



# The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter



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### President's Letter

Greetings!

It was amazing to see so many old and new faces at the Dark Ages event last month. For those of you that could not join us, it was a spectacular event. We received such positive reviews that we will be hosting a similar event next year! The venue turned out to be a perfect fit for our group. The food was delicious and the beer satisfying.

2016 celebrates 40 years of women at USNA! To recognize this event in SoCal,

our chapter organized a trip for alumni and candidates to attend the Women's Glee Club concert in LA on Tuesday, March 15th. A chartered bus will be available to shuttle members to and from the event. Please visit our website for details and registration.

**BEAT ARMY!!!**  
**Gilda**

### Upcoming Luncheons

Looking for speakers. Please contact any board member with amazing ideas!

### March

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sea Story Competition

Have you been told that you tell the best sea stories? Well, now is your opportunity to see how it matches up against your fellow alumni. Join us for an afternoon of laughter and remembering the good old days. Sign up on-line to be part of the competition! Limited spots available.

### Class Rep News & Gouge

**We are AT 1,000 members - who will be 1001?** Keep recruiting your classmates to join the biggest & best USNAAA Chapter worldwide! Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1930's, 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1954. Please contact and encourage your local Classmates who are not yet Chapter members or need to renew their lapsed membership to join or renew and stay connected with our super USNAAA San Diego Chapter and receive excellent member benefits with discounted pricing to most of our events. FYI, the primary reason stated by Navy Grads for not joining the USNAAA San Diego Chapter is that they assume that USNAAA Life Membership with Annapolis automatically signs them up for membership in their local USNAAA Chapter - this is not the case at all. When you meet a Classmate or USNA Alum, provide them the gouge about our local Chapter and direct

them to the USNAAA San Diego Chapter website [www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.com) to sign-up to become a local member - thank you very much for your assistance! The Class Rep position has proven to be the cornerstone for strengthening local USNA and Classmate camaraderie while at the same time promoting all of our upcoming San Diego Chapter luncheons and special events. Serving as a Class Rep is a great way to stay connected with your local area Classmates by encouraging their support of our Chapter as well as by keeping everyone up to speed on all of our current USNA news and upcoming Chapter gatherings. Please contact Vice President for Membership, Craig Smith, at [vpmembership@usnaaasd.com](mailto:vpmembership@usnaaasd.com) to volunteer to fill a Class Rep vacancy or to discuss any questions regarding application for local Chapter membership. Thank you very much for staying connected with your local Classmates and fellow Alumni - Go Navy, Beat Army!

### Membership

**Current Members – 1000**  
**Paid Members – 469**

### 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.

**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 database 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](http://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](http://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 Chapter 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/11729679215> .

#### **Obituaries**

None.

#### **Financial News**

2015 Financial report is available upon request. Please contact Chapter Treasurer.



**Luncheon Reservation RSVP:** [reservations@usnaaasd.com](mailto:reservations@usnaaasd.com) or (626) 644-6452 NLT the Monday preceding the event.

\$20 Member with RSVP; \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door

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

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**Luncheon/New Member/Renewal Form:** Please make checks payable to: USNAAA San Diego, 2682 W Victoria Dr  
Alpine, CA 91901

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.