



Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California

SPRING-SUMMER 2017

COMMISSIONING

Congratulations to the CLASS OF 2017!

**Annapolis Cup 2017
Croquet Match**

**Training, Celebrating
Spring Breakin'**

**NAVY Football
Preview**



FROM THE PRESIDENTS

As we write this, the 2017 academic year has come to an end, but the real "work" and distinctive of N* is just beginning. Sea Trials, Herndon, 2nd Class Ring Dance, Commissioning, Plebe Summer, Summer Block Training and Cruises are the very things that make our sons and daughters' "Four years by the Bay" unique from any other college experience.

We want to extend a warm welcome to the incoming Class of 2021 and their families! The Welcome Aboard Luncheon will give many of you an introduction to the valuable benefits of membership in the Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California, and we look forward to the next 4 years with you.

CONGRATULATIONS to our APCSC Class of 2017 midshipmen as they receive their commission as Naval and Marine officers. We are proud of your sons and daughters and know they will represent themselves, your families, USNA and especially our country with distinction and honor as they join the Fleet. What a ride we have had together. We look forward to hearing stories about your newly minted officers and gleaning wisdom from you as you return and share those experiences with us as Alumni Members. Your lifetime membership is only \$50, so contact membership at apcscmembership@gmail.com - join now and stay a part of our APCSC family!

Chuck and Hannah Lee with Joseph '18 and sister Gigi



It is said, "The days are long, but the years are short" at the Academy. The same can be said for us who are holding down the home front. Our family is already three years into our four. Our son, JB, is a rising Firstie. It really does seem like it was just yesterday we dropped him off for Induction Day (I-DAY) and Plebe Summer. We were filled with excitement and pride, as well as uncertainty for what to expect, both for him and for us. On that day, he went in as a civilian, and by the end of Plebe Summer, he had lost much of his "civilian-ness", as well as 26 pounds (which he thankfully regained over the following year!). Three years later, he and his shipmates have been transformed into leaders and are now working on the other side of Sea Trials and Plebe Summer, applying the many skills they have learned and lived through 24/7 in the Halls of Bancroft and throughout the Yard. In the midst

of it all, the experiences for us here at home, as USNA parents, have been made richer because of our involvement with this parent club.

So, whether your son or daughter is at the Academy or in the Fleet, we are confident this will be a year filled with new experiences, made all the more richer because we will be able to share them with each other. We are excited to serve as your Presidents and look forward to the year ahead.

GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Chuck and Hannah

Chuck and Hannah Lee
2017-18 APCSC Presidents
(MIDN 1/C Joseph B. Lee)
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Special thanks to Van and Val Wray for their dedication and leadership as Presidents of APCSC.

AROUND THE YARD



JOSEPH LEE '18 and Marina Coskinas before the 2018 Ring Dance.



MATTHEW MEASER '18 and Kaelyn Thompson at the Company 17 Dining Out event.

EVAN WRAY '17 receives The Michael Jasperson Playwriting Award, Honorable Mention at the Class of 2017 English Dept. Awards.



JOSEPH LEE '18 at Protramid, summer of 2016



BRANDON FERRER GREEN '19 and his roommate Tahjay Marchall from 12th Company before the International Ball.





COMMISSIONING! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017

Vice-President Mike Pence sends the Class of 2017 out to the Fleet

Vice President Mike Pence told the graduating class at the U.S. Naval Academy on Friday, May 26, the president will “always have your back.” The vice president says neither he nor Trump will rest until they “restore the arsenal of democracy, and he says “the era of budget cuts of the armed forces of the United States is over.” Pence, whose son is an officer in the Marines, spoke to 1,053 graduates, including 811

men and 242 women. “Today you’ll become leaders in the world’s greatest force for good: the armed services of United States of America,” Pence said. “All of you who do so are patriots, heroes who are the pride of your family and the pride of the American people.” Of the class of 2017, 768 will be commissioned as Navy ensigns and 259 will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marines.



MITCHELL PRATT, with parents Tony and Becky Pratt.



CAM WEGENER AND EVAN WRAY, Kent and Bev Wegener with Cam and Evan Wray with parents Val and Van Wray.



DUSTIN SOTT, 2nd Lieutenant USMC takes his oath during commissioning (left) and with his family (below).



TRAVIS BLUE with Raeann, Doug and Payton Blue and Chanelle Oberly at Commissioning at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

TRAVIS BLUE receives his Ensign's shoulder boards from his parents, Doug and Payton Blue/



The truth is that today you'll become leaders in the world's greatest force for good -- the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

MIKE PENCE
Vice President, United States of America



COMMISSIONING



EVAN WRAY
with parents Val and Van Wray.



JOSEPH FITZGERALD
13th Company, Class of 2017, makes his way into the commissioning ceremony



DUSTIN SOTO,
2nd Lieutenant USMC receives his commission.



TRAVIS BLUE
at the Superintendent's Reception with family (*above*) and at the Graduation Ball (*left*)



MITCHELL PRATT,
straightening the cover after commissioning.



TAYLOR PETERSON
with sister Emma and parents Julie and Chip Peterson (*above*)



HANNAH HJELMSTROM, takes the officer's Oath during commissioning and receiving his shoulder boards from parents Steve and Debbie Hjelmstrom(*right*).



REANA BORCUK, with Superintendent Ted Carter and wife Lynda with parents Jim and Alma Borcuk at the Superintendent's Reception .



TAYLOR PETERSON,
with sponsor family, the Simpkins.

MITCHELL PRATT,
(*left*) receiving his shoulder boards from parents Tony and Becky Pratt (*below*).



DUSTIN SOTO,
receives his shoulder boards.





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017



LARISSA CLARKE
Marine Corp Aviator



EVAN WRAY
Marine Corp Aviator



HANNAH HJELMSTROM
Naval Aviator



TAYLOR PETERSON
Naval Special Warfare
(SEALs)



MITCHELL PRATT
Cyber Operations/
Information Professional



DANIEL SAVELLA JR
Marine Corp Aviator



AUSTIN KURKE
Naval Special Warfare
(SEALs)



DEREK NGUYEN
Marine Corp



DUSTIN SOTO
Marine Corp Ground

NAVY WOMEN'S LACROSSE

After a historic run to the NCAA Tournament Semifinals, the Navy women's lacrosse team finished the year ranked sixth.

The Midshipmen won their fifth Patriot League Championship. In the NCAA Tournament, Navy upset No. 7 Penn, 11-10, for the first win in program history against a ranked opponent. The Midshipmen routed UMass, 23-11, in the second round to advance to the program's first ever appearance in the NCAA Quarterfinals to face defending National Champion North Carolina.

Against the No. 2 Tar Heels, the Mids rallied from being down 13-10 to score six of the final seven goals and post a 16-14 victory to secure a spot in the NCAA Tournament Final Four in Foxborough, Mass.

In the NCAA Semifinals, Boston College edged Navy, 16-15, to advance to the National Championship, ending the Mids' NCAA Tournament run.



HALEY FESSENDEN '18 (left) The team missed the Ring Dance so they posed for a 'Ring Dance' photo before their game against North Carolina..



HALEY FESSENDEN '18 (left) with her Patriot League Champion teammates.

HALEY FESSENDEN '18 (left) with Sully who has become the team 'mascot'. Sully is battling cancer.



The Navy Women's Lacrosse team after their historic win over #2, reigning national champs North Carolina. The win advanced them to their first-ever Final Four appearance..



USNA GLEE CLUB VISITS NEWPORT BEACH

Barbara and Russell Bell's Son, Joseph '20 and the USNA Mens Glee Club visited Our Lady Queen of Angels, Newport Beach for a concert. John and Katherine Craft (Andrew '18) donated pizza from their shop The Pizza Bakery.



John Craft (Andrew '18) donated pizzas from his shop, The Pizza Bakery, for the USNA Glee Club visit.



SPRING MUSICAL

The U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club performed the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

EVAN WRAY '17 (right) as Twimble in the Spring Musical 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying'



ANNAPOLIS CUP 2017 CROQUET MATCH

An annual rite of spring, the Annapolis Cup brings together two starkly different schools—St. John's College and the U.S. Naval Academy—for a croquet match like no other. The community-wide event attracts several thousand people to the heart of Annapolis for a festive lawn party complete with outrageous costumes, old-fashioned picnics, swing dancing, and, of course, croquet competition.



NATHAN ARELLANO (right) with Gabe Weigelt and Annapolis Cup guest, Kevin Spacey.

Van and Val Wray at the Annapolis Cup.



NATHAN ARELLANO '18 (center) with Gabe Weigelt, Chase Stewart, Bob Arellano, Reola Arellano and Steven Roberts



THE MIDS CROQUET TEAM with USNA Commendant Marine Col. Steve Liszewski.

Reola Arellano, Nathan Arellano and Bob Arellano ready for some croquet.



ALUMNI APPRECIATION DINNER AND WINTER MEETING

In January the APCSC gathered at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant for the annual Alumni Appreciation Dinner and Winter Meeting.

It was a great time to catch up and hear exciting news about our USNA grads and their experience in the Navy, Marine Corp and beyond.

The featured speaker was Ed Hunman, Class of 1999. Ed served eight years as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps and has protected at-risk public figures around the world.



ED HINMAN, Class of '99, shared his experiences as a USMC infantry officer and in international security and threat assessment.



2017-18 APCSC Presidents Chuck and Hannah Lee and 2016-17 Presidents Van and Val Wray.



TRAINING, CELEBRATING, SPRING BREAKIN'



IAN CADDOW '20 (standing, center) Members of Company 30 posed after an overnight squad tactics training with Senior Marine Selects and training staff at the Naval Station.



BRENDAN FERRER GREEN '19 (middle, with ball) with Navy Rugby Team on Spring Break in Cabo San Lucas.



IAN CADDOW '20 (right) with his roommate Jorge Heredia at the 30 Company formal dinner.

SUMMER BLOCK



BRANDON SHIELDS '20 with fellow Navy waterpolo players in Baltimore Harbor as part of a Yard Patrol summer block. They are on their way to New York as part of Fleet Week.

NAVY FOOTBALL

Looking ahead at the Navy season - and what you need to know

The Navy Season Will Be A Success If ...

Navy wins ten games and it has to ... Beat Army. It might take a bowl win to get the job done, and there's too much turnover to win the conference, but getting to 9-3 before going to the post-season would be terrific. With road games at Memphis, Temple, Notre Dame and Houston, it's going to take a few upsets and perfect performances to get there, but it's Navy. It reloads. And, of course, again ... beat Army.

Key Game To The Navy Season

Nov. 24 at Houston – Of course, the Army game is always going to be the key to the season, but in terms of wanting to have any hope of getting back to the American Athletic Championship, beating Houston could be a must to take the West. Going to Memphis will matter, and there are a slew of dangerous battles along the way, but lose to the Cougars, and forget about winning the division.

Navy Will Be Far Better If ...

The defense can get a third down stop. The 2015 defense struggled on third downs, too, but the team still held the ball for almost 33 minutes per game. Last year, though, the defensive problems getting off the field mattered more. The Midshipmen were dead last in the nation in third down conversion percentage, allowing teams to convert 54% of their chances. For a team that has to own the time of possession and grind up the clock, it's a problem when the D gives up over 300 third downs and can't get off the field.

NAVY FOOTBALL				
2017				
Friday SEPT. 1		at Florida Atlantic Boca Raton, FL		5:00pm
Saturday SEPT. 9		Tulane Annapolis, MD		12:30pm
Saturday SEPT. 16		BYE		
Saturday SEPT. 23		Cincinnati Annapolis, MD		12:30pm
Saturday SEPT. 20		at Tulsa Tulsa, OK		TBA
Saturday OCT. 7		Air Force Annapolis, MD		12:30pm
Saturday OCT. 14		at Memphis Memphis, TN		TBA
Saturday OCT. 21		U Central Florida Annapolis, MD		12:30pm
Thursday NOV. 2		at Temple Philadelphia, PA		TBA
Saturday NOV. 11		SMU Annapolis, MD		12:30pm
Saturday NOV. 18		at Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN		12:30pm
Friday NOV. 24		at Houston Houston, TX		TBA
Saturday DEC. 2		AAC Championship Hosted by Division Winner		TBA
Saturday DEC. 9		at Army Philadelphia, PA		12:00pm
All Times PACIFIC				

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Thank You

for organizing these APCSC events

*Spring Firstie Salute
Tony and Tara Struthers*

*Firstie Mom's Luncheon
Past President
Carolyn Thatcher*

MID 100

*The winner of the Mid 100 at our
Spring Firstie Salute Meeting*

**Nathan
Arellano '18
28 COMPANY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2017

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
I-Day	June 29	6:30pm	USNA

JULY

Summer Picnic	July 23	4:00pm	Lakeside Golf Club
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AUGUST

Parent Plebe Weekend	Aug 10-13		USNA
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SEPTEMBER

Parent's Club Officer Training Seminar	Sept 20-21		USNA
2nd Class Parents Weekend	Sept 22-24		USNA

OCTOBER

Navy v Air Force Viewing Party	Oct 7	12:30pm	TBA
Fall Meeting, Chili CookOff	TBD	12:30pm	The Cully's, Anaheim

DECEMBER

Navy v Army Viewing Party	Dec 9	12:00pm	TBA
All Academies Ball	Dec. 26	6:00pm	TBA

JANUARY

Shoremates, Packing Parties	TBA		TBA
Winter Mtg, Alumni Dinner	Jan 28	5:00pm	TBA

MARCH

Spring Break	Mar 12-16		
Spring Meeting, Firstie Salute	Mar 18	5:00pm	TBD

*Your midshipman is the most accurate source for exam schedule/leave dates.
Confirm schedule with MID before making travel/flight plans.*

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Summer Blocks • I Day • Plebe Parent Weekend • Fall Sports, Activities • Alumni Reports • Anything USNA!

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