





WHY JOIN THE USNA-PCNI?


While information concerning the United States Naval Academy and the life of a Midshipman is easily available, members of the USNA-PCNI have access to other very valuable resources as they traverse this new road with their Midshipman. A popular t-shirt, available at the Mid Store, claims that the USNA is not college. Truer words have never been written. While the USNA is a post-secondary educational institution, your Midshipman and your entire family will experience a number of distinct differences. The USNA-PCNI, whose membership includes parents of current Midshipmen and graduates, offers:


 **SUPPORT:** We are an e-mail or phone call away should you have a question or concern. If we do not have an immediate answer for you, we have resources available to us to find it. Our organization provides Plebe parents, in particular, with useful e-mails known as “Plebe 101.” These mailings give Plebe parents information to assist them in transitioning to life as the families of Midshipmen and what to expect in the future.


 **ADVICE:** Our meetings are not just social gatherings. We disseminate information concerning life on the Yard and its impact on the Midshipmen and their families. Members have an opportunity to talk to one another and discuss anything pertinent to life at the USNA. We have had presentations on topics from Plebe Summer to Commissioning. We can even make hotel and restaurant recommendations. Our goal is to prepare families for every stage of the four years on the Yard and beyond.

Parents Club of Northern Illinois



 **CAMARADERIE:** In addition to our general membership meetings, the USNA-PCNI offers its members a variety of opportunities to socialize. We sponsor events such as football game viewing parties, a Dark Ages party, and gatherings to socialize at various local venues. We are more than club members; we are friends. We are friends with a common bond.

 **CONNECTIONS TO ANNAPOLIS AND BEYOND:** The USNA-PCNI serves as an ambassador from the northern Illinois area to the USNA. We provide hospitality for organizations visiting us from the Academy. Depending on needs, we greet groups at the airport, arrange for ground transportation, provide group members with goody bags and in general attempt to make their visit memorable and pleasant.

 We also host an OP-INFO Day. This recruiting event is held annually at the American Legion Hall. Parents, BGOs, representatives of the USNA and Midshipmen make presentations about the Academy and are available to answer questions for students interested in attending the USNA and their families.