



The USNA Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Newsletter



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President's Letter

Dear Alumni,

August has been a great month for us. We started out with a bang. We were able to secure a tour of the USS Independence, LCS 2. Craig Smith connected with the Commodore and was able to work us into their very busy schedule for a tour of 45 alumni. The tour filled up in less than 2 days, so please, when you see the

announcements for events in emails to you, please be sure to go to our website and sign up immediately so that you are included. The tour went from 9:30 to well past 12, so we are very indebted to the Captain and the crew as I am sure they all did not have the duty weekend.

Next, on August 17th we had a picnic at Bainbridge Park on the base. The dogs, brauts, and burgers were prepared perfectly by Dan Gruta, Sandra Davidson, and Randy Bogle. It was a pot luck style picnic and those almost 50 people who joined us left NOTHING to luck!! We had deviled eggs that you almost didn't want to eat because they were so beautiful, pansit that was to die for, and potato salad galore. The real fun started when our Master of Ceremonies, Craig Smith, who missed his calling when he did not become a game show host, had us all write our names on napkins and had over 30 items to raffle. Very fun. We had classes represented from 46 to 2001, so 50 years of Link in the Chain were present.

Lastly, you have to sign up right away for our Padres game night, September 3 in Kona Cove. Sign up quickly before it is sold out. The game is against the Giants and it is taco Tuesday!!

Football starts soon and we will have games being watched at Randy Jones, the Shore Club in PB, Burgers and Brew in Solano Beach, and the Fish Company, Coronado. BEAT INDIANA and Air Force and ARMY!!!
Alan

Upcoming Luncheons!

September 17th : Randy Jones All-American Grill will host with CAPT Chris "Bolter" Bolt '87, CO USS Ronald Reagan as our guest speaker.

BIO: Captain Bolt
Commanding Officer, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76)

A native of Springfield, Virginia, Captain Bolt graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1987 earning a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. His initial flight training in Pensacola, Florida, included carrier qualification aboard USS LEXINGTON, CV-16, in 1988.

As an aircraft commander and instructor pilot in the E-2C Hawkeye and C-2A Greyhound, CAPT Bolt has flown with multiple VAW and VRC squadrons on both coasts and Japan and completed 9 deployments. He has accumulated more than 5500 flight hours in multiple aircraft types including the E-2, C-2, and F-14. He has successfully piloted more than 600 arrested landings on a combined total of fourteen aircraft carriers. He participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt and was also forward deployed to Manama, Bahrain. In addition to being a fleet E-2C pilot, Captain Bolt was a Landing Signals Officer (CAG LSO) where he regularly flew the F-14A on deployment. He later became the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Navy's Landing Signals Officer School at NAS Oceana, Virginia. He earned a Master's degree in Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and graduated with distinction in June 2002. After graduation, he reported to VAW-120 in Norfolk as the Executive Officer.

Captain Bolt served as the XO and then commanded the Liberty Bells of VAW-115 flying from the deck of USS Kitty Hawk, home-ported in Yokosuka, Japan, from October 2003 to April 2006. While in command, CAPT Bolt was selected for the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Training pipeline in Charleston, S.C. He completed Naval Nuclear Officer training at the Office of Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C. in September 2007. CAPT Bolt served as Executive Officer, USS Nimitz CVN-68, from December 2007 to November 2009.

Captain Bolt commanded USS Dubuque, LPD-8, from February 2010 to April 2011 where he deployed to the 5th Fleet AOR. As part of CTF-151, his crew and embarked Marines captured nine Somali

pirates aboard the Motor Vessel Magellan Star whereby freeing the international crew of eleven sailors.

He served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (ASD NII)/DoD Chief Information Officer from May 2011 to March 2013.

Captain Bolt's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals, Strike Flight Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medals (one with combat "V"), and Navy Achievement Medal.

Class Representative News

Thank you for getting the word out about the Link-in-the-Chain Picnic – we had over 50 in attendance at Naval Base San Diego's Bainbridge Park, and had a great time with classes from 1946 to 2001 in attendance!

Our mini-all Class Rep Meeting at the picnic had a good crowd, which included the Class Reps from '57, '66, '68, '79, '80, '82, '84, '86, '93, & '01 to pass out some good gouge about all our upcoming events, especially highlighting our 4 San Diego venues for the 2013 Navy Football Season, which kicks off on September 7th @ Indiana.

Congratulations to Class Rep Rich Carlquist '80 for having 3 Classmates along with himself at the picnic to claim the \$50 cash prize (he turned right around and donated it to the chapter – BZ!)

FYI, Class Reps are still needed for the following year groups: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1954, 1995, and 2013.

The latest gouge to chow call out to your Classmates is in regards to our upcoming "Take Me Back Out to the Ballgame" event at PETCO Park's Kona Cove #1 on Tuesday, September 3rd, as the San Diego Padres host the San Francisco Giants. Hope Many of you can make the game as we chow down on some good old All-American baseball game food of all-you-can-eat hot dogs (& veggie dogs), peanuts, popcorn, sodas, & water, which is all included in the ticket price – get your tickets SP as this will sell out here very soon due to a limited amount of seats.

Finally, please contact your local Classmates who are not yet Chapter members (or have let their membership lapse) to join or renew and stay connected with our superb USN San Diego Chapter and receive excellent member benefits and event discounts. The Class Rep position will always be the key connection to encouraging & strengthening local Class camaraderie and promoting upcoming San Diego Chapter events. Serving as a Class Rep is a fantastic way to stay in touch with your local area Classmates & encouraging support of our Chapter.

Please contact Vice President for Membership Craig Smith '82 at 619-623-5509 or at swojcmith@aol.com with any questions regarding application for local membership or how to become a Class Rep. Thanks again for staying connected and sharing our upcoming Chapter events – Go Navy, Beat Army (and all the teams we play this year)!!!

Have a fine Navy day!

Go Navy, Beat Indiana!

Craig

Membership

Current Members – 914

Paid Members – 408

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.

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.

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>.

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 online 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/Ho me.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.

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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Luncheon Reservation RSVP: reservations@usnaasd.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

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* |
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| 3Sep/1900 | San Diego Padres vs. San Francisco Giants | Kona Cove, Petco Park | Please visit http://www.usnaaasd.com/events.html for additional event information and RSVP. |
| 17Sep/1200 | Chapter Luncheon – CAPT Chris Bolt '87, CO USS RONALD REAGAN | Randy Jones' All-American Bar and Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108 | \$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch. |
| 15Oct/1200 | Chapter Luncheon – Billy Ray Smith | Randy Jones' All-American Bar and Grill, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 215, San Diego 92108 | \$20 Member w RSVP. \$25 Non-Member or Member at the door. 1130 Social; 1200 Lunch. |

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