

**February ~ March ~ Dark Ages**

**2016**

In this newsletter you will find information regarding the 2016 Navy Football Schedule, 2016 Distinguished Graduate recipients, the Alumni Association Chapter Officers Conference and Board of Trustees dates, Class of 2016 Commissioning Week schedule and planning information along with links and updates for the USNA Music groups spring break schedule, Summer Stem and Summer Seminar registration dates and information on welcoming the Class of 2020.

**Please forward this Newsletter:** it is meant to go to all members of the USNA Alumni Chapters, Parent Clubs and all Blue and Gold Officers in your area. It is a comprehensive look at schedules, events and milestones important to our Naval Academy Volunteers along with sharing the good news of the U.S. Naval Academy.

If there is something we should be including, send an email. As always do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Elizabeth Beedenbender](#)

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**USNA Alumni Association and Foundation News & Events : [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com)**

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**Alumni Chapters**

**Roll of Active Members:** Per the Bylaws of the USNA Alumni Association, each chapter's roll of active members is to be submitted to the Association annually. Please submit your Chapter's roll of active members to Joe Fagan by 30 April 2016.

**ICOF this year will be held Thursday 12 May 2016:** The [ICOF webpage](#) will be updated with information as it becomes available. Also included are links to presentations from last year. Included are presentations on Cyber Programs, Division of Engineering and Weapons Systems, and an Alumni Association Update. Unfortunately, USNA Public Affairs will not allow the posting of the Superintendents Brief on our website. His office confirms that most of the information in his brief is available on [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu). The Spring Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Friday 13 May 2016.

**Chapter Leaders Toolbox:** Check out the new area on the [Chapter Page](#). This area is being designed for you all. If there is something you would like to see here please let Joe Fagan know. Just added to the toolbox is a link to instructions on pulling a Chapter list and emailing your Chapter. At the end of this document are instructions on how to check/manage the status of your Chapter emails. Please keep Joe updated on changes in the Chapter leadership so correct access can be given to your leaders.

**Personally Identifiable Information (PII):** PII continues to be a buzzword not only in the military but in all of society. Please check your websites, Facebook pages and other social media accounts to ensure the privacy of your members is protected.

**Shipmate Chapter News Information/Submission Deadlines:** Please send Chapter News Shipmate Articles to [Chapternews@usna.com](mailto:Chapternews@usna.com). The following are deadlines for submission for Shipmate Articles through the rest of this calendar year:

- Stewardship Shipmate (24Feb2016)      May-Jun '16 Shipmate (26Apr2016)
- Jul-Aug '16 Shipmate (27May2016)      Mmbr. Serv./Fall '16 Shipmate (01Jul2016)
- Sep-Oct '16 Shipmate (29Jul2016)      Nov-Dec '16 Shipmate (30Sep2016)

**[LtCol Joe Fagan '89](#)**  
**USMC**  
**Assistant Director,**  
**Engagement**  
**Operations- Alumni**

## Parent Clubs

**Please update any leadership changes for Parent Clubs as soon as possible! Please verify your parent club information is up to date on the [Parent Club Map](#)**

### Important Parent Dates:

**USNA Spring Break:** Friday 11 March; after last class/military obligation, no earlier than 0700 thru Sunday 20 March, leave expires at 2000/8:00pm EST

**Glee Club Winter Musical-** February 26 - 8:00pm/ 27- 8:00pm/ 28- 3:00pm  
March 4 - 8:00pm/ 5- 8:00pm/ 6- 3:00pm

**Formal Parade:** Tuesday 19 April- 4:00pm Worden Field

**U.S. Navy Uniform Changeover:** Monday 25 April

**Dedication Parade:** Friday 29 April: —4:00pm Worden Field

**USNA Classes end:** Tuesday 3 May

**Study and Review:** Wednesday 4 May

**Final Exams:** Thursday 5 May to Thursday 12 May 2016

**May Intersessional Period:** Sunday 15 May to Friday 20 May 2016

**Class of 2019 Sea Trial:** Tuesday 17 May 2016- Sea Trials are not open to the public

**Class of 2017 Ring Dance:** Saturday 21 May 2016- 7:00pm

**Class of 2019 Herndon Climb:** Monday 23 May 2016- 1:30pm Herndon Monument USNA

**Class of 2016 Commissioning Week!:** Sunday 22 May to Friday 27 May 2016- Official Commissioning Week Schedule

**Summer Training and Summer School Block:** Tuesday 31 May to Friday 24 June 2016

**Class of 2020 Induction Day:** Thursday 30 June 2016



**ADDITIONAL Commissioning Week Information:** can be found at [www.usna.com/parents](http://www.usna.com/parents), including all information and video presentation from the Commissioning 101 hosted by the Naval Academy Parent Clubs of Maryland and Northern VA.

**Class of 2020 Welcome Aboard's:** Please submit your Welcome Aboard events dates at your earliest convenience, we are working with Class of 1970 to identify speakers for your events and will share contact information as soon as available.

**USNA Alumni Association and Foundation IT Tool Kit :** Parent Club official email, parent club website creation and hosting, Parent Club logo design. Contact Elizabeth Beedenbender if interested in these FREE services from the Alumni Assoc.

### Parent Resources: [www.usna.com/parents](http://www.usna.com/parents)

- [Parent Programs Home page:](#) First stop for All Parents information!
- [USNA 2019 Parents :](#) Official FACEBOOK PAGE for USNA Parents, official and USNA endorsed source of information and updates for parents of USNA Midshipmen- **open page, ALL parents are welcome to like and follow**
- [Parent Event Calendar:](#) **UPDATED through August Reform 2016**
- [Parent Club Map:](#) Find a Parent Club near you!!
- [Parent Club Market Place:](#) Great Navy Merchandise and all proceeds directly benefit the USNA Parent Clubs
- [Newsletter Archive Page:](#) [Past Newsletters](#)

## BLUE AND GOLD AREA COORDINATORS & OFFICERS

### **USNA Admissions Application Dates: Summer Seminar and Summer STEM, Class of 2021**

- **Summer Seminar Application Closes**  
March 31 2016 1:00 PM EST
- **Summer STEM Application Closes**  
April 15, 2016 1:00 PM EST
- **Class of 2021 Preliminary Application Opens**  
April 1, 2016 12:00 AM EST



**BGO Refresher Training 27 Feb 2016 at USNA 0800-1130**

**Blue and Gold Officer Initial Training for 2016:** The Office of Admissions will have 3 BGO Initial Training Sessions in July 2016 with a total of 300 spots.

- **Session 1: 05 - 08 July**
- **Session 2: 10 - 13 July**
- **Session 3: 21 - 23 July**

### Upcoming Admissions Forums

**\*Admissions Outreach : Upcoming forums:** USNA Admissions is always in need of volunteer support and event space for forums. If you can connect Admissions to an event space or community center to host an outreach forum please contact by email: [Ms. Yvonne Graham](mailto:Ms.YvonneGraham) or by phone 410.293.1855

**We encourage All Blue and Gold Officers, Parent Clubs and Alumni Chapters to partner and support the Admission Outreach events happening around the country Thank you for the great support in 2015!!!!**

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## Naval Academy Athletic Association

- [USNA Athletics](#) – a comprehensive overview of navy athletics at all levels
- [Naval Academy Athletic Association](#)– great sight for Navy Athletics
- [Composite Sports Schedule](#)– the upcoming/monthly look at all USNA Sport schedule for both Home and Away games and events—check it monthly for Navy Sports that may be traveling to your area!
- [2016 Navy Football Schedule](#)
- NAAA ticket Information: [Click here](#)

Navy Athletics is looking forward to another successful year in 2016 and need your support. 2016 Blue & Gold memberships are now available. The goal of the Blue & Gold is to support our Midshipmen as they represent the Naval Academy in intercollegiate athletics. The 1,600 student-athletes competing on our varsity and junior varsity teams depend on this support to compete at the highest levels of athletics.

Ticket priority to Navy Football events including the Army-Navy Game – is based on your Blue & Gold membership level. Membership's start at \$75. You can also direct your contribution to any of the 33 Varsity and Junior Varsity Sports.

Join for 2016 by contacting the Blue & Gold at [410-293-8708](tel:410-293-8708) or clicking [HERE](#)

Quote from [Keith Puryear the Naval Academy Varsity Women's Tennis Coach](#) *"The support of our friends, alumni and parents is absolutely critical for our continued success as we strive to develop young ladies of character on the court and off. While the Academy and NAAA does an outstanding job of supporting us in our mission, you are the critical link that assist us in obtaining the margin of excellence needed for long term success"*

-Keith Puryear-Head Coach Women's Tennis

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## Naval Academy Business Services Division

Below are several links to the U.S. Naval Academy Business Services Division including the Midshipmen Yard Card Account manager.

**Midshipmen Store Weekend Hours Continue!** [Click HERE](#) for details

- Open 0730 - 1500 Monday to Friday
- Open 0830 - 1500 Saturdays

**Interested in joining the Naval Academy Club? Parents join and their Midshipman's membership is good throughout their time at USNA and for 5 Years after graduation.** We love catering USNA wedding receptions and members receive various discounts that make the Club the preferred location among our graduates. Contact our Membership Coordinator for more information : [\(410\) 293-2633](tel:410-293-2633) or email member [ship@usna.edu](mailto:ship@usna.edu)  
Visit us online at : [Naval Academy Club Membership](#)

**The Midshipmen Store continues it's transformation**—The store is an integral part of every Midshipman's life. The store has incredible prices and is a huge time saver for your Midshipman. But did you know the purchases made by parents and alumni are also contributing to the Brigade? All of NABSD profits go to funding Club Sports, Extracurricular Activities (ECAs) and other Midshipmen Quality of Life Activities. So thank you for shopping at the store when you are visiting.

If you are unable to visit often, check out [NAVYONLINE.COM](http://NAVYONLINE.COM) :Authorized members receive 15% off every purchase. Go to [NAVYONLINE.COM](http://NAVYONLINE.COM) and register in our N-STAR program. It pays to register!!

**Parents of Midshipmen Yard Card Deposit Promotion:** [Click HERE for more information](#) Don't forget to take advantage of the Yard Card Deposit Promotion! Deposit at least \$250 on your Midshipman's Yard Card thru December 15 2015 and we will add an additional 2% to your deposit! Making a deposit to your Midshipman's Yard Card is Easy– [Click here to make a deposit today!](#) Be sure to have your Midshipman's alpha code and email available to make the online deposit.

**Bill 35 & 36 made their debut against Air Force and help the Midshipmen accomplish a 33-11 one of many big victories during the 2015 season plus helped to return the Commander and Chief Trophy to USNA !**


## SUPPORT NAVY'S MASCOT "BILL THE GOAT" & "TEAM BILL"



The "Team Bill Support" fund was established by the Class of 2015 to ensure the link in the chain remained solid between them and the Class of 1965.

Team Bill and the Mascots (Bill XXXIII-XXXVI) are supported with Non-Appropriated Funds and the generous donations of alumni and friends throughout the world.

Please send checks payable to:  
"USNA Foundation"  
--annotate Fund 684500 in the memo line.

 Mail your donation to:  
USNA Foundation  
Attn: Gift Processing  
291 Wood Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-1254

The USNA Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation. Its purpose is to raise private gifts to support all facets of the development of the Brigade of Midshipmen and the activities of the Naval Academy Alumni Association. US Tax ID/EIN #23-7003516

## Visiting the Yard– USNA

**General Visiting Information:** Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset or 5 p.m., whichever is later. All visitors 21 years of age or older must have a valid picture ID (i.e.: State issued driver's license, student I.D., or a government issued passport).

### As of 4 February and Effective Immediately

-- State driver's licenses from **Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico** or **Washington** and identification cards from **American Samoa** are non-compliant with the Real ID Act.

-- Until further notice, individuals presenting credentials from the above states and territory must provide a **second form of identification**, and in many cases **IT MUST INCLUDE A PHOTO** (contrary to initial guidance).

-- Individuals who provide driver's licenses from states that do not meet Real ID Act requirements must provide an additional approved form of ID listed in table [12-1 of CNICINST 5530.14a, Ashore Protection Program](#).

**Children 21 yrs old or younger:** who do not have their own ID card must be accompanied by a responsible adult (Parent, or Family Member) who has a valid REAL ID Compliant ID Card

**Effective July 1 2013:** the requirement for DOD Decals has been eliminated. Anyone with locally prepared USNA ID Card or a DOD credential, including military retirees and dependents are not required to have a decal or get a temporary pass to drive onto USNA. ALL parents and sponsor parents must present their Parent Pass when entering USNA.

**Parent Passes:** are issued to parents before or during plebe parent weekend. If a parent pass is lost during the 4 years at USNA, your MID must submit an email to the [Pass & ID](#) requesting a new pass for parent.

**Questions?** Please email [Pass & ID](#) or 410.293.4019

All day parking is available at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium on Rowe Blvd., in the Noah Hillman Parking Garage (accessible from Duke of Gloucester or Main Streets), or at two-hour parking meters around City Dock.

**The Armel- Leftwich Visitor Center** is conveniently located inside USNA Gate 1 at the Annapolis harbor. You can view the 13-minute film "Call to Serve" and take a guided walking tour with a professional, certified guide. Pedestrian entrances are on Prince George and Randall Streets.

**The Naval Academy Museum** is free to the public. Located in Preble Hall, it is a short walk from Gates 1 and 3.

**Admissions:** Briefings by admissions experts are held Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday at 9 and 11 a.m. The Admissions Office is located on the second floor of the Visitor Center just inside Gate 1.

**Chapel Services:** The Naval Academy Chaplain's Center holds Catholic, Christian Science, Jewish, Eastern Orthodox and Protestant services which are open to the public: [USNA Chapel Service Schedule](#)

## Special Events: Parent Visits and Commissioning Week Information at the US Naval Academy: [2016 Commissioning Tentative Schedule](#)

**USNA Special Events :** This page is an excellent resource for information, dates and schedules related to I-Day, Plebe Parent Weekend and Second Class Parent

## USNA Musical Events and Performances

### Upcoming Performances:

[View Entire Schedule Here](#)

Purchase [Tickets](#) for USNA performances

Feb 21- Black History Month Concert

[Gospel Choir-](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

4:00 PM [More Info](#)

Feb 23 Czech National Symphony - Fantasia!

[Distinguished Artists Series](#)

USNA, Alumni Hall

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

Feb 26 to March 6

USNA Winter Musical

[Winter Musical](#)

USNA, Mahan Hall [More Info](#)

March 1 Patriot League

Basketball Tournament

[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)

Pep Band

TBA

March 2 Patriot League

Basketball Tournament

[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)

Pep Band

TBA

March 11 to 19

Spring Concert Tour

[Men's Glee Club](#)

California [More Info](#)

March 11 to 19

Spring Concert Tour

[Women's Glee Club](#)

California [More Info](#)

March 11 to 19

Spring Concert Tour

[Gospel Choir](#)

Florida [More Info](#)

March 29 Moscow Festival Ballet

[Distinguished Artists Series](#)

USNA, Alumni Hall

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

April 1 Organ Recital

[Chapel Organ](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

April 8 Spring "Home" Concert

[Women's Glee Club](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

April 8 Spring Concert

[Pipes and Drums](#)

USNA, Mahan Hall

7:30 PM

April 9 Tartan Day Parade

[Pipes and Drums](#)

New York, NY

12:00 PM

April 9 International Ball

[Trident Brass](#)

USNA, Alumni Hall

8:00 PM [More Info](#)

April 10 Concert

[Gospel Choir](#)

TBA

4:00 PM [More Info](#)

April 15 Spring "Home" Concert

[Men's Glee Club](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

April 16 St. John's Croquet Match

[Trident Brass](#)

St. John's Campus,

Annapolis, MD

12:00 PM

April 22-23 Greeley Jazz Festival

[Trident Brass](#)

Greeley, CO

April 23 Fiesta Flambeau Parade

[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)

San Antonio, TX

12:00 PM

April 24 43rd Annual Spring Oratorio

[Men's Glee Club](#)

[Women's Glee Club](#)

[Distinguished Artists Series](#)

with the Annapolis Symphony &

Baltimore Choral Arts Society

USNA, Alumni Hall

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

April 30 Southern Maryland

Celtic Festival

[Pipes and Drums](#)

St. Leonard, MD

7:30 PM

May 6 Hymn Sing

[Chapel Organ](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

7:30 PM [More Info](#)

May 21 Preakness Race

[Men's Glee Club](#)

[Women's Glee Club](#)

Baltimore, MD

6:00 PM

May 23 Herndon Climb

[Trident Brass](#)

Zimmerman Bandstand, USNA

12:00 PM

May 24 Combined Commissioning Week Concert

[Men's Glee Club](#)

[Women's Glee Club](#)

[Gospel Choir](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

8:30 PM [More Info](#)

May 25 Commissioning Week Organ Recital

[Chapel Organ](#)

USNA, Main Chapel

4:00 PM [More Info](#)

May 27 USNA Commissioning Ceremony

[Men's Glee Club](#)

[Women's Glee Club](#)

USNA, Stadium

9:00 AM