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Happy Homecoming from Annapolis!

In this newsletter you will find links and information regarding the upcoming USNA Admissions Forums, how to support the Bill the Goat fund, Army Navy Tailgate and Bus transportation from Annapolis, Navy Blue & Gold membership from NAAA and follow up from the Parent Club Officer Conference in September and the all important leave dates and times for Thanksgiving and Christmas/ End of Semester leave!

On Thursday 29 October 8:00pm EDT : ALL USNA volunteer leaders are invited to participate in the first **IT Toolkit Webinar**, hosted by the Alumni Association and Foundation IT Staff to discuss existing IT tools, new and upcoming changes to the tools volunteer leaders can use and the new WordPress program for websites provided through the Alumni Association and Foundation IT toolkit. An email was sent to all Volunteer leaders on Wednesday 21 October. If you did not receive the email, you can view details and links to webinar on the [Alumni Chapter](#) page or the [Parent Club](#) page at www.usna.com

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 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.

Sincerely,
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USNA Alumni Association and Foundation News & Events : www.usna.com

Home and Away Tailgate information is up and open for registration including Army/Navy Bus transportation from Annapolis and the Alumni Association tailgate at the Wells Fargo Center. [Go to www.usna.com/tailgates](http://www.usna.com/tailgates) and click on @Army today!

Thank you to all who have viewed out Alumni Association Photo program, we had over 4 million views this summer and the number continues to grow!

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

Alumni Chapters

Volunteer Leaders IT Toolkit Webinar: An email from our IT Director, Jamie Wolff '03, recently went out to all the Chapters. This webinar is a great opportunity to see and discuss information technology (IT) tools available and coming that will hopefully make your jobs as volunteer leaders easier. Please see the [Chapter Page](#) for more information about this webinar.

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. Please keep Joe updated on changes in the Chapter leadership so correct access can be given to your leaders.

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.

ICOF was held on Thursday 07 May 2015: Please see the [ICOF webpage](#) for links to presentations given this 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. The next ICOF is Scheduled for **12 May 2016**.

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.

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Parent Clubs

Important Parent Dates:

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Leave:** Wednesday 25 November: no earlier than 0700 and classes end at 1245pm (early academic sched.) to Sunday 29 November 2015 expiring at 2000 (8:00pm)
- ◆ **Army Navy Football:** Saturday 12 December 2015, 3:00pm Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA.
- ◆ **End of Semester/Christmas Leave:** Leave commences after last exam & military obligation, and no earlier than Wednesday 23 December 0700. Christmas leave ends on Friday 8 January 2016 expiring at 2000 (8:00pm)
- ◆ **Second Semester Intersessional Training :** January 8 to January 10 2016
- ◆ **Second Semester Classes:** begin Tuesday 11 January 2016

September’s Parent Club Officer Conference : Huge success with 135 officers in attendance. All approved presentations, all conference folder material and any additional details handed out during the conference day are all available for view at www.usna.com/PCOC Additionally, I am working on the transition paper discussed in round tables as well as additional guidelines for parent clubs to follow, all of which will be sent to all parent club leaders when completed. Finally if you have requested information or list from me and I have not responded, PLEASE email me again to bring it to the top, apologies but I have been overwhelmed for requests for lists and additional information.

USNA Alumni Association and Foundation IT Tool Kit Webinar; Thursday 29 October 2015 8:00pm EDT– all parent volunteer leaders should have received and invitation to participate in this upcoming webinar regarding the existing tools available, the new and upcoming changes to the volunteer toolkit and as presented at the parent club officer conference the WordPress website program provided by the Alumni Association and Foundation. If you did not receive the email invitation you can view all the details on the [Parent Club page](#)

The Class of 2019 Parent Contact lists are ready! : please submit an email request for a list of current parents in your parent club area. A Parent Club list usage agreement must be on file before a list is sent to the Parent Club President. I can verify if a list usage agreement is on file when you email your request. All list request will include 2019 parent contact information!

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](#)

Parent Resources:

- [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 MAY 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
- [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.
- **Newsletter Archive Page:** [Past Newsletters](#)



BLUE AND GOLD AREA COORDINATORS & OFFICERS

USNA [Applications for the Class of 2020 are now open!](#)

Blue and Gold Officer Training for 2016: The Office of Admissions will have 3 BGO training sessions in July 2016 with a total of 300 spots. Applications will open in January 2016.

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

Upcoming Admissions Forums USNA Office of Admissions has 8 remaining Fall Admissions Forums in 2015. With the help of Blue & Gold Officers, Parents Clubs & Alumni Chapters, we have been successful with forums in 12 cities nationwide so far in 2015!

Date	Location	Point of Contact
31Oct2015	Fresno, CA	Louise McKernan (mckernan@usna.edu)
8Nov2015	Memphis, TN	Yvonne Graham (ygraham@usna.edu)
14Nov2015	Detroit, MI	Yvonne Graham (ygraham@usna.edu)
21Nov2015	Houston, TX	Yvonne Graham (ygraham@usna.edu)
21Nov2015	Sacramento, CA	Louise McKernan (mckernan@usna.edu)
21Nov2015	Tulsa, OK	Louise McKernan (mckernan@usna.edu)
05Dec2015	Honolulu, Hawaii	Louise McKernan (mckernan@usna.edu)
11Dec2015	Philadelphia, PA	Louise McKernan (mckernan@usna.edu)

***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](#) or by phone 410.293.1855 [Individual Forum Flyers and details](#)

We encourage All Blue and Gold Officers, Parent Clubs and Alumni Chapters to partner and support the Admission Outreach events happening around the country this fall!

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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!
- [2015 Navy Football Schedule](#)
- NAAA ticket Information: [Click here](#)

Navy Athletics is looking forward to another successful year in 2015 and need your support. 2015 Blue & Gold memberships are available.

[Click Here](#) for the 2015 Blue & Gold membership brochure, which outlines membership information and benefits.

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.

Membership's start at \$75. You can also direct your contribution to any of the 33 Varsity and Junior Varsity Sports.

Join for 2015 by contacting the Blue & Gold at 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.

Announcing New Midshipmen Store Weekend Hours! [Click HERE](#) for details

- Open 0830 -1500 on Non-Football Game Saturdays
- Open 0830 – Kickoff on NAVY Home Football Game Saturdays
- Open 1000 – 1600 Sundays on NAVY Home Football Game Weekends

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:4102932633) or email member 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 :Authorized members receive 15% off every purchase. Go to 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.

Our "Mascots in Training" are on the sidelines. Bill 35 & 36 made their debut against Air Force and help the Midshipmen accomplish a 33-11 victory and are one step closer to returning the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy to Navy.


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

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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](#)

USNA Musical Events and Performances

[USNA Music Department](#)– view the wide-ranging musical ensembles USNA supports. [View Entire Schedule Here](#)

To Purchase [Tickets](#) for USNA performances

Upcoming Performances:
[View Entire Schedule Here](#)

October
10/24-Navy vs. Tulane Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Full Corps - Halftime Show
Location: Annapolis, MD
Time: 01:00 PM

10/30 & 31-USNA Halloween Concert
[Halloween Concert](#)
Location: USNA, Main Chapel
Time: 08:00 PM [More Info](#)

10/31-Navy vs. USF Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Full Corps - Halftime Show
Location: Annapolis, MD
Time: 12:00 PM

November
11/7-Navy @ Memphis Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Half Corps - Pep Band
Location: Memphis, TNNOV11-14

11/14- Veteran's Day Concert Tour
[Men's Glee Club](#) with Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Location: Charlotte, NC
[More Info](#)11-14

11/14 - Veteran's Day Concert Tour
[Women's Glee Club](#)
Location: Detroit, MI
[More Info](#)

11/14 - Veteran's Day Concert Tour
[Gospel Choir](#)
Location: St. Louis, MO
[More Info](#)4

11/14- Navy vs. SMU Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Full Corps - Halftime Show
Location: Annapolis, MD
Time: 03:30 PM

11/18- Czech Philharmonic Distinguished Artists Series
Location: USNA, Alumni Hall
Time: 07:30 PM
[More Info](#)

Navy @ Tulsa Football Game
Distinguished Artists Series
Half Corp - Pep Band
Location: Tulsa, OK

12/4 - Fall Concert
[Pipes and Drums](#)
Location: USNA, Mahan Hall
Time: 07:30 PM
[More Info](#)

December
12/5&6 -69th Annual Handel's Messiah
[Men's Glee Club](#)
[Women's Glee Club](#)
Location: USNA, Main Chapel
Time: 08:00 PM
[More Info](#)

12/6 – Concert: [Gospel Choir](#)
Location: TBA
Time: 04:00 PM
[More Info](#)

12/12 - Army/Navy Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
[Pipes and Drums](#) Full Corps
Time: 3:00pm
Philadelphia, PA

1/18/2016- MLK Day Concert
[Gospel Choir](#)
Location: TBA
[More Info](#)

1/23/16- Navy @ Army Basketball Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Pep Band
Madison Square Garden
New York NY

1/23/16- Midshipmen Classical Instrumental Recital
[Orchestra](#)
Location: USNA, Main Chapel
Time: 07:30 PM
[More Info](#)

2/21/16 Black History Month Concert
[Gospel Choir](#)
Location: USNA, Main Chapel
Time: 04:00 PM
[More Info](#)

2/23/16- Czech National Symphony - Fantasia!
[Distinguished Artists Series](#)
Location: USNA, Alumni Hall
Time: 07:30 PM
[More Info](#)

2/26 to 3/6/16- USNA Winter Musical
[Winter Musical](#)
Location: USNA, Mahan Hall
[More Info](#)

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Special Events: Parent Visits and Commissioning Week Information at the US Naval Academy: 2016 Commissioning Week Coming Soon!

[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

