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President's Letter

In June, the Officers and Board Directors gathered for the annual review of the Strategic Plan and By-Laws. A number of changes to the By-Laws were proposed and approved by the board. Some of the significant changes

include: 1) Officers will serve a two year term, vice one year in the current By-Laws; 2) the Blue and Gold Area Coordinator will become an ex-officio member of the Board; 3) defines Members in Good Standing as regular members who are current on required dues and defines Lifetime Membership for those who are 60 years or more past graduation; and 4) shifts the budget year from May to January.

Article 11 of the By-Laws allows for amendment of the By-Laws by the Board, however to ensure the By-Laws reflect the desire of the members of the Chapter, the revised By-Laws will be posted on the webpage for review. A vote to support the revision will be conducted electronically. An email notification will announce the posting and provide the link to vote.

There were no significant changes to the Strategic Plan, the Action Priorities or the Key Success Measures. If you want to know more about any of these documents, contact any Officer or Board Director.

If you missed the June luncheon, you missed a great presentation from George Galdorisi '70. George writes hundreds of articles for Naval Institute Proceedings and Shipmate and co-authored to three great books, Leave No Man Behind, Tom Clancy Presents Act of Valor and The Kissing Sailor. Have you heard of them? It was very interesting to hear how George became involved with all three.

Our July speaker is Maurice Wilson who will talk about ReBoot. We have to go through bootcamp (or plebe summer) to transition from civilian to military. ReBoot is a three week program to assist in the transition back to civilian. It's a great program and a vital service to our military.

August is shaping up to be another exciting summer with our annual Link in the Chain picnic on Sat Aug 11th and a field trip to the Midway Museum on Thur Aug 16th which will include guided tours by USNA Alumni as our docents and will also include lunch on the fantail. We're listening to feedback and are adding a bounce house for the kids at the picnic. Please keep an eye out for the announcements for both events.

Barbette Lowndes '80
Go Navy! Go San Diego!

Upcoming Luncheons!!

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

Blue and Gold Update

I-Day (June 28) went flawlessly and the Naval Academy swore in 1,211 midshipmen for the Class of 2016. This includes 1,194 US students and

17 international students. The overall acceptance rate this year was 86.7%, a new high. There were zero no shows and only one candidate refused to take the Oath of Office. San Diego's final count was:

Class of 2016

- 14 Direct Offers Accepted
- 10 from NAPS
- 1 from NAFS (Foundation)

Class of 2017

- 5 to NAPS
- 1 to NAFS (Foundation)

Three Blue and Gold Officers have retired and seven new BGOs have come into the program for the Class of 2017 Cycle. BGOs have been reassigned to several local high schools including brand new high schools with seniors. For alumni that have local area students that demonstrate an active interest in the Naval Academy but do not know who the Blue and Gold Officer assigned to that student's high school, contact Captain Mike McVay, the San Diego Area Coordinator for the Naval Academy Information program (NAIP) [skip.mcvay "at" 1977.usna.com]. Before handing out bum gouge, please ensure these bright young students know how to contact their Blue and Gold Officer.

Class Rep News

Welcome Aboard to our newest Class Reps including Don Hinderliter '83, Mark Cedrun '84, Arlen Aspenson '93, and Paul Bania '05. 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, 1995, 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.

Membership

Current Members – 959
Paid Members - 425

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.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.

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@usnaasd.com.

Last Call
COLONEL
RICHARD
ROTHWELL, USMC
(Ret) '36



Colonel Richard Rothwell, USMC (Retired), a gallant warrior and a kind, gentle man died of natural causes on May 7, 2012 in Catonsville, Maryland. COL Rothwell was one of the last surviving members of his Naval Academy class and was just six months from attaining his 100th birthday when he passed away. He was born on November 23, 1912 in Washington D.C.

He attended the Naval Academy and graduated in June, 1936 along with 260 members of his class. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Early in his career, he served in China helping to protect American citizens and property from the fighting between Chinese and invading Japanese forces in Shanghai. During World War II, MAJ Rothwell served as Executive Officer 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines during the capture of Roi-Namur, an island in the northern part of the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall islands. Occupied by Japanese forces prior to World War II, it was the target of the 4th Marine

Division in the Battle of Kwajalein in February 1944. (It is currently used as a U.S. missile test site.)

Following promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, he commanded that same battalion during assaults on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He received the Silver Star and Legion of Merit with Combat "V" medals for his bravery in those campaigns. His World War II service also earned him the following service medals: American Defense, China Service, Philippine Defense, and Asia-Pacific Campaign.

In the mid-1950s, he served as Chief of Staff of the 1st Marine Division and as Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, California. He was a graduate of the Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

He retired from the Marine Corps in 1961 after 25 years of commissioned service. He was also later retired from Raytheon Corp. and AVCO Research Corp.

In 1938, he married Phyllis Elizabeth Bowlby, daughter of John Hudson and Marguerite

Bowlby of San Diego, CA. Phyllis was a graduate of Point Loma High School and attended San Diego State University. Richard and Phyllis lived in Mission Valley, San Diego from 1977 until Phyllis, his wife of 60 years, died in 1998.

In 2003, Colonel Rothwell married Rebecca Guthrie Hopkins, the widow of a retired U.S. Army officer. He and Rebecca lived in Catonsville, Maryland until his death. COL Rothwell is survived by his wife, Rebecca, two sons; COLONEL Richard B. Rothwell USMC (Ret) (wife , Ann) of Escondido, California and Charles John Rothwell (wife , Sandra) of Bethesda, Maryland; four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m., Friday, July 27th at the MCRD Chapel, after which he will be laid to rest with Phyllis at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery columbarium. A reception will follow interment.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund or the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

DATE/TIME	EVENT/SPEAKER	LOCATION/TOPIC	CONTACT
17 July/1900	Take Me Out to the Ballgame	Petco Park, Kona Cove #1	The price is \$37 pp for Chapter members/non-alumni guests. \$42 pp for non-members. Includes admission, hotdogs, popcorn, soft drinks and water. Go to www.usnaaasd.com
19 July/1130	Chapter Luncheon, Maurice Wilson, CEO of Reboot	Anchors, 2376 Recreation Way, Bldg 3210	Send your reservation to: reservations@usnaaasd.com or USNA AASD, 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	The price is \$5 pp for Chapter members/non-alumni guests. \$10 pp for non-members. Kids under 12 free! Additional \$5 charge day of event.
16 Aug/0930	USS Midway Field Trip	USS Midway	Introduction from the CEO of the USS Midway Museum and choice of two docent-led tours. Go to www.usnaaasd.com

Luncheon Reservation Form RSVP: Treasurer@usnaasd.com OR 858-243-2142 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/Reserve 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. A "*" 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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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!

Members

\$5 in Advance

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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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