dan and Bob. In addition to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their wives (Jane Hannifin and Grace Hannifin), Pat leaves behind two sisters-in-law (Maxine Hannifin and Barbara Hannifin), and several nieces, nephews and their spouses and children. Phyllis Whittle, of Arlington VA, has been Pat's best friend and world-wide traveling companion since Mary's death in 2000.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon, on Friday, January 17, 2014, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar, CA. Inurnment at the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium will follow in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat's name may be made to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, 4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109 Virginia Beach, VA 23462; www.dolphinscholarship.org, or as a Memorial Gift to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 334 14th Street, Del Mar, CA 92014; www.stpetersdelmar.net.

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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1989 Paul Gallagher 760.492.4247	1990 Elrod Rodriguez 619.890.2547	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	2000 Roger Grant rlgrant@hotmail.com
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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
18Feb2014/1115	Col George Reed, USA, (Ret.)	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, (626) 644-6452, alan.lerchbacker@caskllc.com
21Feb2014	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
15Mar2014	Vegas Night	Air and Space Museum, Balboa Park, 2001 Pan American Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, (626) 644-6452, alan.lerchbacker@caskllc.com Cost: \$50, includes food, (1) drink ticket, \$500 in chips
18Mar2014/1115	Mark Devine & CAPT Bob Schoultz, USN, (Ret.)	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, (626) 644-6452, alan.lerchbacker@caskllc.com
21Mar2014	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
15Apr2014/1115	CAPT Kent "Torch" Whalen, CO, CVN 70 (Invited)	Randy Jones' All-American Sports Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108	Contact: Alan Lerchbacker '74, (626) 644-6452, alan.lerchbacker@caskllc.com
18Apr2014	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@usnaasd.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 _____
NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____			
Email: Alternate _____			
Home Address _____		City _____	State _____ Zip _____

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