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President's Letter

Greetings!

Last month we had a great dinner and conversation with our CNO, Admiral John Richardson '82 and over 110 alumni and guests. Thanks to everyone who came out on Valentine's Day for this fantastic event.

March is a busy month and we have multiple great outings on the calendar. I hope to see some new faces at the First Thursday Happy Hour on March 7th at Social Tap downtown.

Our Navy Varsity Track and Field is in town for their annual Spring training and to compete on Saturday, March 9 in the San Diego Collegiate Challenge starting at 11:00am at UCSD. Come out and support the team! Also, please join us for a pizza party on Thurs, March 14 at Oggi's in Liberty Station. This is a great chance to meet the team and hear about their next competition March 16 at PLNU. Contact Mike Philbrook '83 or Natalie Lamb '08 for info. Details are posted on our Facebook page and www.NavySports.com

The monthly luncheon will be on Wed, March 20th. Please come out and hear from Ben Higgins – local Channel 10 Sportscaster and Might 1090AM Sports Radio Host.

Election for new board members, directors and chapter officers will be in April, both online and at our monthly luncheon. Please reach out to me or any of the chapter officers or board members listed if you are interested in being considered for the board.

Our featured event this month is our 8th annual "Take me out to the Ballgame" at Petco Park will be on Sunday, March 31 for the Military Opening Day. Sign up on our website.

Volunteers are needed to help at the ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange on Thursday, Mar 28. Please contact me if you are interested in this worthwhile event and chance to give back.

I encourage all alumni to check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook to get frequent updates, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships!

GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!
Craig

Upcoming Events

Thu, Mar 7 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm
 First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
 Social Tap
 815 J Street, San Diego

Sat, Mar 9 @ 11:00am
 Navy Track & Field Meet
 San Diego Collegiate Challenge
 UCSD

Thu, Mar 14 @ 6:00pm
 Pizza Party for Navy Track & Field Team
 Oggi's Liberty Station

Fri, Mar 15 @7:00am
 NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Sat, Mar 16 @ TBD
 Navy Track & Field
 Ross and Sharon Irwin Meet
 Point Loma Nazarene University

Wed, Mar 20 @ 11:30am-1:00pm
 Chapter Luncheon
 Speaker: Ben Higgins
 Local Channel 10 Sportscaster &
 Mighty 1090AM Sports Radio Host
 Dave & Busters, Mission Valley

Tue, Mar 26 @ 5:30pm-7:00pm
 Chapter Board Meeting
 Wood Ranch Grill
 7510 Hazard Center Dr,

Thu, Mar 28 @ 8:30am-12:30pm
 ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
 Volunteers Needed!

Sun, Mar 31 @ 12:10pm-4:00pm
 8th Annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"
 Petco Park
 Lunch served from 12:10pm- 2:10pm
 First pitch at 1:10pm

Future Events

Thu, Apr 4 @ 5:30pm- 7:30pm

First Thurs Networking Happy Hour
Social Tap
815 J Street, San Diego

Wed, Apr 17 @11:30am-1:00pm

Chapter Luncheon & Elections
Speaker: TBD
Dave & Busters, Mission Valley

Fri, Apr 19 @7:00am

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Thu, Apr 25 @ 8:30am-12:30pm

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange
Volunteers Needed!

“SIR, I’ll find out SIR!!”

Chapter Information Corner:

Long Rang 2019 Planner:

- April – Class Rep Meeting (Details coming out soon)
- April – Chapter Board Election (Contact me if you are interested)
- May – Plebe Welcome Dinner
- Jun – Luau at Catamaran Hotel
- Jun – Plebe Send-off Luncheon
- Jun/Jul Strategic Planning Meeting
- Aug – Football Season

Please contact any board member of chapter officer to volunteer to help with an event.

Membership:

Current Members – 975

Paid Members – 393

Attention all San Diego Area Alums!!!

Please 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.

Class Rep News and Gouge

Everyone receiving this newsletter likely already knows the difference between

membership in the National Chapter (Alumni Association) and being a member of your local San Diego Chapter. This is a crucial distinction that some of more recent classes aren’t always aware of. Your local chapter works to provide you with camaraderie, connection, and utility during your stay in San Diego whether just for a PCS or for life.

Please help us spread 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.

If you are still on active duty, 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 Chapter Vice President, Ben Hobbs ‘02 at vp1@usnaaasd.com

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 all in touch
- **Camaraderie and Networking:** Get plugged into a vibrant community of veterans and leaders in America’s Finest City
- **It is Economical & Easy to Join!**

Contact Caroline Rodi ‘98 for more info.

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 bvhiger level of achievement. [Ctrl + Click here to learn how to be a mentor!](#)

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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!

Last Call/Obituaries:

For more obituaries, see our chapter website.

Find us on Social Media!



Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaasd.com or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event.

\$25 Member with RSVP; \$30 Non-Member.

(It pays to be a member!)

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, 3240 Nimitz Blvd, San Diego, CA 92106

Full Name	Class	Phone	Cell
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The USNA Alumni Association – San Diego Chapter

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.

1940 VACANT	1941 Rollo Rieve 760.704.1319	1942 Charlie Bishop 619.223.0492	1943 VACANT	1944 VACANT	1945 VACANT
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1976 Phil Poirier 858.538.6708	1977 Tom Hejl 619.437.4706	1978 John Rogitz 619.561.5292	1979 Pat Garcia 619.307.9167	* 1980 Barbette Lowndes 858.243.2142	1981 Tom Carlson 619.397.0909
1982 Craig Smith 619.623.5509	1983 Don Hinderliter 619.665.9078	1984 Bryan Caraveo 619.249.6043	1985 Kyle Freitas 760.522.7916	1986 Dan Gruta 619.806.1155	1987 Tad Northcott 703.819.2289
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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.