

Happy New Years from Annapolis

In this newsletter we have great information regarding spring break music performances, upcoming out reach and the Chapter Officer conference in May. Please forward this Newsletter all members of the Alumni Chapters, Parent Clubs and all Blue and Gold Officers in your area along with family, friends and potential candidates for USNA. It is and will continue to be a comprehensive look at schedules, events and milestones important to our Naval Academy Volunteers and sharing the good news of the Naval Academy.

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

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

Membership in the Alumni Association is open to all; for details and benefits, please visit– [Alumni Association Membership](#)

Check our website and Facebook page for updates and information regarding our distinguished graduates, great photos from events; we are hosting Battalion Receptions for the Brigade and taking some great pictures of our young midshipmen!

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. This may not have been done regularly in the past but it is a requirement and it will help to form good accountability habits going forward for when we conduct the triennial count for Large Chapter Trustees. Please submit your Chapter’s roll of active members to [Joe Fagan](#) by 30 April 2015.

Email Broadcaster or Database Manager: If you are a Chapter President you have permissions in your Alumni Association account that allows you to generate a Chapter List and also to send Chapter email when logged in. Currently most Chapter Secretaries have been given Email Broadcaster permissions and most Chapter Treasurers have been authorized Database Manager permissions (allowing him or her the ability to pull a current Chapter list). Chapter Presidents make the determination on whom within a Chapter has specific permissions so please email [Joe Fagan](#) to add or remove permissions.

ICOF Conference for 2015 will be held on Thursday 07 May 2015: Please see the [2014 ICOF webpage](#) for links to presentations given last year. Included are presentations on Cyber Programs, International Programs Office, Vice Admiral Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, and an Alumni Association Update.

Other Chapter Recognition: Congratulations to the following Chapters for being selected as “Other Chapter” Representatives for the next three years beginning in the Spring of 2015:
* Greater Miami * Quantico Area * San Francisco Bay Area
All packages that were submitted were very competitive. Thank you to all Chapters who participated in the process and to the “Other Chapter” Committee for their tireless efforts in selecting the three Chapters above.

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Parent Clubs

Important Parent Dates:

- USNA Spring Break dates: Friday 13 March 2015 after last exam or military obligation and expires Sunday 22 March 2015 2000/8:00pm
- Class of 2018 Herndon Climb: Monday 18 May 2015 1:30pm
- Class of 2015 Commissioning Week: Sunday 17 May to Friday 22 May 2015
- Class of 2019 Induction Day: Wednesday 1 July 2015

Spring Break travel for Men’s & Women’s Glee Club and USNA Gospel Choirs: the schedule is not finalized, see below for current information;

- **Men’s Glee Club:** Fort Lauderdale March 14 and Miami March 20
- **Women’s Glee Club:** Houston March 14th, Corpus Christie March 17 and San Antonio TBD
- **Gospel Choir:** Los Angeles : TBD
- **USNA** [Music Schedule](#)

USNA Commissioning Week the tentative [schedule](#) has been posted and will be updated and maintained at: www.usna.edu/CommissioningWeek

Commissioning 101: hosted by the USNA MD parent club who have compiled a comprehensive guide regarding USNA Commissioning Week. The USNA Alumni Association partnered with MD to host a full morning of vendors information and presentations regarding every aspect of commissioning and graduation at USNA. To view the Commissioning 101 guidebook, USNA Alumni Assoc. power point and video of the events, visit the [USNA Maryland Parent Club website](#)

Grad Ads– the deadline for submitting a graduation ad in the USNA lucky bag is fast approaching, contact Steve Sweet for more information! ***Steve Sweet– Jostens Senior Sales Representative: steve.sweet@jostens.com/ 410-808-9894**

The U.S Naval Academy has launched a new website with great resources and information in updated, easy to use format. The Parent resource page is a new feature and full of excellent information, check it out today! www.usna.edu

Please remember to visit the Parent Program pages at www.usna.com for specific resources for USNA parents. Click on the provided links below:

- [Parent Programs Home page:](#) First stop for All Parents information!
- [Parent Event Calendar:](#) **UPDATED through August 2015**
- [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
- [USNA Alumni Association Housing rental information:](#) Looking for a rental for Commissioning Week or a home away home that are available for Football weekends, Parent Weekends and quick visits to Annapolis. **Several new homes have been added in the New Year!**

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BLUE AND GOLD AREA COORDINATORS & OFFICERS

USNA SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Summer Seminar applications are currently being accepted on-line, click on the link below for more information. Deadline to apply closes 11:59pm est Tuesday 31 March. **Summer Stem** program applications are currently being accepted online and the link is provided below.

- * [USNA Summer Seminar](#)
- * [USNA Summer STEM](#)



[USNA Admissions](#) NEW and Improved!!!
[2015 Admissions Outreach Schedule](#)

Upcoming confirmed 2015 Admissions Forums

***Admissions Outreach : Upcoming forums:** We are still in need of support and event space for 2015 Forums, below is a list of potential dates and cities for USNA Out reach forums that need help. If you can connect Admissions to an event space or community center to host an outreach forum please contact: [Ms. Yvonne Graham](#) 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.

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2015	City/State
Feb 28	Phoenix, AZ
Mar 7	Chicago, IL
Mar 7	Manhattan, NY

Naval Academy Athletic Association

[USNA Athletics](#) – a comprehensive overview of navy athletics at all levels

[Naval Academy Athletic Association](#)– great sight for who Navy Athletics is.

[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!

NAAA ticket Information: [Click here](#)

Join the Blue & Gold: Thank you for your membership, your support to the Brigade of Midshipmen, creating and supporting the Margin of Athletic Excellence to fund all Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.

“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

Our 2014/2015 membership drive is now active and you can join online by [clicking here](#) or by contacting the Blue & Gold office at 410-293-8708.

Go Navy!

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Naval Academy Business Services Division

THANK YOU to all who purchased, attended and/or donated to the Poinsettia Bowl ticket drive allowing 8000 Navy and Marine Corp members to attend the game! To all who attended the Brigade of Midshipmen tailgate, it was a great experience in San Diego and we brought home a great win for Navy Football.

Your support directly effects the Brigade of Midshipmen and the enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

Below are several links to the U.S. Naval Academy business services division including the Midshipmen Yard Card Account manager. NBSD is also providing care packages to be sent to your MIDS, check out the Snacker boxes from Drydock Restaurant.

- [USNA Business Services Division](#)
- [Parent Information](#)
- [Yard Card Services](#)
- [Snacker Boxes from Drydock Restaurant](#)– order form



Visiting the Yard– USNA

General Visiting Information: Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset or 5 p.m., whichever is later. Everyone age 16 and older must show a photo ID to enter the Naval Academy.

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](#)

Any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the information in this newsletter

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USNA Musical Events and Performances

[USNA Music Department](#)– view the wide-ranging musical ensembles USNA supports

To Purchase [Tickets](#) for USNA performances

<p>Upcoming Performances</p> <p>This is a list of all upcoming performances for the 2015 academic year.</p> <p>2015</p> <p>January 16-19 MLK Day Concert Tour Gospel Choir Jackson, MS More Info</p> <p>January 23 Midshipmen Classical Instrumental Recital Orchestra USNA, Main Chapel T7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>January 31 Gasparilla Festival Parade Drum & Bugle Corps Tampa, FL 12:00 PM</p> <p>February 1 Black History Month Concert Gospel Choir USNA, Main Chapel 3:00 PM More Info</p> <p>February 23 Tango Buenos Aires Distinguished Artists Series USNA, Alumni Hall 7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>March 13 to 22 Spring Concert Tour Men's Glee Club Florida More Info</p> <p>Spring Concert Tour Women's Glee Club Texas More Info</p> <p>Spring Concert Tour Gospel Choir California More Info</p> <p>March 25 Russian National Ballet Distinguished Artists Series USNA, Alumni Hall 7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>March 27 Organ Recital Chapel Organ USNA, Main Chapel 07:30 PM More Info</p> <p>April 4 Tartan Day Parade Pipes and Drums New York, NY 12:00 PM</p> <p>April 10 Spring "Home" Concert Men's Glee Club USNA, Main Chapel 7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>April 11 Mid-Atlantic Drum Corps Concert Drum & Bugle Corps</p>	<p>"Profiles in Music" Festival York, PA 12:00 PM April 11 International Ball Trident Brass USNA, Alumni Hall 8:00 PM More Info</p> <p>April 12 Concert Gospel Choir: Washington, D.C. 4:00 PM More Info</p> <p>April 18 St. John's Croquet Match Trident Brass St. John's Campus, Annapolis, MD 12:00 PM</p> <p>April 19 42nd Annual Spring Oratorio Men's Glee Club Women's Glee Club Distinguished Artists Series with the Annapolis Symphony and Baltimore Choral Arts Society, USNA, Alumni Hall 7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>April 20 Patriot Day Parade Drum & Bugle Corps Boston, MA, 12:00 PM</p> <p>April 24 Spring "Home" Concert Women's Glee Club USNA, Main Chapel 7:30 PM More Info</p> <p>April 24 Spring Concert Pipes and Drums USNA, Mahan Hall 7:30 PM</p> <p>April 25 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival Pipes and Drums St. Leonard, MD 7:30 PM</p> <p>MAY 1 Hymn Sing Chapel Organ USNA, Main Chapel 07:30 PM More Info</p> <p>MAY 16 Preakness Race Men's Glee Club Women's Glee Club Baltimore, MD 6:00 PM May18 Commissioning Week Glee Club and Gospel Choir Concert USNA Main Chapel 8:30pm</p> <p>MAY 22 USNA Commissioning Ceremony Men's Glee Club Women's Glee Club USNA, Stadium 9:00 AM</p>
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Special Events, Parent visits and Commissioning Week Information at US Naval Academy: [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 Weekend and Commissioning Week

[Commissioning Week 2015](#)– Tentative Schedule is now available