



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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President's Letter

Happy New Year! As we begin 2013, I'd like to remind you of all the fun we had in 2012. I hope you found time to join us for at least one event.

In case you missed it, there were 10 monthly luncheons in 2012 at Anchors Catering. We also had our annual field trip in August to the USS Midway Museum.

We supported Navy football at four primary venues including our new location at Randy Jones All American Grill. From the opening game on Sept 1 (thanks to the Fish Company for opening early for the Navy-Notre Dame game) to Navy's most recent Bowl Game appearance, our Navy football fans were out in force.

We had three signature events this year, starting with the Dark Ages event at Anthology in March. Also in March we were excited to see Navy back in town for the San Diego Crew Classic. We had a great turnout for our annual Link in the Chain picnic in August.

We hosted two events supporting Midshipmen and candidates including the annual Plebe Welcome Dinner in June and the Holiday Reception in December onboard the USS Anchorage (LPD-23).

There were a number of networking opportunities including evening events with the University of California (Berkeley) and MIT and a special evening with the Class of 2002 supporting their book In the Shadow of Greatness. We also enjoyed watching a Padres game in July in the new Kona Cove section.

Thanks to all the Board Members and volunteers who made each and every event a success. We plan to continue this great schedule of engagement and encourage each member to come out to at least one event each year.

Barbette Lowndes '80
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

Upcoming Luncheons!!

January: CDR (Dr.) Matt Provencher '93 on his USNS Mercy deployment

February: Nico Marcolongo of Operation Rebound on the CAF Rebound program

Due to a number of requests by attendees and a recent menu change at Anchors, a search committee has been formed to find a new location for our monthly luncheons. The location must be: centrally located, have easy access and parking, offer a decent meal at a reasonable price, and have a room where we can hear and see our speaker without distractions. If you know of locations the search committee should consider, please email Jeff Clough '64 at gaclough@gmail.com. We also solicit your opinion on costs (higher costs equate to better venues and menus) and any other input you think will help. Once we have our homework done, we will conduct a member survey to provide details on the finalists before a final selection.

Class Representative News

Welcome Aboard to our newest Class Reps Dave Kuhn '73, Bryan Caraveo '84, and Moose Epaloose '95. Thank you for getting the word out to your Classmates last month regarding our Army-Navy Football Game signature event - we had over 210 in attendance with many Classes well represented! Congratulations to the Class of '71 for leading the charge and having 11 Alums attend plus their guests to watch yet another Navy victory. Note that an all Class Rep meeting is being planned for the March/April 2013 timeframe - will be sending out an e-mail to all Class Reps with the proposed date, location, and agenda.

Membership

Current Members – 937
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: \$25/yr; \$15/yr Active/Reserve O-3 & below. Visit www.usnaasd.com and click on the membership tab.

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

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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](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!

Last Call

CAPT Eugene M. WISENBAKER '50

Captain Eugene M. Wisenbaker, (USN, Ret.) passed away at home November 16, 2012 at the age of 86, with his family by his side. He was born November 1, 1926 to James Leon Wisenbaker and Katharine Louise Morgan Wisenbaker in Baltimore, MD. Gene was a 1944 graduate of Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, VA. He served in the Army for two years prior to accepting an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He graduated in June 1950 and was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy.

In 1951, Gene earned his Aviator's Wings in Pensacola, FL, and went on to pursue a career in naval aviation. Highlights in his career include serving as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Systems Command Naval Air Rework Facility in Quonset Point, RI, and piloting the only Jet-Powered SP5B (Martin) Patrol Aircraft. During 30 years of distinguished military service, Gene earned the following medals and decorations: Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army of Occupation of Europe medal, and Command Ashore Insignia.

In addition to his USNA Bachelor's degree CAPT Wisenbaker earned postgraduate Aeronautical Engineering degrees from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and the California Institute of Technology.

Above all, Gene loved his family. He encouraged them all to participate with him in his favorite pastimes of sailing, skiing, hiking, and traveling. His family will greatly miss his love, wit, and the honorable life he lived. Gene is survived by his beloved wife of over 61 years, Mrs. Helen A. Wisenbaker, his four children, James Wisenbaker (Judy), Katharine Wisenbaker, Laura Mahaney (Mike), Martha Wisenbaker (Jeff), his dearly loved grandchildren, Jimmy Wisenbaker, John Wisenbaker, Conor Mahaney, Aoife Mahaney, Niall Mahaney, William Flournoy, Jennifer Flournoy, and Katharine Flournoy. His much-loved niece Marie Wisenbaker Ardnt and cousins and their families also survive him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, or a charity of your choice. Services are planned for Monday, November 26, 2012.

Arrangements will be made by California Cremation and Burial Chapel (619) 229-2747 with burial at the Miramar Military Cemetery.

CDR William David DRAKE SC, USN (Ret) '52

Commander William David Drake US Navy retired, passed away on New Year's Day at a hospital near his Scripps Ranch home. He was 82 years of age. Born on 26 July, 1930 to Laurence and Evelyn Drake in Knoxville, TN, Bill spent his teen years during WWII in military academies. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1952 and was commissioned in the Supply Corps.

He served aboard the USS Rigel (AF-58), as well as various assignments in Virginia, Georgia, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Seoul, South Korea. In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree from USNA, he earned an MBA from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. The highlight of his highly decorated 25 year military career was during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, when he was the Navy's "Fuel King," responsible for keeping the U.S. flotilla continuously fueled and battle-ready as the Russian ships approached. Following his retirement from the Navy in San Diego in 1976, he attended Thomas Jefferson Law School in San Diego and earned an LLD degree in 1976. He briefly worked for a San Diego law firm and then he served as business administrator at the San Diego Natural History Museum from 1978 to 1990.

In 1954, he married Alabama beauty queen Billie Ruth Adwell and their 58 year marriage produced six children: Cynthia Drake Owens of Oxford, N.C., Karen E. Merrill of Durham, N.C., Laurence W. Drake of San Diego, Pamela D. Kragen of Vista, David F. Drake of Menifee, and Theodore C. Drake of San Mateo. In his retirement, Bill enjoyed genealogy, crosswords and his family, which grew to include son-in-law, David Merrill, daughter-in-law, Ricki L. Drake and eight grandchildren: Bill, Melinda, Rebecca and Christina Merrill, Matt and Aubrey Kragen, and Meghan and Madison Drake; as well as one great-grandchild, Emma Jean Merrill.

Graveside services were held at 10 am, 11 Jan at Miramar National Cemetery.

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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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, 14430 Callejon Musica San Diego, CA 92129

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DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	EVENT INFORMATION*
17 Jan/1130	CDR (Dr.) Matt Provencher '93	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
18 Jan/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.
24Jan/1800	USNA/Cal Happy Hour	Pacific Beach Shore Club	No host and no rsvp needed. 1800 – 1930.
21 Feb/1130	Nico Marcolongo of Operation Rebound	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	\$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch Buffet.
22 Feb/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.

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