



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings!

Induction Day is complete, and the stellar young men and women we met last month have already started their journey at USNA as the class of 2021! I can't wait to hear more from their parents and friends throughout their journey.

Our annual Strategic Planning Meeting held last month was very productive. Your board members and I will be working hard to keep the chapter headed in a positive direction. A big Thank You goes to Ben Hobbs for organizing a great Link-in-the-Chain event at Petco Park last month,

We have several great events coming up this Summer, including a tour of Petco Park in August, so stay tuned to our local website for all the latest info. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the regulars and meeting a few more alumni and friends.

The Sea Story Contest should be a great time, so sign up early and bring your best. If you have any other events you would like to bring to the chapter's attention, please contact our chapter Secretary for inclusion in the newsletter.

Keep the information flowing and let's have a great year!

BEAT ARMY!!!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Friday, Jul 14 @ 11:00am- 6:00pm

(Note: New Location)

The 27th Annual RADM James G. Prout III Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Sea & Air Golf Course on NAS North Island Friday, July 14th. Proceeds will benefit local Surface Warrior dependent scholarships.

Info: www.navysnaevents.org

Wed, Jul 19 @11:30 pm

Chapter Luncheon at the Mission Valley Dave & Busters

Sea Story Contest! Cash prizes!

Note: Contestants must register prior to the event.

Fri, Jul 21 @7:00 am

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Fri, Aug 18, 2017@7:00am

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Fri, Sep 15, 2017 @7:00am

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Wed, Sep 20 @ 11:30am – 1:00pm

Chapter Luncheon (Dave & Busters)

Speaker: TBD

Sat, Jul 29 @ TBD

DDG-115 Commissioning Ceremony

NAS North Island,

<http://peraltacommissioning.org>

Future Events

Friday, Sep 1 @5pm Pacific

Navy Football Opener

@ Florida Atlantic (Go Navy!)

Navy Football Season 2018

Navy vs. Notre Dame @ Qualcomm Stadium (More details to follow, but it's time to get excited now!)

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 Vice President for Membership, Thomas Bethmann at vpmembership@usnaaasd.com to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership. "On the strength of one link in the cable, dependeth the might of the chain." Go Navy, Beat Army!

Membership:

Current Members – 949

Paid Members – 381

“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](#)

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!](#)

USNA Alumni Travel Program

Did you know that our alumni network conducted annual trips all over the world?! Take a look at some of the excursions available to you for 2017 and 2018!

[2017 Travel Catalog](#)

[2018 Travel Catalog](#)

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.usnaasds.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 Fontaine, USN (Ret) ‘51

Rear Admiral Richard Kern Fontaine ’51 passed away peacefully on 11 June 2017 at home in San Diego. He was 89 years of age.

Rich was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 31, 1928 to Jean Henri Fontaine and Lillian Dora Richard Fontaine. He attended Southwest High School and was a star athlete in swimming and golf; he was also an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 119.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951 and had a successful naval career in Surface Warfare, achieving the rank of Rear Admiral in March 1978. He had four sea

commands: USS Parrot (MSC-197), USS Hissem (DER-400), San Diego-based USS Hoel (DDG-13) and USS Reeves (CG-24). Upon retirement from the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in 1984, he and his wife, Sally, of 67 years settled in Rancho Bernardo.

Among his numerous decorations and awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with gold star in lieu of second award), Republic of Vietnam Distinguished Service Order, and the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat V).

After retirement from the Navy, Rich had a second successful career with Logicon as a member of the Senior Executive Staff. He was also active in numerous local service organizations including the San Diego Navy League (Ship Commissioning Chairman), Military Order of World Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freedom Foundation, and as a marshal for various PGA tournaments.

In addition to the Navy, golf was a lifelong passion for Rich – second only to his enjoyment of his family and large extended network of friends from his childhood, the Navy and many avenues of life.

Rich married his high school sweetheart, Sara Jean Wyatt (Sally) of Minneapolis on June 8, 1951 and they embarked on a lifelong adventure over their 67-year marriage. Rich is survived by wife Sara, 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Rich is remembered by family and friends as a fantastic husband and father, a true patriot who served his country well and as a rare “Golden Gate Good Guy.”

We wish you fair winds and following seas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in Rich’s name to Wounded Warriors.

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Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaasd.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, 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
July 19, 2017; 1130	Monthly Luncheon Sea Story Contest!	Dave & Busters 2931 Camino del Rio North San Diego, CA 92108	Craig Smith '82 president@usnaaasd.com
July 21, 2017; 0700	NAVNET Breakfast	Admiral Baker Clubhouse 2400 Admiral Baker Rd San Diego, CA 92120	Tom Hammons '71 thammmons@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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