



Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California

WINTER 2017

# ARMY-NAVY

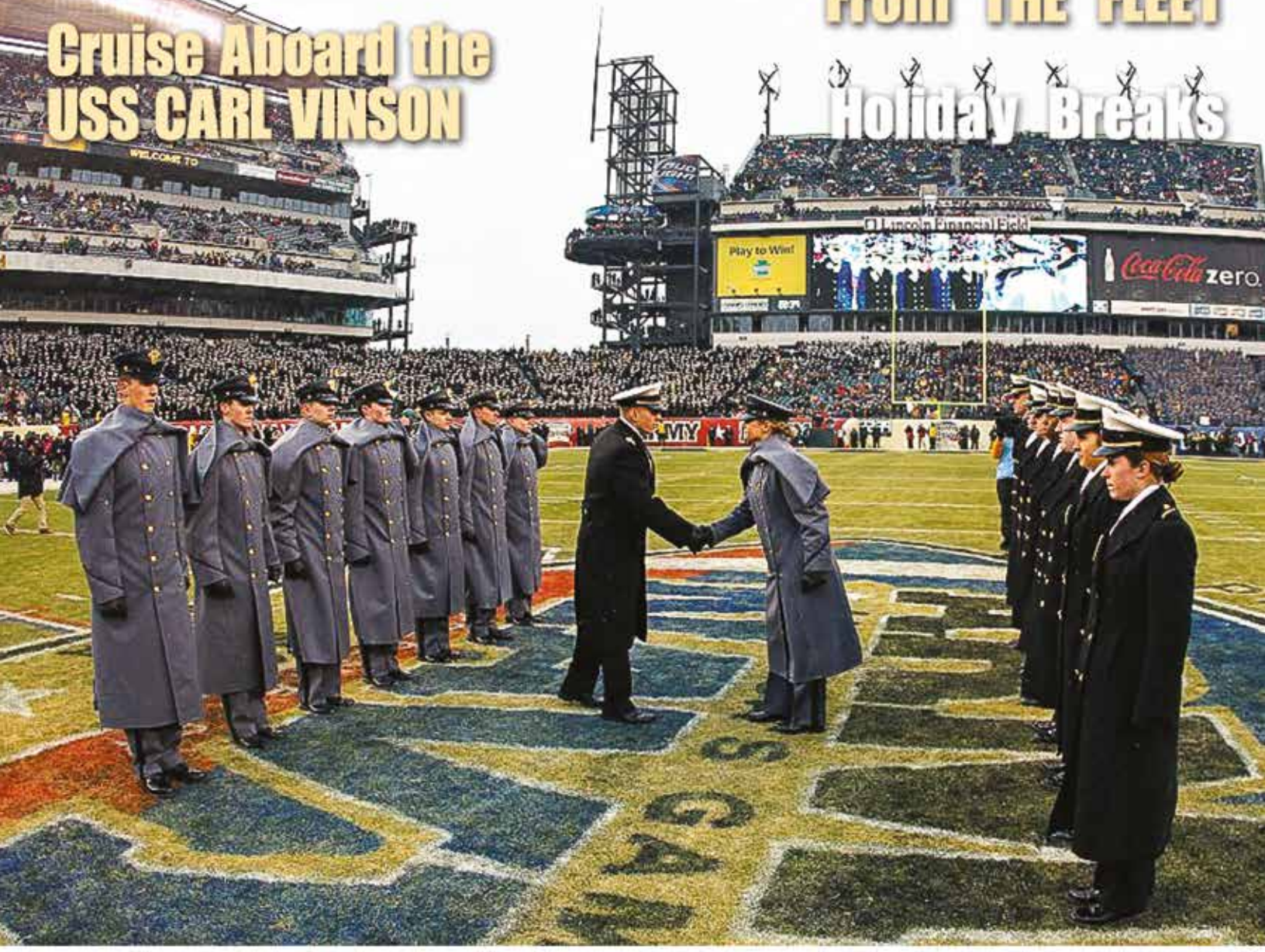
The 117th Game of the Greatest Rivalry

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# FROM THE PRESIDENTS

**A**s you know, all Mids have the year of their graduation printed on their name tag as early as I-Day. Our Mid has had '17 on his nametag for the past three and a half years and it is hard to believe we are nearing the end of his time at the Academy and approaching the beginning of his time of commissioning and service in the Fleet.

During our Mid's time at the Academy we have found the input and support we have received from the Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California critical, not only for ourselves, but also for the way we have been able to encourage him. If we hadn't been part of the Club we would have never known things like; flying Southwest Airlines is the most hassle-free when the Navy changes travel plans, vrbo.com rentals are a great way to enjoy

our time in Annapolis or that if you print your Mid's name on the four sides of any packages the Mail Room can find it for him/her faster.

We are quickly approaching the time when the Nominating Committee will be meeting to help form the APCSC Board for 2017-18. Our encouragement to you is to step forward to help the Club, whether coordinating an event or a Shoremates group or any of the other necessary support positions. Many hands make light work! We were hesitant to step forward to

serve on the Board but have found it to be a great way to get to know other parents. You are all a great group of people to spend time with!

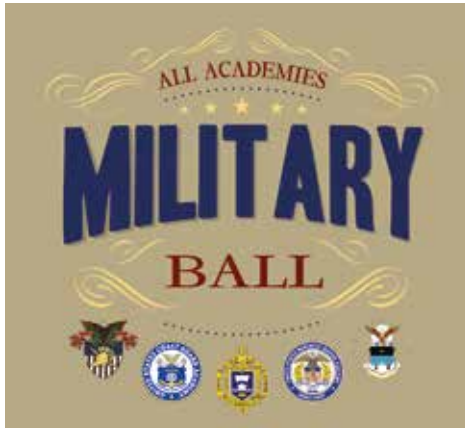
If you would like to volunteer to take on a Board position you can send an email to [apcscp@gmail.com](mailto:apcscp@gmail.com). Most of all, please consider saying 'Yes!' if the Nominating Committee calls you.

**GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!**

**Van & Val Wray (Evan 2017)**  
**Presidents, APCSC**

**Van and Val  
Wray with Evan,  
Class of 2017 and  
his fiancé Amanda**





**BRANDON SHIELDS '20 AND ALEXANDER PIECUCH '20**  
at the All Academies Ball.

# ALL ACADEMIES BALL

The 37th annual All Academies Military Ball was held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel on December 26th.

The ball is attended by members of all five military academies.



**ALEXANDER  
PIECUCH '20** with  
Ric and Kari Piecuch





**IAN CADDOW '20**  
(top, 2nd from left)  
celebrates with 30  
Company after Navy  
beat Tulsa 42-40 on  
Nov. 12, 2016,

## NAVY FOOTBALL! TRADITION & CAMARADERIE

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.

### THE BEAR SHARK OF THE 25TH COMPANY

Joe Bell '20, at the Navy vs. Houston game





**ANDREW SUMIDA '18**, with with parents David and Winona at the rainy, historic football victory over #6-ranked Houston at Navy-Marine Memorial stadium on 2nd-class parent weekend in early October 2016.

**IAN CADDOW '20** (2nd from left), with Superintendent Ted Carter and his squad from 30 Company, were honored as Best Squad of Brigade and invited to attend the superintendent's pre-game party before the AAC Championship game against Temple.

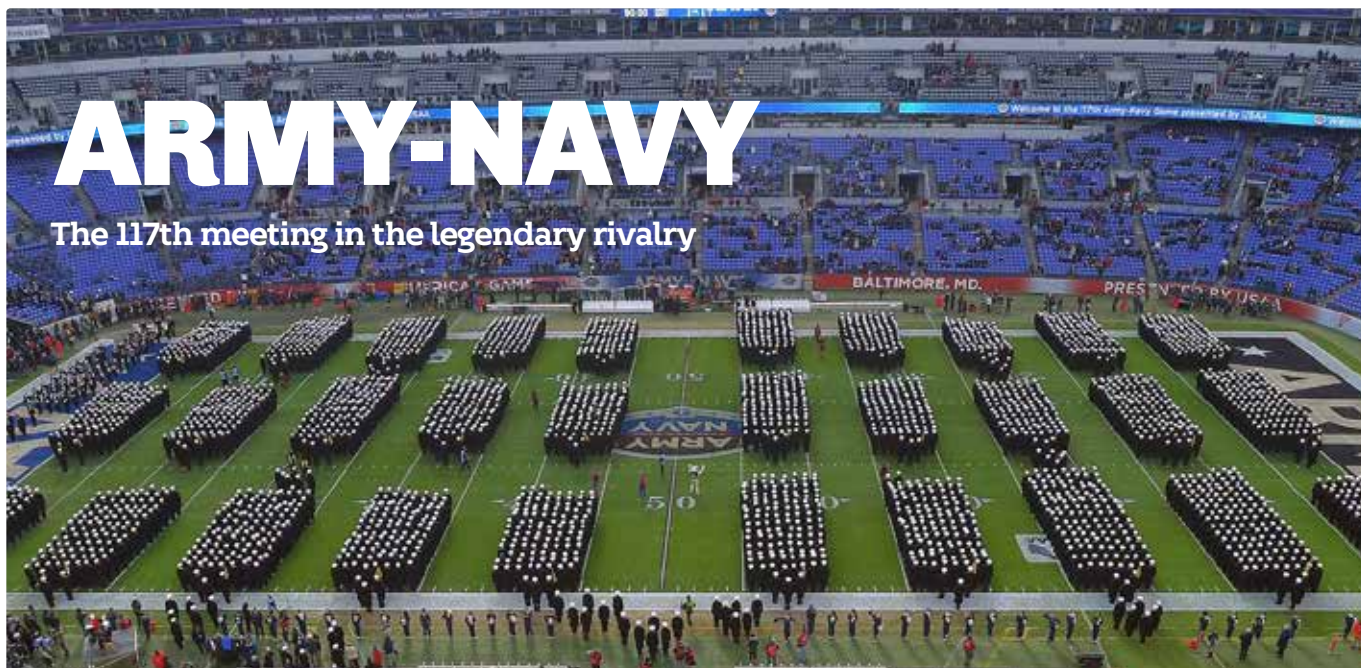


## NAVY VS. AIR FORCE VIEWING PARTY

Back at home, USNA families got together to watch Navy take on Air Force at Champs pub in Burbank and Michael's Sports Pub and Grill on Oct. 2, 2016.







# ARMY-NAVY

The 117th meeting in the legendary rivalry



The Army-Navy Game, the most enduring rivalry in college football. The 117th meeting on Dec. 10, 2016 was played in Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium and a good many USNA families made the trip for the big game.

For the first time in 15 years, Navy was first to sing its alma mater as Army prevailed 21-17. Without starters Will Worth, Toneo Gulley and Darryl Bonner, the Mids struggled on offense in front of a crowd of 71,600.



**ALEX PIECUCH '20** with his Company 4 roommate Jared Taintor at the Army-Navy game.

**EVAN WRAY '17** with his fiancé Amanda Haines



**PATRICK WALTER '19** and family after the Army-Navy game







**RICK GAUSSOIN '20** with his sister, Jessica at the Army-Navy game.

**HANNAH HJELMSTROM '17** with her parents, Steve and Debbie at M&T Bank Stadium.



**MICHAEL MADIGAN '17** with his sister, Kate, during Army-Navy game weekend.

**GABRIAL COLLISON '18** with mom Sheila, stepdad Mark and family at Tecumseh Court.



**SANTA CLARITA MIDS AND CADETS:** From Left, Delaney Marbach (USMA '20), Patrick Walter '20, Hayden Cook (USMA '19), 2 Hart graduates, Harrison Hom '19 and Dustin Soto '17 at Army-Navy.

**VAN AND VAL WRAY** at the Brigade and Corp March On before the game.



## FAMILY & FRIENDS CRUISE ABOARD THE USS CARL VINSON

The Navy League of the United States offered a Friends and Family Day Cruise on the USS Carl Vinson on Dec. 29, 2016 and Marshall Shires '20 and his family spent time on the Nimitz-class supercarrier.



**MARSHALL SHIRES '20**  
with his brother Zane and mom and parents, Mike and Ann Shires aboard the USS Carl Vinson



## ACCEPTED INTO THE NAVY PILOT COMMUNITY

On November 17, 2016 Hannah Hjelmstrom '17 was officially accepted into the Navy Pilot Warfare Community.  
Hannah will begin flight school on August 4th.



## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks are treasured times to visit our Mids or have them home.



**JOE BELL '20** with his mother Barbara and sister, Lauren at the Glee Club's performance of Handel's Messiah at the USNA Chapel (right).



Kate Madigan was honored at the National Charity League Debutante Ball during Thanksgiving Break. Kate is accompanied by her mother, Maureen and brothers, Mids **JIMMY MADIGAN '18**, **MICHAEL MADIGAN '17** and her father, CDR Gerald "Nick" Madigan USN RET.



**IAN CADDOW '20** home for his first Christmas break from the USNA, with his mother, Liz.







**LT BURCH THORNLEY '10** with his parents Bill and Lynn. Burch is in front of a T-6 Texan which he uses as a flight instructor in Corpus Christi.

**1ST LT PAUL LOEFFLER '13** is an Osprey pilot stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. He and his fiancée Katie will be married on April 1.



## REPORT FROM THE FLEET



**ENSIGN ANDREW S. GARCIA '15** was the first in his squadron to get his wings and he celebrated by shaving his mustache. Here he is with his flight instructor and with an E-2 Hawkeye, the plane in which he will be serving as a Naval Flight Officer (right).



## ANNAPOLIS PARENTS CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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**Nancy Chappell**

### TREASURER

**Susan Hirzel**

## APCSC WEBSITE!

**[apcsc.usnaparents.net](http://apcsc.usnaparents.net)**

- Calendar of Events
- Join the APCSC
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## MID 100

*The winner of the Mid 100 at our  
Winter Meeting honoring Alumni  
Parents*

**Joseph  
Fitzgerald '17**  
**COMPANY 13**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2017

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Washington's Birthday	Feb. 20	No Classes	USNA

### MARCH

Plebes Declare Majors	Mar. 6-10		USNA
Spring Break Begins	Mar. 10	7:00pm or after last class or military obligation	USNA
Spring Break Ends	Mar. 19	8:00pm Spring Break leave ends	USNA
Firstie Salute, Elections	Mar. 26	6-9:00pm	Knotts Berry Farm Hotel

### APRIL

Changeover Board Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
Formal Parade	April 7	4:00pm	Worden Field
Dedication Parade	April 28	4:00pm	Worden Field

### MAY

Spring Term Ends	May 2		USNA
Spring Term Exams	May 4-11		USNA
Sea Trials (closed to public)	May 16		USNA
Ring Dance	May 20		USNA
2020 Herndon Climb	May 22		USNA
USNA Commissioning Week	May 22-26		USNA
Graduation, USNA Class of '17	May 26		Navy/Marine Corp Stadium

*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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## SPRING ISSUE - COMING APRIL 15

**Spring Break • Winter Sports, Activities • Alumni Reports • Anything USNA!**

Submit stories and pictures by **MAR. 31** to Wally Cadow at **[wally@humblepiecreative.com](mailto:wally@humblepiecreative.com)**