



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

It must be summer. The plebes are sweating it out in Annapolis and we are enjoying beautiful weather in San Diego. There is plenty going on within the Chapter. I hope everyone finds at least one event of interest.

With a vote of 93% in favor, the revised ByLaws have been adopted. Thank you

to those who caught the typos. There were a couple comments about the age of Life Membership. The Board will consider your comments.

Thanks to Rich Carlquist, we had a great time at the Padres game on June 17th. The Kona Cove section offered great viewing, but an even better opportunity to mix and mingle. We will try for the larger section next year.

Our annual Link in the Chain picnic is just days away on Aug 11th. This has been a great event every year. This year we rented an inflated bounce playhouse for our young guests and will run several games for young and old. Hint: dust off your Reef Points for a little trivia contest.

Our annual field trip takes us to the Midway Museum for a private meeting with the CEO Mac MacLaughlin '72, followed by two docent-led tours of the ship. You should recognize the docents who are active members of our Chapter. We've reserved the sponson for a private buy-your-own lunch. Make sure you sign up early.

Finally, it's almost time for Navy football. There will be viewing opportunities at Randy Jones American Grill in Mission Valley, the Fish Company in Coronado, the Shore Club in Pacific Beach and Chief's Burgers and Brew in Solana Beach. Check our website for times and locations.

Barbette Lowndes '80
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

Upcoming Luncheons!!

August: Field trip to the Midway Museum with special greeting by

the CEO Mac MacLaughlin '72, followed by docent-led tours.

September: Dan Gruta '86, will talk about the latest and greatest in Surface Warfare.

October: Carl Nelson '56, about the new book he is writing titled Annapolis.

November: CDR John Kochendorfer '94 will be speaking to us between his trips to Mobile Alabama where he and his crew are learning the in's and out's of LCS 4.

Blue and Gold Update

Our Class of 2017 Cycle is well underway with 203 applicants. Of those, 146 will need interviews by our Area Blue and Gold Officers. Candidate that are working to complete their candidate packages during their summer vacation will be way ahead of their contemporaries that wait until after the school year starts. Competition for an appointment has become fierce, candidates that have taken both the SAT and ACT more than once is the norm and many candidates (at least a third of every entering class are applying again). If you know of a sharp young man or woman that would make a great Naval Officer, find out where they are going to high school and send that information (along with their contact email) to Captain McVay. He'll hook them up with their BGO and get the process rolling. Talk to them about your experiences at USNA, introduce them to your classmates, and share your sea-stories about your experiences on active duty. Please refer all questions about the application process and how to be competitive to our trained BGOs – nobody appreciates Bum Gouge!

Class Rep News

Welcome Aboard to our newest Class Reps Dean French '50 and Michelle Webster '10. 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: 1954, 1973, 1995, 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.

Membership

Current Members – 951

Paid Members - 421

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 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 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 data base 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: \$20/yr; \$10/yr Active/Reserve O-3 & below. Visit www.usnaasds.com and click on the membership tab.

Call to Action to all San Diego Area Alumni!!! Please 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. 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.

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/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.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 colors! If you have any questions call Chapter Corresponding Secretary Mike Mowins at (760) 602-0857 or corrsec@usnaasds.com.

Last Call

Stephen Haines '68



Born on December 23, 1945, Steve died on July 2, 2012. His goal in life was to make a difference in the lives of others and that was his main achievement.

In 1964, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy from Pleasantville, NJ. He graduated with the Legendary Leadership Class of 1968. Steve received an MSA in Organizational Development from George Washington University where he learned Systems Thinking which became his guide to life and work. Steve got his Ed D (ABD) from Temple University in Educational Psychology.

In 1975, Steve left the Navy and served in executive positions at Marriott, Exxon Enterprises, Sunoco, MCI, Freddie Mac, and ICA, a San Diego bank. He founded the Haines Centre for Strategic Management. His unique writings in Systems Thinking and Strategic Management led to forming Systems Thinking Press with 700 products and 20 books by Steve sold in over 70 countries. As VP of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Strategic Planning, he led their effort to develop the standards for the Strategic Planning field. The Certification Program is now the standard in the field. He was inducted into ASP's Hall of Fame in 2011. Steve is one of the world's greatest Systems Thinking experts and practitioners of the 21st Century.

He was a member of the Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Jayne; his daughter, Monica (Pierre) Romero; grandson, Sebastian Romero; and sister, Linda (Troy) Waldt. Steve's ashes will be scattered at sea in the Pacific Ocean.



CDR Robert Eugene Parker USNR (Ret) '46

Robert Parker died on 23 June 2012. He was born on 24 October 1923 in Hartford City, Indiana. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1946 one year early in 1945. He then earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Indiana University.

His prestigious military career as a Naval Officer during the Korean War included serving on the aircraft carrier, USS Monterey. Later, after earning his wings, he was assigned to Fighter Squadron VF 52 on the USS Valley Forge, and served as a jet pilot. He flew an historic mission and became the first naval pilot to cross the Pacific by single-engine jet aircraft using in-flight refueling.

After settling in San Diego, highlights of his civilian career include employment with General Dynamics in the aerospace and defense division, Real Estate Broker and Partner in Nixon-Kinney Realty, Instructor of Real Estate Economics at Palomar College, and authoring Real Estate Economics. He was a member of Central Congregational Church in La Mesa.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, daughters, Linda Parker of El Cajon, Pamela Hill and grandson, Andrew Hill of Tahoe City.

CAPT James Josph Hogan III, USNR (Ret) '63

Captain J.J. Hogan III, USN (Ret) died on 6 June 2012 as a result of complications from a stroke suffered in 2011. He was 71.

Capt Hogan was born in Manchester, New Hampshire. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned as a Navy Ensign in June 1963.

Capt Hogan had numerous ship and shore assignments throughout a 36 year Naval career. His shore duty assignments included the Bureau of Naval Personnel, the Royal and Naval War Colleges, and the Surface Warfare Officer School Command. Sea duty assignments included the USS BAUSELL (DD 845), CAMP (DE 251) and culminated in the command of three ships, the USS CLAUD JONES (DE 1033), HARRY W. HILL (DD 986) and JASON (AR 8).

Capt Hogan's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with

Gold Star (in lieu of a second award) and Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.

He was member of the Bonita Kiwanis Club for over 25 years and supported many San Diego area youth activities including Rady's Children Hospital, Christmas in October program and the Boy Scouts of America.

Capt Hogan is survived by his wife, the former Maureen Hayward of San Diego, their son Jim, daughter Laurie McGee and three grandchildren.

ADM James D. Ramage, USNR (Ret) '39

Rear Admiral James D. Ramage died on 21 July, two days after his 96th birthday. While the official cause of death was listed as "congenital heart failure," Admiral Ramage had dodged lethal threats for decades. However, he was blessed with a sharp mind to the very end of his days. Born in 1916 in Waterloo, Iowa, Admiral Ramage briefly attended the Iowa State Teachers College then earned an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated in June 1939.

Known by his call sign, "Jig Dog," Admiral Ramage flew in 11 World War II combat operations, once crippling a Japanese aircraft carrier. He also served in Korea and Vietnam,

commanded the aircraft carrier Independence (CV-62) and trained a generation of pilots.

After 34 years of service, he retired from the Navy in 1975. The Smithsonian asked him to lecture on combat air operations. The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation inducted him into its Hall of Honor. Among his decorations were: the Navy Cross, four Legions of Merit awards, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and seven Air Medals.

He stated that pilots probably got more recognition than they deserved and in retirement, he devoted his time and money to help establish the Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor. That museum is now aboard the decommissioned aircraft carrier museum USS Yorktown in Charleston, S.C.

Once ashore for good, the admiral also devoted more time to family. Three years ago, he and his daughter Jamie Franzman founded Soaring Solutions, a software project management company.

Admiral Ramage was predeceased by his first wife, Emleen "Ty" Gillis, whom he divorced in 1963; and his second wife, Ginger Keesling. He is survived by two daughters, Jaleen Edwards of Cornville, Ariz., and Jamie Franzman of St. George, Utah; a stepdaughter, Karen Cordes; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Presents:
USS Midway Tour
16 August 2012, 0915 PDT**

This is an excellent opportunity to see a new side of the USS Midway with a presentation with the CEO of the USS Midway Museum, followed by a choice of two docent-led tours. Explore a floating city at sea and relive nearly 50 years of world history aboard the longest-serving Navy aircraft carrier of the 20th century. The Museum has 60 exhibits throughout the historic aircraft carrier and 25 restored aircraft.

0915 - 0930	Meet on Pier
0930 - 1000	Board Midway
1000 - 1030	Presentation by CEO
1030 - 1200	Docent-Led Tours
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - TBD	Self-guided Tours, at your leisure

Sign-Up Today at <http://www.usnaaasd.com> and SAVE! Space is limited to the first 40 to registrants.

Parking Information: \$5 up to 1 hour, \$7 for up to 4 hours and \$10 for up to 10 hours. <http://www.midway.org/Directions-Parking>

Do you know your Pro-Knowledge?

1. When was the USS Midway commissioned?
2. Midway's aviators downed the first 4 MiGs and the last MiG of Vietnam in what years?
3. On 25 March 1986, the final carrier launching of this aircraft took place off the Midway?
4. In the 1990's she participated in this Operation.
5. The Midway was decommissioned at Naval Air Station North Island on 11 April 1992, in which the main speaker was this Secretary of Defense.
6. Excused early from today's chow call if you know this: On 23 June, as Cdr. George Chamberlain Duncan attempted a landing in BuNo 125228, a downdraft just aft of the stern caused a ramp strike in which the forward fuselage broke away and rolled down the deck, the pilot suffering burns. Footage of this incident has been used in which 3 films.

If you are reading this, you didn't have a real Plebe year...

1. 10 September 1945
2. 17 June 1965 & 12 January 1973
3. F-4S Phantom II (replaced by F/Q-18 Hornets)
4. Operation Desert Storm
5. Vice President Richard Bruce "Dick" Cheney
6. Men of the Fighting Lady, Midway, and The Hunt for Red October

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 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. Classes that have graduated 60 or more years ago are Lifetime Members. A "*" indicates the Decades Rep. Class Rep e-mail addresses are located on the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website.

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Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaaasd.com or 858-243-2142 NLT the Monday preceding the event. \$20

Member with RSVP; \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door

New Member/Renewal: \$20 per year, \$10 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

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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
11 Aug/1200	Annual Link in the Chain Picnic	Admiral Baker Field Cookhouse	\$5 pp for Chapter members/non-alumni guests. \$10 pp for non-members. Kids under 12 free! Additional \$5 charge day of event. John Ennis will be speaking about his new book, Shadows of Greatness. http://www.usnaaasd.com/article.html?aid=221
16 Aug/0915	USS Midway Field Trip	USS Midway	Introduction from the CEO of the USS Midway Museum and choice of two docent-led tours. \$20 Member/Guest; \$25 Non-Members. http://www.usnaaasd.com/article.html?aid=222
17 Aug/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	For more information, contact Tom Hammons at tjhammons@aol.com . No charge for this event.
9 Sept/1130	Dan Gruta '86	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
21 Sept/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	For more information, contact Tom Hammons at tjhammons@aol.com . No charge for this event.
18 Oct/1130	Carl Nelson '56, his new book about Annapolis	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
19 Oct/0700	NAVNET	Town and Country Hotel, Trellis Garden Grille, 500N Hotel Circle	For more information, contact Tom Hammons at tjhammons@aol.com . No charge for this event.
15 Nov/1130	CDR John Kochendorfer '94, LCS 4	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
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Annual Link-in-the-Chain Picnic



USNA Alumni Association Family & Friends

Admiral Baker Field Picnic Area

Saturday, 11 August 2012, 1200 - 1700

**San Diego Charger Players
Invited to Salute Wounded
Warriors & their Families!**

New Fun for Kids

Bounce House Jumper,
Football/Frisbee Toss, & Festive
Picnic Games!

Old Fun for Adults

Reef Points Jeopardy, Chow Call
Races, Athletic Competitions, &
Sea Stories Galore!

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\$5 in Advance

\$10 at Event

Non-Members

\$10 in Advance

\$15 at Event

Kids 12 & Under

Free!

- We'll provide the burgers, dogs, chicken, buns, sodas, & water.
- Please bring a salad, chips, or dessert to share.
- Bring your own beer/wine.
- No glass containers or pets.

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