



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter



## Leaders to Serve the Nation August 2019

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### President's Letter

Aloha All!

The summer is almost over! We had over 50 people at both our July Take Me Out To The Ballgame and the Luau at the Catamaran Resort. Have you had a chance to participate in an alumni chapter event yet this summer? If not, you still have a chance...we have some great events planned for August.

The August 14 luncheon will also be our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Sea Story Telling Competition Luncheon. So dig deep back to your midshipman cruise days and come share that story to compete for some exciting prizes!

August 30 will be the Chapter Summer Event at the Del Mar Races! We are selling tickets quickly so please purchase yours soon so you don't miss this great event.

As always, I encourage all alumni to check our chapter website frequently for updates, like us on Facebook to get frequent updates, spread the word about our events, bring a friend, and renew your memberships! I hope to see everyone at our happy hours, luncheons, and August events.

**GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!**  
Craig

### Upcoming Events

**Thu, Aug 8-9**  
SACC  
Manchester Grand Hyatt  
San Diego

**Thu, Aug 8 @ 6:30pm-9:30pm**  
SACC Happy Hour  
Kansas City Barbeque

**Thu, Aug 8 @ 8:30am-12:30 pm**  
ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
Volunteer's Needed!

**Wed, Aug 14 @ 11:30-1:00pm**  
Chapter Luncheon  
Annual Sea Story Telling Competition  
Dave & Buster's, Mission Valley

**Fri, Aug 16 @ 7:00am-8:00am**

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Sat, Aug 17 @ 9:00am-1:00pm**

Chapter Board Strategic Planning Meeting  
UTC area

**Thu, Aug 22 @ 8:30am-12:30pm**

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
Volunteers Needed!

**Fri, Aug 30 @ 4:00pm-7:30pm**

Chapter Day at the Del Mar Races

**Sat, Aug 31 @ 12:30pm-3:30pm**

Navy Football vs. Holy Cross  
Five Viewing Locations

### Future Events

**Thu, Sep 5 @ 8:30am-12:30 pm**

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
Volunteer's Needed

**Thu, Sep 5 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Chapter Happy Hour  
Social Tap  
815 J Street, San Diego

**Thu, Sep 12 @ 8:30am-12:30 pm**

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
Volunteer's Needed!

**Wed, Sep 18 @ 11:30am-1:00pm**

Chapter Luncheon  
Speaker TBD  
Dave & Buster's, Mission Valley

**Fri, Sep 19 @ 7:00am-8:00am**

NAVNET at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse

**Thu, Sep 26 @ 8:30am-12:30pm**

ASYMCA Neighborhood Exchange  
Volunteers Needed!

**Membership:**  
Current Members – 718  
Paid Members – 352

**Encourage your fellow Classmates & Alumni to consider joining our local USNAAA San Diego Chapter**

## Attention all San Diego Area Alumni!!!

Please update your profile by logging onto [www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.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.

## Chapter Advisor Program

In 2019 the USNA Alumni Association is piloting the Local Chapter Advisor Program (LCAP) as a new tool for local chapters to engage new Alumni shortly after their graduation/commissioning.

If you are interested in participating as an advisor please contact Mike Philbrook at: [Michael.philbrook@1983.usna.com](mailto:Michael.philbrook@1983.usna.com).

## Class Rep News and Gouge

Everyone receiving this newsletter likely already knows the difference between membership in the National Chapter (Alumni Association) and being a member of your local San Diego Chapter. This is a crucial distinction that some of more recent classes aren't always aware

of. Your local chapter works to provide you with camaraderie, connection, and utility during your stay in San Diego whether just for a PCS or for life.

Please help us spread the word out to all alums to stay connected and receive excellent member benefits with discounted pricing to our events. Life Membership in the National Chapter does not register an alum with our chapter. When you meet a Classmate or USNA Alum, give them the good gouge about our local Chapter and direct them to our website [www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.com) to sign-up.

## Why Join your San Diego Chapter?

- **USNA Program Support:** Give back to the next generation and continue the chain
- **Chapter On-Line Directory Access:** Connect or Reconnect with fellow alums in the area
- **Preferred Pricing for Chapter Events:** Enjoy discounts at fun events that keep us all in touch
- **Camaraderie and Networking:** Get plugged into a vibrant community of veterans and leaders in America's Finest City
- **It is Economical & Easy to Join!**

Contact Caroline Rodi '98 for more info.

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## USNA Alumni Travel Program

Did you know that our alumni network conducts annual trips all over the world?! Take a look at some of the excursions available to you on the USNA website!

## Fair Winds and Following Seas

## Find us on Social Media!



**Luncheon Reservation RSVP:** [reservations@usnaaasd.com](mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com) or (619) 623-5509 NLT Tuesday before the event.

\$25 Member with RSVP; \$30 Non-Member.

(It pays to be a member!)

**New Member/Renewal:** \$25 per year, \$15 Active/Reserve O-3 and below

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

\*Please visit <http://www.usnaaasd.com/events.html> for additional event information and RSVP.

Date	Event	Location	Point of Contact
Aug 8-9, 2019	Service Academy Career Conference (SACC)	Manchester Grand Hyatt Downtown San Diego	Craig Smith '82 <a href="mailto:president@usnaaasd.com">president@usnaaasd.com</a>
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**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES** are listed below. Please call the VP Membership or email [ypmembership@usnaasd.com](mailto:ypmembership@usnaasd.com) if you are interested in filling an opening. Class Reps will be invited to an annual training event in April. Classes that have graduated 60 or more years ago are provided a free Lifetime Membership. A “\*” indicates the Decades Rep. Class Rep e-mail addresses are located on the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website.

<b>1940</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1941</b> Rollo Rieve 760.704.1319	<b>1942</b> Charlie Bishop 619.223.0492	<b>1943</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1944</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1945</b> <b>VACANT</b>
<b>1946</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1947</b> Nick Nicholson 858.454.9624	<b>1948</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1949</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>1950</b> Dean French 858.459.4360	<b>1951</b> Paul Tuzo 858.695.3690
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<b>1964</b> Bob Glennon 760.473.3181	<b>1965</b> Dave Schlesinger 619.470.0542	<b>1966</b> George Klein 619.221.0059	<b>1967</b> Warren Millard 858.695.3342	<b>1968</b> Dick Evert 858.999.1008	<b>1969</b> Mike McNeil 858.354.6565
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Contact our VP for Membership, Caroline Rodi '98 to fill a Class Rep vacancy or regarding application for local Chapter membership.