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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends
of USNA,

On the banks of the Severn,
USNA midshipmen are hunkering
down to survive the "Dark Ages".
The weather back east is dreary and
the forecast for Annapolis, MD this
week is a wintery mix of rain and
snow. Fortunately for us, we live in
Southern California and have the
best climate in the nation so we can
enjoy many wonderful outdoor
activities-year round. How good do
we have it? Well, the Supe's Flag
Aid, LT Kate Mazlowski, told me
she can't wait to return to San
Diego, CA on her new set of orders
when she completes her tour of
duty at USNA.

Our January 29th Chapter
luncheon at Tom Ham's with
USNA Superintendent, VADM
Jeff Fowler '78, and President &
CEO of USNA Alumni
Association and Foundation,
Byron Marchant '78, was a
fantastic event. Over 170 alumni,
parents and friends of USNA
attended the lunch and heard
firsthand what's going on inside
the Yard. Byron Marchant
reported on the Alumni
Association's engagement and
communication plan, work on the
Association's Strategic plan, the
financial status of the Association,
the role USNA graduates are
playing in Haiti's Humanitarian
relief effort and in Space and
lastly preliminary results of a
survey conducted on USNA
Alumni services. Byron informed
us he heard loud and clear from
survey respondents on the
importance of Shipmate! VADM
Jeff Fowler reported there are
18,000 applicants for the new
incoming class at USNA. He
stressed the need for Academy
curriculum to prepare officers for
Cyber Warfare, the importance of
midshipmen to apply and practice
leadership theory learned on a
daily basis and reported on a
major multi-million dollar
renovation of the kitchen facility
in King Hall. The Supe said the
quality of food for midshipmen at
USNA has improved significantly
over the past year.

Congratulations are in order for
USNA's Alumni Association
2010 Distinguished Graduate

San Diego Chapter going Green

To save \$\$, and a few trees, the
Board is considering a proposal to
minimize printed copies of the
newsletter. If you have an email
address on file, we will email the
newsletter starting in May. Let us
know what you think.

Awardees. ADM Bud Edney '57,
David Dunn '55, ADM Lynch '64,
ADM Reason '65 and Gen Fulford
'66 were all selected. ADM Edney is
from the San Diego area and has
agreed to be a speaker at one of our
upcoming luncheons.

We have two important Chapter
events planned in the coming months
and I hope as many alumni, parents and
friends as possible can participate. First,
we are having a Chapter Dark Ages
"Casino Night" aboard the Spirit of San
Diego on February 20th. The event will
be a fun filled evening on the Bay with
prizes, food, drinks and music. The
funds raised from this event will help
support our Chapter's sponsorship of
San Diego Blue & Gold Officers and
Midshipmen events. I also solicit
donations be made so we can invite
Wounded Warriors from Navy Balboa
to attend and be our guests. Our second
event will be the Plebe Recognition
dinner that will be held June 1st at the
ADM Baker Club. Myron Fleming '62
will be leading this event, more
information will follow in our
newsletters and on our Web page.

As I stated at our Supe's luncheon,
the Chapter will be going "Green" on
May 1st. In an effort to save paper and
reduce our mailing costs which are
\$5,500 annually, we will only send
paper copies of our newsletter to
those alumni and friends who choose
to do so. Please let our Secretary,
Mike McNeil '69, know if you desire
to continue receiving a paper copy of
Chapter newsletter. Mike's email
address is: Secretary@usnaaasd.com.
Additionally, starting May 1st, if you
desire to leave a phone message to
attend a Chapter luncheon or event,
please call Diana Edmondson '98,
Chapter Treasurer, at 619-384-1875.

It's back to normal routine and our
next Chapter luncheon will be held on
Thursday, February 18th 1130am, at
Tom Ham's on Harbor Island. I look
forward to seeing you there!

GO NAVY,
Dan Archer '80

February Luncheon –

We are back to our standard luncheon date on the third Thursday of the month. This month we are privileged to have RADM Drennan, Class of '76, Commander, Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare as our guest.

Dark Ages Casino Night

This is the final push for signing up for Casino Night. For \$100 per person you get dancing, light refreshments, a hosted bar, casino fun, a raffle and a cruise around San Diego harbor with your USNA friends on Saturday Feb 20th 6:30-10 pm. What more could you want to celebrate the Dark Ages.

Sign up via PayPal on the website or by check: Mail checks to USNA San Diego Chapter, Attn: Diana Edmondson, 701 Kettner Blvd #28, San Diego, CA 92101

The return of Happy Hour

The Networking Happy Hour will begin again in February. Watch for more details.

Blue and Gold:

Notice to High school juniors. On February 1st apply for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar. Got to www.USNA.edu/Admissions and fill out the application. Applications are open from February 1st to March 31st. This is a one week unparalleled experience to get insight into the life of a Midshipman!

High School Students Interested In USNA:

High school students and younger can express interest in the U.S. Naval Academy by accessing the web site - www.USNA.edu/Admissions. In the "Steps to Admissions" pages click on "Contact Information" and fill in the requested information. This is a private data collection used to inform prospective applicants to USNA.

Last Call:**RADM Leland Griffith Shaffer, '31**

Jake Shaffer passed away peacefully on Jan 8, at his stepdaughter's home in Coronado, CA, surrounded by his family. He was the third oldest living graduate of USNA.

Jake was born Feb 28, '09, in Bedford, PA. He enlisted in the Navy in '26 and was selected for the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS). From there, he entered USNA in '27, graduating with the Class of '31.

On Dec 7, '41, Jake was at sea onboard the heavy cruiser USS MINNEAPOLIS (CA-36) as part of the USS LEXINGTON task force near Midway Island which returned to the destruction of Pearl Harbor three days later. Four months later, the LEXINGTON played a critical role in the Battle of Coral Sea and Jake was a participant in that battle and, subsequently, in the battles of Midway, Guadalcanal, Savo Island, and Tassafaronga, among others, all in '42.

In '43, he was assigned to staff duty in Adak, AK as a part of the Navy response to Japanese incursions in the northern Pacific. After the recapture of Attu and Kiska, he returned to the South Pacific. In '44, he was Fleet Comms Officer on the 7th Fleet flagship. He was in action in this period in the battles of Leyte Gulf and Lingayan Gulf.

His wartime combat awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Combat "V," and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with nine battle stars.

Jake also served on USS LINDENWALD (LSD-6) and USS MARIAS (AO-57), as Atlantic Fleet Comms Officer, and JCS (Comms).

Jake was employed by Sylvania Electronics Systems for several years after retirement from the Navy. In '68, he began night school law classes graduating from Pepperdine in '72. He was admitted to the Bar in '72 and began a successful law practice in Long Beach, specializing in family law. He retired in '88.

Jake is survived by 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

CAPT Harry Fischer Jr., '40

Harry Fischer, a veteran of three wars passed away on January 12. Harry was born in Honesdale, PA. He entered USNA after 14 months enlisted service, and graduated with the '40. Harry was also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and George Washington University.

His initial assignment was Signal Officer of the heavy cruiser SAN FRANCISCO (CA-38) based at Pearl Harbor, HI. He was a Junior Officer of the Watch on December 7th, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

He served in submarines for the remainder of World War II. He completed eight submarine war patrols in the USS THRESHER (SS-200) and USS SPIKEFISH (SS-404) which he commissioned as Executive Officer. Harry commanded three San Diego based ships: USS RONQUIL (SS-396), USS ROGERS (DD-876), and USS SAINT PAUL (CA-73), the last Pacific Fleet all-gun heavy cruiser. He also commanded the USS POLLUX (AKS-4), a Japan-based supply ship, and Submarine Division 71 based in Pearl Harbor. Other duty assignments included the Bureau of Naval Personnel; Staff, Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet; Joint Staff, Commander, U.S. Forces Japan; Staff, U.S. Naval War College; Commander, Recruit Training Command, San Diego; and Commander, Naval Training Center, San Diego.

His combat decorations include the Silver Star medal, three Bronze Star medals, and the Navy Commendation medal, all with Combat "V."

Harry is survived by his wife of 67 years, Florence "Flossie" Fischer.

Current Members – 937**New Members**

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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
13 Feb	Navy Gymnastics	All Academy Championship, Laguna Beach	
18 Feb 1130	Monthly Luncheon: Speaker: RADM Frank Drennan, Class of '76	Tom Ham's Harbor Island Topic: Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare	Class of '81
19 Feb 0700	NAVNET Breakfast (Job Networking)	Trellises Garden Grille, Town & Country Mission Valley	Tom Hammons tjhammons@aol.com
20 Feb 1830	Dark Ages Casino Night and Fundraiser	Spirit of San Diego	Mike Bruneau '94 bruneaumike@hotmail.com



The San Diego USNA Alumni Association & Parent's Club
invite you to the

Dark Ages Casino Night & Fundraiser

aboard the



**Saturday, February 20th,
6:30 PM -10:00 PM**

Enjoy -

- ♣ 3 Hour Private Cruise with Reception Menu
- ♦ Hosted Beer, Wine, Champagne and non-alcoholic beverages (aka Open Bar)
- ♥ Casino (Blackjack, Craps, and Roulette) – Donate \$20 and get \$500 in casino money which can be turned in for raffle tickets later in the evening
- ♠ DJ / Dancing

The Class with the most attendees will get an extra \$500 in casino money

Tickets - \$100 per person,

- Supports BGO, USNA club & team visits, Chapter Alumni events

RSVP by January 15th and receive \$100 in casino money

- By Credit Card: From www.paypal.com, click on “Send Money” and send to treasurer@usnaasd.com.
- By check: Mail checks to USNAAA San Diego Chapter, Attn: Diana Edmondson, 701 Kettner Blvd #28, San Diego, CA 92101

Visit www.usnaasd.com for more information.

RSVP: Email: secretary@usnaaasd.com OR voice mail 619.384.1875. NO LATER THAN Monday preceding the event
 Location: Tom Ham's Lighthouse Make Checks Payable to: USNAAA San Diego
 Time: 1130 Social \$20 with RSVP/\$25 at the Door
 1200 Buffet Lucheon Mail to 701 KETTNER BLVD UNIT 28
 1230 Presentation San Diego, Ca 92101

Name Class Name: Class

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

Full Name:		Home/Cell Phone:	/
Nickname/Class:	/	Primary Email:	
Rank/Service:	/	Alt Email:	
Spouse:		Work Address:	
Home Address:		City, St:	
City, St ZIP:		Company/ Position:	/

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