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Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California

**FALL 2016** 



The Class of 2020 Begins Their USNA Journey

# Summer Training

What Our Mids Did This Summer

# **Getting Together**

WELCOME ABOARD LUNCH SUMMER PICNIC

# Ring Dance

WEEKEND

**PLEBE PARENTS'** 

Class Rings for Class of 2017

# KICKOFF!

**NAVY Football** 



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# FROM THE PRESIDENTS

e personally make every attempt to attend each APCSC event because we always come away with valuable, new insights on how we can help our Mid. We have several events coming up that will require minimal expense to rub shoulders with other parents, which include the Air Force Football Viewing Party (October 1) and the Chili Cook-Off (October 22). Both start at noon - make sure to save the dates now.

For parents for the Class of 2018, we hope you enjoy your time at Second Class Parents Weekend. We found it to be a great time to try to meet our Mid's closest friend's families. It proved to be a 'dry run' at Commissioning week as we rented our first vrbo.com (vacation rental by owner) property, which we loved and are now making a habit of. We coordinated purchasing tickets for the football game with our Mid's friend's parents and it was great to sit together at the game.

Van and Val Wray with Evan, Class of 2017 This is your last opportunity to be able to eat in King Hall (or only opportunity if your Mid preferred not to when he/she was a Plebe) and is your only chance to go to classes with your Mid. Be ready – this is the weekend they begin making decisions about their class ring... \$\$\$. We have heard that a choice for the stone is granite from Bancroft.

We recently had the opportunity to meet with several of the officers of the local USNA Alumni Association. Understanding their vision for bringing valuable networking (whether mentoring for current officers or business/social contacts for prior officers) was inspiring. We love their

commitment to help each other and we are looking into ways that the Alumni and Parents Clubs can collaborate together. For those of you who have a USNA grad who lives near LA or Orange county you can find out more information by going to losangeles. usnachapters.com.

And just for fun, here's a link, https://youtu.be/HTt-XEOXYMM, to the Naptown Funk video. Jacob Teepen (2019) is the break dancer on the left.

#### **GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!**

Van & Val Wray (Evan 2017)
Presidents, APCSC



## **ALUMNI**

Chris and Louise Wilson celebrated the marriage of their son Jack (2014) to Michelle Hartenstein who were married at the Naval Academy Chapel. Jack earned his wings in August and is stationed in Coronado flying the Segorsky R60. He should be completed with his final training by March.







#### **Football Viewing Parties**



#### NAVY v Air Force Oct. 1, 11:30am

2 Great Locations!

#### **CHAMPS SPORTS PUB**

4103 Burbank Blvd. BURBANK Burbank Register for LA event so we can get a head count at http://navyvsairforcelosangelesevent.eventbrite.com

#### Michael's Sports Pub and Grill

15192 Golden West St, Westminster
Sliders, hot wings, chicken quesadillas & veggie platter, beverages sold separately

\$20 until Sept 29th \$25 after Sept. 30 navyvsairforceocevent.eventbrite.com

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** ALL ACADEMIES December 26, 2016 6:00pm Reception 7:00pm Grand March Dinner and Dancing to Pollow **Sheraton Cerritos Hotel** 12725 Center Court Drive Cerritos, CA 90703 Military - Mess Dress Civilian - Formal Early Bird Discount December 6, 2016 at 11:30pm To register and pay for event go to the Eventbrite website AllAcademyBall2016.eventbrite.com Please address all questions to All Academy Ball Host Committee at USSASSC@gmail.com



Travis Blue with his date, Chanelle Oberly at the 2016 Ring Dance.

# RING DANCE

The Ring Dance was May 21, 2016. It was established as an academy tradition in 1925, and for the second-class mids is as much a rite-of-passage as Herndon is for the fourth-class mids.

Second-class mids officially receive their class rings and have them blessed by dipping them into the "waters of the seven seas," a bowl of water collected from all seven seas.



**MICHAEL MADIGAN '17** with Berkeley Peterson, daughter of Nels Peterson, USNA Class of 1980



TRAVIS BLUE '17
Mids (back) Jett
Meenach, Leland
Saile, Brian Wikoff,
Kyle Condry, Adrian
Chinnery with (front)
Chelsea Pix, Dayton
Wetherby and Cat
Macklin.



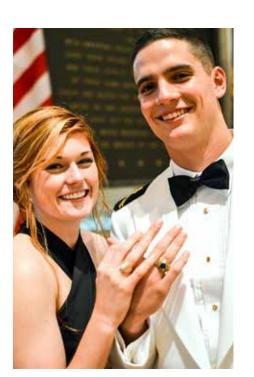
#### RING BEARERS

Jett Meencah, Leland Saile, Kyle Condry, Brian Wikoff, Adrian Chinnery and Travis Blue show off their rings



### **TRAVIS BLUE '17** celebrates with

Megan Lyvers and Olivia Morrell



with his date, Midshipman Sierra Koch at the 2016 Ring Dance







**CLAIR THATCHER** celebrates after receiving her commission as a Navy Pilot.

# COMMISSIONING! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter sends Class of 2016 out to the Fleet

Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter on May 27, 2016 urged the newly commissioned officers of the Naval Academy's class of 2016 to prepare to tackle some of the challenges facing the nation.

He spoke of Russian aggression, the rise of China in East Asia, a nuclear-armed North Korea, Iranian meddling in the Middle East and the battle against the self-declared Islamic State.

"The United States doesn't

have the luxury of being able to choose among these challenges," Carter said. "We have to do it all."

Carter spoke on a hot, humid day at Navy-Marine Corps
Memorial Stadium as the 1,076 graduating midshipmen sat on the field below. Their commencement marks the end of four years of academic and military training at Annapolis school, and the moment when midshipmen receive their degrees and commissions as officers.



**KAI GAMBLE**, commissioned as a Marine Aviator, with parents Ed and Naoko and sister, Mitsi.





**ANDREW KIM,** Marine Corp Pilot, with his father, Samuel Kim a former US Marine Corp Sergeant. Andrew's sister Angela and mother Cindy pin on new shoulder boards.





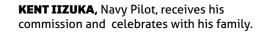


**KEN BLUE** receives his first salute.



"Today, you not only receive a degree that represents years of studying, striving - you take an oath to a life of service and sacrifice in the finest fighting force the world has ever known."

**ASH CARTER**United States Secretary of Defense





# WELCOME ABOARD

**CLASS OF 2020** 

On June 12, 2016, we greeted the new Appointees for the Class of 2020 at the Welcome Aboard Luncheon.

Thanks to Doug & Raeann Blue for coordinating this event.



**AJ ALDRIAN**Mary Aldrian
Murrieta



**IAN CADDOW**Wally and Liz Caddow, Hannah, Lily
Santa Clarita



RICK GAUSSOIN
Janet Gaussoin, Jessica
Nipomo



**REBEKAH KAISER**Pete and Laura Kaiser *Ojai* 



**ALLISON ANNICK**Greg and Nancy Annick
Pasadena



**KYLE CHIANG**Cindy Fong
Alhambra



SAMANTHA GEERE
David and Sarah Geere
Stevenson Ranch



**GRANT LEVY**Alan and Dawn Levy, Gavin
Calabasas



JOSEPH BELL
Russell and Barbara Bell
San Clemente



RYAN CHOW

Mark and Jian David

Glendale



JUSTINE HERBOLD
William and Sandra Herbold
Orange



KATHRYN MACPHERSON
Patrick and Carolyn Macpherson
Yorba Linda



THE CLASS OF 2020 was welcomed by many of our Southern California upper class Midshipmen who were on hand to lend advice to the incoming Plebes.



JESSICA MCJONES
Gavin and Madeline McJones
Rancho Palos Verdes



WADE PRECIADO
Jon and Sheila Preciado
Colton



TYLER SCHATZ
David and Connie Schatz
Palmdale



**LUKE WALDO**Robert and Lisa Waldo, Diane
Rancho Palos Verde



BRENNEN MEANS
Darren and Kelly Means
Highland



**ZACHARY RICHART**John and Joy Richart
Victorville



BRANDON SHIELDS
Bryan and Tiffany Shileds
Lake Forest



CONNER YUN
Sylvia Yun
Chino Hills



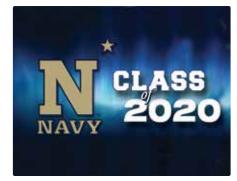
ALEX PIECUCH
Ric and Kari Piecuch
Ladera Ranch



**SOPHIA SCHADE**Jeff and Estela Schade
Los Alamitos

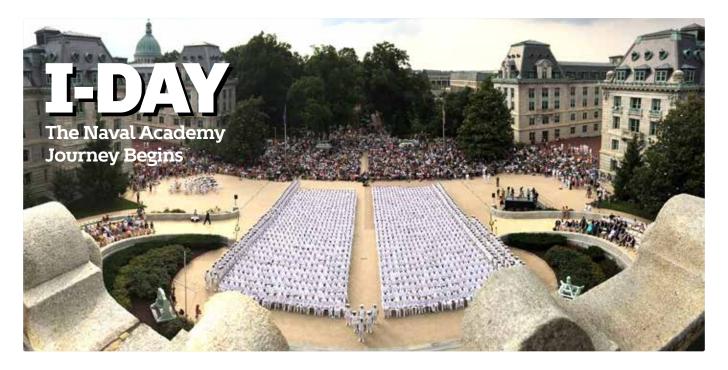


MARSHALL SHIRES
Michael and Ann Shires
Simi Valley



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The journey for the USNA Class of 2020 began on June 30, 2016 when they reported for Induction Day.

New uniforms, medical exams, learning how to salute, Reef Points and of course new haircut awaited the Plebes.

The day culminated in all taking the Oath of Office and a few last moments with family and friends.

The adventure of a lifetime begins and the dream of becoming a naval or marine officer is underway.

**K.C. NAVARRO '20** with Kevin, Kelly and Brett during family time

**LUKE WALDO '20** with Robert and Lisa Waldo

**MARSHALL SHIRES '20** with Michael and Ann Shires

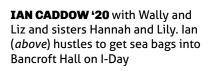




















**ALEX PIECUCH '20** with mom Kari and sister Alison and brother Aidan



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Summer is a time to further the professionel development of Midshipmen. And a little down time too.

Summer training emphasizes midshipmen development for the privilege of serving as leaders of Sailors and Marines. This is accomplished by familiarizing them with operational naval forces, giving them the chance to observe enlisted personnel and officers performing their duties, and acquainting them with the skills of a junior naval officer.

#### **ZACH LONSDALE '17**

Zach is doing the Test Pilot School Internship at Pax River. Here he is aboard a T-6 trainer (above) and standing with his T-38 Trainer which he was able fly at over Mach 1.1



# **SUMMER** TRAINING

HANNAH
HJELMSTROM '17,
aboard the USS Dwight
Eisenhower (right)
during an aviation
cruise from Norfolk, VA
to Naples, Italy



#### STROM OSSENMACHER '19

approximately 70 feet above deck (*left*) on the Oak Hill LSD51 based in Little Creek, VA. Jonny Hebel, RI'19, Strom Ossenmacher, CA '19, Chris Rath, IN '19, and Davis Owen, MD,'19, enjoying some free time at Virginia Beach (*below*)



#### SALL TO SECURE

**BRENDAN FERRER GREEN '19**(*left*) on his summer cruise aboard the USS Oscar Austin





MICHAEL MADIGAN '17
Powered Flight, Michael Madigan (above)
passes solo flight after completing flight
hours in Easton, MD



**MATTHEW MEASER '18**of 18th Company at his summer training
- Marine Week (*left*) and Aviation Week
(*above*)



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MITCHELL PRATT '17, was home to serve as best man's at his sister Clara's wedding. (above). Mitchell, USNA Cross country/Track, taking a cold water soak a some high-altitude training run in Mammoth (left).



**NATHAN ARELLANO '18** during aviation week (right), the Arellano's were invaded by 12 Mids for a weekend at the beginning of summer (below)!







**ANDREW SUMIDA '18** served as a detailer for Plebe Summer (above, far left), here he leads a squad of plebes on a training run.

#### **SUMMER TRAINING**



**GABRIAL COLLISON '18** (above) whale watching excursion in Newport Beach with mom Shelia.

**RAENA BORCUK '17** during Power Flight Program, after solo flight (below)





**APCSC PRESIDENT VAL WRAY** is presented with a citation for the APCSC from California Assemblymember Mike Gatto's representative, Nicole Fossier

**MICHAEL SHIRES** shares about his son Marshall's ('20) Plebe summer

# **SUMMER PICNIC**

What is your Mid up to this summer?

How is your Mid doing during Plebe Summer? What Summer Training Blocks are you doing this summer?

It's a time to hear from some of our Mids and what they are doing for the summer, and our parents share about what is happening for their Mids this summer.

It's the first time to hear from our Plebe parents and how their Mids are doing during their challenging Plebe Summer.

The APCSC summer picnic was held at Lakeside Golf Club in Toluca Lake.

Thanks to the Jackie Teepan for organizing the Summer Picnic.



**KEN AND JANET JOSSELYN** shared about their son Scott ('94) (right) and his varied career





**JELANI WILLIAMS '19** gives us a glimpse into what blocks he is doing this summer



#### **PLEBE PARENTS**

Darren and Kelly Means (Brennen '20), John and Joy Richart (Zachary '20) and Michael and Ann Shires (Marshall '20)

**MID 100** 

The winner of the Mid \$100 for our Summer Picnic is

**Logan Grove COMPANY 11** 

Thank You

to those who donated to our Summer Picnic raffle

**Zenith Press** Laura Mathes-Orr Buddy's Crabs & Ribs The Annapolis Waterfront Hotel



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K.C. NAVARRO '20 with dad Kevin and mom Kelly at Plebe Parents Weekend

# PLEBE PARENTS' WEEKEND

After six weeks of plebe training and minimal contact, it was time to reunite with our Midshipmen at Plebe Parents' Weekend on August 10-13.

On I-Day, parents are told that they will see an incredible transformation in their plebes. It's all true. The change after just a short time is truly remarkable. Families hear the first stories of their Mid's summer, tour Bancroft Hall, meet their new company-mates, witness an full dress parade and get a glimpse into the new life as a Midshipman.

There is pride and tears and hugs in abundance during a weekend no one will ever forget.



**RYAN CHOW '20**with mom Jian David, sister
Dominique Chow and father
Mark David





IAN CADDOW '20 takes his sister Lily on a tour of his room in Bancroft Hall



IAN CADDOW '20 with sister Lily, and mom and dad Liz and Wally



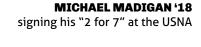
### COMMITTING TO SERVE

The Class of 2018 Makes it Official

The 1,053 midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2018 celebrated their commitment to five years of service after graduation at the annual Commitment

Dinner Aug. 23.
Upon returning
for their third
year, second-class
midshipmen must
make the serious
decision of continuing
their service for seven
more years – two at

the academy and five in the Fleet as naval or Marine Corps officers. This is when they sign their "2 for 7" agreements during a formal ceremony for each company in Bancroft Hall.







### REMEMBERING

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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus threw out the first pitch as part of the National's 9/11 remembrance.

The ceremony also included Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy and first responders from the

region. The USNA Men's and Women's Glee Club & Gospel Choir performed the national anthem,

# GET OUT THE NAVY VOTE

ELECTION DAY - NOV. 8



"How does my Mid vote in the upcoming election?" The Parents

Club Coordinator in Annapolis recommends that

Mids obtain an absentee ballot from their home state.

The deadline for obtaining a California absentee ballot is **Oct. 24** but it is best to order one as early as possible. Go here for more info:

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ voter-registration/ military-overseas-voters

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
OCTOBER 2016	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Shoremates Meetings	Oct, Nov	TBD	Various	
Navy v Airforce Party	Oct. 1	12:00pm	Champs, Burbank Michael's, Westminster	
2nd Class Parent's Weekend	Oct. 7-9	Per USNA Calendar	USNA	
Columbus Day	Oct. 10	No Classes	USNA	
Chili Cook-off	Oct. 22	12:00pm	Cully Residence	
NOVEMBER				
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11	No Classes	USNA	
Thanksgiving Leave	Nov. 24, 25	No Classes	USNA	
DECEMBER				
Shoremates Meetings	Jan, Feb	TBD	Various	
Army vs Navy Party	Dec. 10	12:00pm	TBD	
Last Day of Exams	Dec. 20	Per USNA Calendar	USNA	
All Academies Ball	Dec. 26	6:00pm	<b>Cerritos Sheraton</b>	
JANUARY 2017				
Dark Ages Packing Parties	Jan, Feb	TBD	Various	
Spring Term Begins	Jan. 10	Per USNA Calendar	USNA	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 16	No Classes	USNA	
Firstie Mom Luncheon	Jan. 22	TBD	<b>Garrett Residence</b>	
Winter Meeting Honoring Alumni Dinner	Jan. 28	5:00pm	94th Aero Squadron	
FEBRUARY				
Washington's Birthday	Feb. 20	No Classes	USNA	
MARCH				
Spring Break	Mar. 13-17	No Classes	USNA	

#### **NEW APCSC WEBSITE!**

Check out the new APCSC website!

#### apcsc.usnaparents.net

- Calendar of Events
- Join the APCSC
- Plebe Info
- USNA Links
- Club Officers
- Annapolis Tips
- Club History and more!



Special thanks to Bob Arellano (Nathan `18) for serving as our webmaster and creating the new website.

#### **CHILI COOK-OFF**

**OCTOBER 22, 12:00PM** 

Don & AJ Cully Residence
Anaheim Hills

Awaiting confirmation from the Navy and depending on his duty obligations, Jack Wilson (2014) might be able to be our speaker at the Chili Cook-Off

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#### **WINTER ISSUE - COMING JANUARY 20**

Fall Activities • Football Games • Chili Cook Off • All Academies Ball • Alumni Reports • Anything USNA!

Submit stories and pictures by Jan. 10 to Wally Caddow at wally@humblepiecreative.com

# NAVY FOOTBALL

The 2016 season will be one of the most challenging to date for the Midshipmen

- The 2016 Navy football schedule will feature home games against four bowl opponents and an FCS opponent that beat Army West Point in last year's opener. Overall, the Mids will play seven teams that played in bowl games in 2015
- The annual Army-Navy Game will be played on Saturday, Dec. 10 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Navy has won 14 straight games against the Black Knights, including last year's 21-17 thriller in Philadelphia. The 117th playing of the Army-Navy Game will kick off at 12pm PST and be televised nationally by CBS.
- Navy has won 12 straight home games dating back to last year. The Mids are 35-9 (.791) at home under head coach Ken Niumatalolo, including 20-3 (.864) over the last four seasons.
- Navy won a program-record seven games at home (7-0) in 2015.
- Navy has players who hail from 31 different states on its roster, the most states represented in school history. Texas leads the way with 25 players, while Tennessee and California have both produced 17. North Carolina has 14 players on the Navy roster, while both Florida (13) and Georgia (12) are in double digits.
- Navy needs eight wins to become the 24th team in the FBS to reach 700 wins in its history.

Fordham Annapolis, MD  UConn Annapolis, MD  at Tulane New Orleans, LA  BYE  at Air Force Colorado Springs, CO  Houston Annapolis, MD	5:00pm   *CBS SPORTS  NET WORK  2:30pm
Annapolis, MD  at Tulane New Orleans, LA  BYE  at Air Force Colorado Springs, CO  Houston	5:00pm  5:00pm  CBS SPORTS  NETWORK 2:30pm
New Orleans, LA  BYE  at Air Force Colorado Springs, CO  Houston	5:00pm  CBS SPORTS  NETWORK 2:30pm
at Air Force Colorado Springs, CO Houston	2:30pm
Colorado Springs, CO  Houston	2:30pm
	12:00pm
at East Carolina Greenville, NC	4:30pm
Memphis (Homecoming) Annapolis, MD	ECBSSPORTS NETWORK 12:30pm
at USF Tampa, FL	4:00pm
at Notre Dame Jacksonville, FL	©CBS 8:30am
Tulsa Annapolis, MD	ECBSSPORTS NETWORK 9:00am
BYE WAVA	The same
at SMU Dallas, TX	ТВА
AAC Championship Hosted by Division Winner	9:00pm
	Annapolis, MD  at USF Tampa, FL  at Notre Dame Jacksonville, FL  Tulsa Annapolis, MD  BYE  at SMU Dallas, TX  AAC Championship