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President's Letter

Army-Navy is finally here. As usual, we will have a spectacular party as we watch the Midshipmen beat the Black

Knights. Join us at Seau's for our Signature Event. Great food, great company, and a great game! Doors open at 10:30am. Kickoff is at 11:30am. We are taking reservations and payment through our website as we do with almost all our events. Chapter members and their families pay \$25 each if they make a reservation in advance. Non-members and those who show up at the door pay \$30 each. I hope to see you there!

If you missed the November luncheon, you missed another great speaker. Mark Sanders '89 came with static displays and great videos to tell us about the efforts of our brave servicemen in the Explosives Ordinance Disposal community and how they detect and disable Improvised Explosive Devices. It's a scary world they live in, but their mission is so critical to success in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq.

As a reminder, we are not having a luncheon in December. Our January speaker will be RADM Jim Beebe (ret) '75 who will speak about the future of Naval Aviation.

Finally, my family and I wish you and yours the happiest of holidays in whatever form you choose to celebrate.

Barbettes Lowndes '80
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

No December Luncheon, Come Join Us in January!!

There is no December luncheon.

The luncheon speaker for January is Admiral Jim Beebe '75 and he

will be addressing the latest news from Air Pac.

"A GAME OF HONOR"

"A Game of Honor," which premieres in December on SHOWTIME, will take an unprecedented look at America's two oldest military academies—The United States Military Academy and The United States Naval Academy. As the midshipmen and cadets prepare to serve their country and participate in a rivalry unmatched by any other in sports—the Army-Navy football game—SHOWTIME will capture an all-access look at their unique season-long journey. Be sure to watch for more details.

Navy Football Ticket Trade

If anyone is interested in buying or selling Army-Navy tickets, there is a new link on our webpage to record your request and hopefully make a match. Look for the "Football Game Ticket Trade" box on the left side of the webpage. If you have tickets to sell or buy, click the 'email' link and send an email to our ticket coordinator. The ticket coordinator will try to match buyers and seller off-line. Be sure to be as specific as possible with your request. The Chapter will not be involved in any part of the sell or trade other than making the connection. This is for local transactions only.

We are on Facebook; are you?

The Chapter Facebook page is up and running. If you have a Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com and search for "USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter" or use the following link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USN>

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If you do not have a Facebook account a tutorial is on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdQhZy1xoul>.

The Facebook page is also linked to our Chapter Website.

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 on line 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.navalumnistore.com/16/Home.htm> directly or through the 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 colors! If you have any questions call Chapter Corresponding Secretary Mike Mowins at (760) 602-0857 or corrsec@usnaasd.com.

Class Rep News

We just filled several Class Rep positions within the Chapter and are eager to fill the gaps.

We still need volunteers for the following year groups: 1950, 1954, 1973, 1992, 1993, 2004, 2006, & 2008. This is a great way to support your Chapter and serve your classmates. Please contact Richard Carlquist USNA '80 at (619) 917-6200 with any questions.

Blue and Gold Update

This is the time of year that candidates are completing their boards for Congressional Nominations to the Academy. In order to receive a Fully Qualified Offer of Appointment, ALL candidates must have a nomination

from an official source. The most common source is the candidate's local Congressional Office. Local BGOs and officers make up these boards and they interview all candidates to ensure the best qualified candidates receive a nomination to one of the service academies. The second most common source of a nomination is for the sons and daughters of career military – they apply for a Presidential Nomination. For more information on nominations go to <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>.

Membership

Current Members – 957

The Importance of Chapter Membership

There is a lot of value as a result of maintaining a current membership in our 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 into USNA.

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 all club costs....that hasn't changed. The Chapter supports as many club requests as it can.

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

Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events: All Chapter events have a non-member surcharge.

It's cheap: \$20/year

It's easy to join: Go to www.usnaasd.com and click on the membership tab.

Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!! 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 webmaster to receive a temporary one. Please avoid creating a new record.

Last Call

CAPTAIN ROBERT MCCRARY USN (Ret) '45



Surrounded by his loving family, Captain Robert Davison McCrary, U.S. Navy (Ret) passed away peacefully on November 15, 2011, due to complications following a heart operation. He was 88 years old.

The son of a naval aviator, Bob was born in 1923 in Lakewood, NJ while his father was stationed at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. As a Navy Junior, Bob moved often as his father was stationed at various locations throughout the country. Bob met the love of his life, Ann, at Coronado High School in the late '30s when their fathers were both stationed at North Island Naval Air Station.

Bob was in his first year as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy when the U.S. entered World War II and his class (1945) was accelerated to graduate a year early in June of 1944. He married Ann after graduating and soon departed to join his first ship, *USS Franklin (CV-13)* in the South Pacific. Bob received the Silver Star

Medal for heroic actions after the *Franklin* was severely damaged by Japanese dive bombers prior to the invasion of Okinawa.

During his 30-year naval career, Bob served on ten ships and in five shore assignments, with three of his assignments as Commanding Officer. Many of his assignments were in San Diego.

Bob retired from the Navy in Virginia Beach, VA and briefly worked for Raytheon as a government contractor. When he retired from business, he and Ann became more active in their local church and the Young Life Christian youth organization. As adult lives took their children farther from home, Bob and Ann decided to return to Coronado in 1998 to enjoy the weather, old

friends, and to be close to part of their family. Bob continued his involvement with Young Life in Coronado and he and Ann became very active in St. Paul's Methodist Church. Bob was also an active member of the Coronado Chapter of the Optimist's Club.

Bob was a patriot, a war hero, a military leader, a devoted husband, a wise and caring father, a good neighbor, and a devout Christian. He had a wry sense of humor, loved to do things with his grandchildren, and generously contributed his services and other resources to a variety of religious and community programs. He will be dearly missed by his family and a wide circle of friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, CAPT Frank McCrary, U.S. Navy (Retired), his mother, Mary McCrary, and his brother, CDR Shannon McCrary, U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Ann McCrary, his sister, Mary Ann Thomas (Ralph) of San Rafael, CA, his three children, CAPT M. Shannon McCrary, U.S. Navy (Retired) (Mary Pat) of Coronado, Mandy Kirk (Brad) of Jacksonville, FL, and Cyd Redfield of Coronado, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrance contributions be made in Bob's name to the St Paul's United Methodist Youth Fund.

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
9 Dec/0900	23rd Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic	Admiral Baker Field	Ken Lange '69 at (619) 231-1422 or Mark Stender '72 at mstender@higgslaw.com
10 Dec/1130	Army-Navy	Seau's (Signature Event), Fish Company (Coronado), Shore Club (PB), and Chief's Burgers and Brew (Solana Beach)	Details on-line
16 Dec/0700	NAVNET	Trellis Garden Grille	tjhammons@aol.com
27 Dec/1800	B&G Holiday Reception	On board USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) at NAVSTA	Details on-line
28 Dec/1330	Military Bowl	Seau's (Signature Event), Fish Company (Coronado), Shore Club (PB), and Chief's Burgers and Brew (Solana Beach)	Details on-line

Luncheon Reservation Form RSVP: secretary@usnaasd.com OR 619.384.1875. NLT Monday preceding the event

Location: Anchors @ 32nd Street

Make Checks Payable to:

USNAAA San Diego

Time: 1130 Social

\$20 with RSVP

701 KETTNER BLVD UNIT 28

1200 Buffet Luncheon

\$25 at the Door

San Diego, Ca 92101

New Member/Renewal Form (Not Required If No Changes) \$20 per year, \$10 Active Duty O-3 and below

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NickName _____ **Rank** _____ **Service** _____ **Spouse** _____

Email: Primary _____ **Alt** _____

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CLASS REPS are Listed below. Please call Rich Carlquist or email vpmembership@usnaasd.com if you are interested in filling an opening. The Chapter will support Class Reps in mailing expenses, etc. **1934-1951 are LIFETIME Members. * Decades Rep**

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