

The Signal Bridge

Official Newsletter of the USNA Alumni Association - Annapolis Chapter



Membership Goal - Almost!

We almost reached our goal! With only one day left in this Chapter year we wound up two members shy of our 125 member goal! Even though we didn't quite get there we are continuing to work on plans for adding value to your membership and increasing the numbers for the next Chapter year, but getting close to the 125 member plateau helped us increase our paid membership to a level not seen in several years! Well Done!

We're asking all current members to talk to their classmates, friends and other alumni who live in the Chapter area to con-

sider joining or re-joining the Chapter this coming year. We are still working with the leadership at the Naval Academy Club on a joint membership deal. The NAC has proposed that with every Club membership (at \$125) a Chapter membership would be included at no extra cost. We anticipate that this offer will become available near the end of the summer. Multiple year memberships will also be included.

We have one of the largest concentrations of alumni in the country (over 2,500) but as you can see, only about 5% of that total are dues paying members of the Chapter. We can do

better than that! Let's make the push in this next Chapter year to get the membership numbers well over the 125 mark!

Membership Counter:

123

As of 29 June 2010

Chapter Goal:

125

By 30 June 2010

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Special points of interest:

- Check inside for our current events calendar
- Membership Update
- 2010 Run To Honor
- UPDATE - Take a Mid To Lunch Program
- UPDATE - Join our Leadership Team!

Naval Academy Band Concerts at City Dock

Starting the first Tuesday after the 4th of July, the Naval Academy Band will begin its series of summer concerts at City Dock. The concerts usually start at 7:30 PM and last about an hour. The band line-up changes from week to week featuring the Electric Brigade, the Concert Band, and the Next Wave (jazz ensemble). The band also conducts an Alumni concert during the summer series where former members of the band get a chance to come back and play some of their old favorites. The concert series runs from July 6th to August 17th.

Last year we tried to start up an informal cheering/support section for the band comprised of local alumni, family and friends. We started out small but grew over the weeks and actually had about 10 "regulars" by the last concert!

This year we're going to try something different and hold a weekly Happy Hour at the Dock Street Bar & Grill located next to Armadillo's down by Ego Alley prior to the concerts. Afterwards we can head down to City Dock, set up our chairs and enjoy the music and hopefully the breeze! If you want to follow the band and attend some perform-

ances before July you can view their website at <http://www.usna.edu/USNABand> and you can find them on Facebook at United States Naval Academy Band.

We hope you'll join us for some great music and fellowship!



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Annapolis Chapter - Night at Baysox Stadium

The Annapolis Chapter hosted their first Night at Baysox Stadium on Thursday 17 June. Twenty four people including members, spouses, children and friends took advantage of a rare cool evening to watch the Bowie Baysox take on the Reading Phillies.

The Baysox organization put out a great buffet which included all of the hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken barbecue, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw that you could eat and combined that with ice cream watermelon and unlimited fountain drinks. A great time was had by all!

Those who attended were treated to an

exciting baseball game and a chance to meet some new faces in the Chapter and catch up with some of the "regulars". We're looking in to a second Night at Baysox Stadium on August 10th to coincide with the Navy Tribute night. The 4th Class Regiment will be in attendance that evening and the Baysox organization will have several special events lined up for that evening including fireworks at the conclusion of the game!

We'll be putting out more details later on in the summer regarding the Navy Tribute night! We hope you'll attend!



UPDATE - New Chapter Email Address

We are still working out the kinks with the new email address for the Chapter. It is taking some time to get the Chapter email distribution list into the new account so that we can start sending emails from that address and be assured that all of our members with valid email addresses are receiving notifications. The new address is:

annapchap@hotmail.com

We are starting to see incoming emails on this account and Chapter Board members

are checking the account on a regular basis. We are shooting for the month of July to start using the account on a full time basis.

Please make sure that you add the new address to your Spam filter so that these new emails don't get screened out of your regular email Inbox.

You may still receive email from replies@usna.com. Please bear with us as we

Annapolis Chapter email address:
annapchap@hotmail.com

attempt to reduce the amount of repeat emails; it may take us a few months to get all of the distribution lists consolidated.

If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to the new address.

Luncheons Update

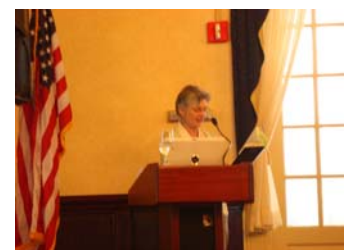
We finished out the Chapter year with two great luncheon speakers. In April, Prof. Nancy Arbutnot and her father CAPT Randall Prothro, USN (Ret.) '45 spoke to us about their book *Guiding Lights: United States Naval Academy Monuments and Memorials*.

We also started our Take A Mid To Lunch (TAMTL) program in April. Twenty three midshipmen joined us in the Coral Sea Room for lunch and to hear Prof. Arbutnot talk about the history surrounding some of

the more famous monuments.

In May, CAPT Ken Reightler, USN (Ret.) '73, former NASA astronaut and space shuttle pilot came to speak to the Chapter about the current and future affairs at NASA. Ken's insight on the shuttle program and how long it may take to reach the next big goal (manned mission to Mars) of the space program was well received. We continued the TAMTL program with six Aeronautical Engineering and Astrophysics majors joining us for lunch.

Our next luncheon will be 21 September.



Prof. Nancy Arbutnot at our April luncheon

We Still Need Your Help!

As you may have noticed Chapter membership is gaining momentum and we are starting to fill up the calendar with more and more opportunities to get together for socializing and networking. The more events that we hold, the more help we need on the planning and execution side of things, including tracking membership attendance, recruitment and communications.

We currently have openings for two Chapter board members. Board members help with the running of the Chapter. Each is

assigned to one of three areas that focus on the goals and objectives of the Chapter – Membership, Events and Communications. We hold board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the evenings.

If you like the direction that the Chapter is heading in and you have a desire to contribute to a great leadership team, please consider joining us as a board member.

To find out more about the Chapter board give Rich Clyborne, Chapter President a call at 410-293-5853 or send him an email at clyborne@usna.edu.



We're planning more away game viewing parties for the 2010 Navy football season

President's Corner

As of the writing of this column the 2009 - 2010 Chapter year is drawing to a close. I wanted to take the time to reflect on some of the accomplishments of the Chapter over the past 12 months and to let you know about some of our initiatives for the coming Chapter year.

The primary goal for the Chapter this year was to increase dues paying membership. In the previous Chapter year the number of dues paying members on the books had dropped to just fewer than 70. With one of the higher concentrations of alumni in the country in the Annapolis area, the Board and I thought we could make a significant push in increasing that number up over 100. We set our goal at 125 dues paying members and as you can see on the front page of this edition of the newsletter we fell just short of that goal. I attribute our near success to the Board and its willingness to spend the time and money to increase the number of events (our second Chapter goal) offered to you our members. From the Annapolis Forum events to the Away Football game parties to the monthly happy hours, all of these events required planning and execution and if it had not been for the members on the Board stepping up to take on these tasks, we wouldn't have been able to do half of them. Holding more events has been a major factor in

increasing our membership and the Board and I thank you for establishing or re-establishing your connection to the Chapter! We still have over 2,500 alumni in the zip codes represented by the Chapter and we all feel that 125 (or 5% of the population) is just not good enough. We want to bring our numbers back to the 400 - 500 range where they were near the early part of the last decade. We'll need your help to do that by spreading the word about the Chapter and the opportunities to socialize and network with fellow alumni, spouses and families. There will be more to come on this topic as we approach the end of the summer.

The third goal that the Chapter Board and I wanted to work on this year was to give back to the Naval Academy and the Alumni Association by sponsoring or co-sponsoring events and volunteering to help out with midshipman related activities through the Admissions Department, Blue & Gold program and the local parent's organization. We met with moderate success in achieving this goal by sponsoring the 17th green at the annual Alumni Golf tournament and co-sponsoring the Alumni Association's reception held for the Navy - St. John's croquet match this past April. Our capacity to volunteer was recently revealed with over 30 Chapter members

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(and spouses) signing up to help out as food servers for the annual I-Day picnic for the parents and family members of the Class of 2014. We still have work to do towards this goal but our progress is moving along and gaining momentum. We will carry over this goal to the upcoming Chapter year!

As we head into the next Chapter year the Board and I are putting our heads together and discussing how we can add to the number and variety of events being offered to you, incentives so that you can see the value in joining the Chapter and paying your dues and establishing more partnerships with other job networking organizations operating throughout the Baltimore - Annapolis - DC area. Stand by for news regarding these new and ongoing efforts! Have a great summer and I hope to see you at a Naval Academy band concert or a Bay-sox game! Go Navy! Beat Army!

Rich Clyborne '82

Run To Honor - 31 October 2010

Run To Honor is a memorial event held in conjunction with the Marine Corps Marathon and 10k. The purpose is to honor the lives, leadership, and legacy of Naval Academy graduates who have given their lives in service to our country. 2010 will be the fourth year of the event.

Run To Honor 2009 was conducted over the weekend of October 24-25th. Approximately 100 Marathon and 10k runners, representing members, friends, and family of over twenty Naval Academy classes (from '65 to '11) took to the streets of Washington D.C on a beautiful Sunday morning to run for fallen shipmates.

A central part of the Run To Honor event is the Memorial Dinner, where attendees pay tribute to our honorees and the families they leave behind.

Dinner attendees were also privileged to hear the remarks of CDR Paul Galanti (USN, Retired). A graduate of the Class of '62, CDR Galanti spent nearly seven years as a POW in Vietnam. CDR Galanti noted the selflessness of our honorees, how they have given literally everything they had in service to their country. He closed with a solemn toast, originally composed by LCDR Jerry Coffee for POWs and MIAs. Paul explained that this toast was tapped to

him through a prison cell wall (as part of a prisoner communication system) in Hanoi on New Year's Eve 1968.

*"We toast our hearty comrades who have fallen from the skies,
And were gently caught by God's own hands to be with him on high,
To dwell among the soaring clouds they have known so well before,
From victory roll to tail chase, at heaven's very door.
And as we fly among them there, we're sure to hear their plea:
"Take care my friend, watch your six, and do one more roll for me."*

Jeff Webb '95 and Giovanna Kostrubala '95 are the Co-Chairs of this year's event and are looking to our Chapter to help with recruiting runners and also with connecting the families and friends of fallen shipmates to the RTH organization. If you would like to help or want to participate as a runner you can send an email to runtohonor@gmail.com or visit the RTH blog website at:

www.usnaruntohonor.blogspot.com

Note: You must register for the marathon or 10k separate from registering for the RTH.



Run to Honor 2009 attracted nearly 100 USNA alumni, family and friends—the Chapter is looking for volunteers to help with RTH 2010

Key 2010 Run To Honor Dates	
4/7	MCM Registration Opens
5/5	MC 10K Registration Opens
10/29	RTH Memorial Dinner
10/31	MC Marathon & 10K Run

Chapter Leadership Team

Position	Name
President	Rich Clyborne '82
Vice President	Mark Hakun '88
Secretary	LT Kate Kranz '02
Treasurer	George Zeberlein '52
Events Coordinator	Jim Jackson '75
Events Assistant	LCDR John Woods '00
Membership Co-Coordinator	Norm Shackelton '63
Membership Co-Coordinator	Pete Clarke '90
Webmaster/Communications	LT Matt Phillips '03
Board Member	CAPT Bob Brennan '82
Board Member	Open
Board Member	Open

UPDATE: New Chapter Program - Take a Mid To Lunch

The Chapter recently started a new program designed to involve the midshipmen who will eventually become a part of our alumni organization in Chapter events by offering them the opportunity to interact with alumni in the Annapolis area.

Called the "Take a Mid to Lunch" program, the effort involves inviting First and Second Class midshipmen to each of our scheduled luncheons. We have several board members who are closely associated with the Brigade and they have been handling the logistics involved with invitations and excusal lists through the Office of the Commandant.

The program does require a little assistance from Chapter members. As we all know, midshipmen are notoriously short of funds (particularly when it comes to things such as a luncheon with a bunch of alumni). Part of the "Take a Mid to Lunch" program involves the Chapter treasury and Chapter members helping to defray the cost of the lunches for the mids. We have proposed

that members consider paying for a midshipman lunch when they come as our guests. The Chapter treasury has a limited source of funds—membership dues mostly—and because of that we would drain the coffers very quickly if we were to pick up the tab for 10 - 20 midshipmen each month.

This is a completely voluntary program and you can participate even if you can't attend the luncheon yourself.

The Alumni Association online registration application will contain an option to pay for a midshipman lunch when you access it to RSVP for a particular luncheon. You will also be able to participate by registering through an email to the Chapter President or luncheon point of contact indicating that you would like to pay for a midshipman lunch and then pay at the door on the day of the luncheon.

We have also worked with the Naval Academy Club leadership team to negotiate a

reduced price for Midshipmen lunches. The reduced cost for the midshipman lunches will be added to the email invitations and will be posted on the online registration website.

Our first "Take a Mid To Lunch" effort were a great success with close to 25 midshipmen joining us for the April luncheon which featured English Prof. Nancy Arbuthnot and her father Randell Prothro '45. The May luncheon featured CAPT Ken Reightler, USN (Ret.) '74, and former NASA Shuttle pilot as the speaker and included six 2nd Class Aerospace and Astrophysics majors.



Membership Information

Who Can become a Chapter Member?

Regular Membership

- All graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy may join the Chapter as regular members

Associate Membership*

- Any commissioned officer (regular or reserve) (active or retired) of the Armed Forces of the United States who lives in the vicinity of Annapolis may join as an associate member
- Any member (active or retired) of the civilian faculty may join as an associate

member

- Widows of any individual eligible for regular membership may join as an associate member

*Associate members enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular members with the exception of being able to hold office or vote on Chapter issues

Active Duty O-3 and Below		
Term	Full Year	After Jan 1st
1 Year	\$10	\$5
2 Year	\$15	\$10
3 Year	\$20	\$15
All Others		
Term	Full Year	After Jan 1st
1 Year	\$15	\$10
2 Year	\$25	\$20
3 Year	\$33	\$28

Annapolis Chapter Mission:

To develop and present the best programs and activities to alumni and friends of the Naval Academy throughout the Annapolis area. In fulfilling this Mission, we envision fostering a large group of interested, informed, and energized advocates for the Chapter, the Alumni Association, the Naval Academy, the U.S. Navy, and the United States of America

Electronic Information

Facebook: Naval Academy Alumni Annapolis Chapter

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Upcoming Chapter Events

Date	Event	Location	Times
24 June	No Host Happy Hour	Ram's Head Tavern	1600—1900
06 July	Happy Hour / Naval Academy Band Concert	Dock Street / City Dock	1800—2030
13 July	Happy Hour / Naval Academy Band Concert	Dock Street / City Dock	1800—2030
20 July	Happy Hour / Naval Academy Band Concert	Dock Street / City Dock	1800—2030
27 July	Happy Hour / Naval Academy Band Concert	Dock Street / City Dock	1800—2030
03 August	Happy Hour / Naval Academy Band Concert	Dock Street / City Dock	1800—2030
10 August	Navy Night at Baysox Stadium	Baysox Stadium - Bowie	1800 - Final Pitch
21 September	Monthly Luncheon - Guest Speaker - TBD	Naval Academy Club	1115 - 1315

NOTE: Naval Academy Band Concert performances at City Dock are weather permitting

Look for the next edition of The Signal Bridge in August!