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President's Letter

As this newsletter hits the in boxes and mail boxes, another Class of Midshipmen joins the Fleet and the Corps and solidifies another Link in the Chain. Congratulations to the Class of 2012.

I had the privilege of visiting the Academy in early May for the International Chapter Officer Forum, a gathering of the Chapter Presidents. During the one day session, we received updates from the National Alumni Association staff. You may have noticed a change to USNA.com. They rolled out the new pages on May 7. It should be easier to navigate. Did you know you can read Shipmate on your iPad? Have you followed the Alumni Association on Facebook or tried their new mobile app? Details are available on the new webpage. Don't worry, the hard copy of Shipmate is not going away anytime soon. The Alumni Association's goal is to be relevant to all ages and to communicate with all ages.

We were also given a head's up on the next National Campaign. There are four areas of support which are priorities for the Superintendent, and by extension for the Alumni Association. There is a growing need to teach current Midn about Cyber Security and Ethical Leadership. They would like to provide more opportunities for international engagement for the Midn and offer more summer Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) outreach opportunities to middle school students. Watch for more details from your Class President.

The Commandant shared with us his philosophy. He believes you have to look at the 'long view' to overcome short term obstacles. He believes in pressure with purpose and making the Midn leadership accountable for the

development and behavior of all. If you have the opportunity, ask a current Midn or recent grad about the consequences of drinking offenses and physical fitness failures.

Finally, I had the opportunity to share with the other Chapter President's the success of our Class Rep organization. The way we look out for each other is worth the bragging. Thank you to all who have served or are currently serving as Class Reps.

There is a lot going on this summer. Make sure you find at least one event where you can engage with your Shipmates. We have two more great luncheons, a field trip to the Midway Museum, our annual summer Link in the Chain picnic and much more before summer ends.

Barbette Lowndes '80
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

Upcoming Luncheons!!

June: George Galdorisi, again a MUST NOT MISS event. George wrote the book for the movie Act of Valor that is a current block buster about Navy SEAL's and their missions.

July: Maurice Wilson, who is the CEO of Reboot, talking to us about how things are going with our Vets returning to the workforce and their Reboot program!

August: We are going to have a very special tour of the USS Midway and then lunch in the Gaslamp.

September: Dan Gruta, who is going to talk about what is the latest and greatest for the Surface Warfare guys.

October: Carl Nelson who is writing a book called Annapolis

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/USNA-Alumni-Association-San-Diego-Chapter/117296792155>.

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.navyaluminstore.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.

Blue and Gold Update

This is the time of year where the Class of 2016 is pretty firmed up, the Class of 2017 NAPSters have been selected, and the new Class of 2017 candidates are just entering the system. The cycle begins anew. I'll have the final statistics for the Class of 2016 next month.

On 5 June we will recognize the individual candidates to the new Class of 2016 and Class of 2017 NAPSters. The local Class of 1966 will welcome the Class of 2016 as part of the national "Link-in-the-Chain" events. Later in the month, the local Naval Academy

Parents Club will welcome incoming plebes and parents with a picnic.

Now is a good time, to talk to Mike McVay if you are interested in becoming a Blue and Gold Officer as we can assign you to an experienced BGO as a mentor and ease you into the Naval Academy Information Program.

Class Rep News

Welcome Aboard to our newest Class Reps including Mike Mowins 79, Elrod Rodriguez 90, and Brian Dozier 92. The Class Rep position is an extremely important link to promoting Chapter events and inspiring Classmate unity. We need USNA Grad volunteers for the following year groups: 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1950, 1954, 1973, 1984, 1993, 1995, 2005, 2010, 2011, and 2012. This is a great way to support our Chapter and serve your Classmates. Please contact Craig Smith 82 at (619) 623-5509 with any questions. Go Navy!

Membership

Current Members – 943

Paid Members - 407

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 WAYNE L. JENSEN USN (Ret)*50



Captain Wayne Jensen died on 11 May 2012. He was 84 years old at the time of his death. He was born on September 27, 1927 to Robert and Harriett Jensen in Elk Point, South Dakota. He graduated from Elk Point High School in 1944. Wayne attended Bainbridge Preparatory

School for one year before being selected in 1945 to attend the United States Naval Academy by the late United States Senator Chan Gurney. CAPT Jensen graduated from the Academy in 1950 at the top of his class. After a short tour of duty aboard USS George (DE-697), he entered flight training and served as a naval aviator for the remainder of his career. Wayne met and married Dorothy K. Jackson of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, who was a personal secretary to J. Edgar Hoover. During his 30 year naval career, Wayne and Dorothy traveled around the globe and were stationed in many and varied locations including Hutchinson, Kansas where his first son, Stephen, was born. In 1954, twins, Mark and Merrill were born in Jacksonville, Florida.

During his naval career, Captain Jensen served as Commanding Officer of a helicopter squadron aboard USS Yorktown (CVS-10), Commander of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Warfare (Light) Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and

as Chief of Staff to the Commander of Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He received numerous citations and awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Navy Commendation Medal. In addition to his USNA Bachelor's degree, CAPT Jensen earned an MA degree from George Washington University, attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and was an Adjunct Professor (Retired) at the Naval War College.

Upon his retirement from the Navy in 1980, Captain Jensen remained active in many Navy organizations and community service projects. He served on the San Diego Grand Jury, was Treasurer of the San Diego County Scholarship Foundation, and Editor of the Navy Helicopter Association publication "Rotor Review". For 43 years he served as the Naval Academy class of

1950 correspondent for "Shipmate".

Dedicated to his family, Wayne is survived by one son, Merrill, a brother, Dr. Glenn S. Jensen of Rapid City, South Dakota, one sister, Marianne of Elk Point, South Dakota and Yuma, Arizona; a special friend, Dorothy Ann Richer, four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews in Minnesota, Oregon, Arizona and Texas. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Dorothy, two sons, Stephen and Mark Jensen, two brothers, Merle and Gerald Jensen, and a sister, Fern Lundgren. His family, colleagues and many friends will dearly miss Wayne. His motto was "I did my Best" and he certainly did. Service and interment will be at the U.S. Naval Academy Annapolis, MD. In memory of Captain Jensen, donations can be made to Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80997.

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
5 June/1800	Plebe Welcome Aboard Dinner	Admiral Baker Clubhouse	Price: \$35.00 per person. More details coming soon.
15 June/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	tjhammons@aol.com
16 June/0800	Annual Strategic Planning Meeting	TBD	Board Meeting
20 June/1700	Networking Event	FUZE, 9379 Mira Mesa Blvd. San Diego, CA 92126	\$5 at the door for appetizers. No host bar.
21 June/1130	Chapter Luncheon, CAPT George Galdorisi, Act of Valor	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: reservations@usnaaasd.com or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
19 July/1130	Chapter Luncheon, TBA	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: reservations@usnaaasd.com or USNAAASD, 701 Kettner Blvd, Unit 28, San Diego, CA 92101. \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member
20 July/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	tjhammons@aol.com
11 Aug/1200	Annual Link in the Chain Picnic	Admiral Baker Field Cookhouse	Details coming soon.
16 Aug/0900	USS Midway Field Trip	USS Midway	Details coming soon.

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

14430 Callejon Musica

1200 Buffet Luncheon \$25 at the door

San Diego, CA 92129

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

Full Name _____	Class _____	Phone _____	Cell _____
NickName _____	Rank _____	Service _____	Spouse _____
Email: Primary _____	Alternate _____		
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____

CLASS REPS are listed below: Please call the VP Membership or email vpmembership@usnaasd.com if you are interested in filling an opening. The Chapter will support Class Reps in mailing expenses, etc. Classes graduated 60 or more years are LIFETIME Members. * indicated Decades Rep

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1965 Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	1966 George Klein 619.221.0059	1967 Warren Millard 858.695.3342	1968 Randy Bogle 619.328.5728	1969 Mike McNeil 858.354.6565	1970 Tom Flaherty 858.740.5142
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