

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello from Annapolis!

Welcome to the December Newsletter to all of the Alumni Chapter Presidents, Parent Club leaders / points of contacts and to all of the USNA BGO Area coordinators. We are continuing our collaborative effort of sending consistent and up to date information from Annapolis to all of USNA volunteers.

In this newsletter you will find up to date information on the Armed Forces Bowl including Midshipmen travel incentives, the Alumni Chapter Count and local and regional sports schedules.

All of the information contained can be forwarded to all officers, parents, alumni, blue & gold officer's and candidates. If there is something we should be including, send me an email and I will add it!

As we close out the 2013 year, I have enjoyed meeting many of you in my travels for football, I look forward to seeing many of you at Army Navy for another great win and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Sincerely,
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***NAAA Sports Schedule for December/January:** to view the upcoming schedule for all of the Naval Academy Athletics Association at home and away games please click on the link below. If teams are in your state or Parent Club area and you want reach out to support, please contact [Elizabeth Beedenbender](#) and she will connect you with the traveling teams! It a great way to support USNA and our traveling athletes!

NAAA Sports Schedule:

December : http://www.navysports.com/calendar/events/2013_201312.html

January: http://www.navysports.com/calendar/events/2013_201401.html

Army Navy Football: Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia! Kick off at 3:00pm. Transportation from Annapolis to Philadelphia is now closed. The Alumni Association tailgate is sold out as well.

Army Navy Boxing: If you are looking for something to do Friday night before the big game, come out and cheer on the MIDS as they take on Army in the 2013 Boxing Classic, 10:00pm Philadelphia Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.ncbaboxing.org/> For more information please see the attached flyer

Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl: Monday, 30 December 2013 at the Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth Texas! Kick off is 10:45 CST. **For more information** go to www.usna.com/bowl for Tickets, Travel Packages and Events for the Bowl Game, as well as MID Travel Incentives and donating to help a MID attend the Bowl Game.

Army-Navy Basketball Doubleheader – Saturday, January 11th – Women's Game at 1:30PM & Men's Game at 4PM. The greatest rivalry in sports hits the hardwood!

- The doubleheader will **SELL OUT**, so make sure to get you tickets in advance!
- The world famous King's Firecrackers Jump Rope Team will perform at halftime of both games!
- One ticket gets you in to both game – Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth!

Men's Basketball vs. Holy Cross – Saturday, January 25th at 7PM

- **Youth Basketball Night** - \$3 Admission to the game for all kids who wear their youth team jerseys!
- **Juggler Josh Horton Performs** - Professional juggler Josh Horton taste the court for an amazing halftime performance!
- **Navy Alumni Game** - Alumni Hall will open at 3:30PM for fans to come out and watch the Navy Basketball Alumni play in their annual Alumni Game! Times are subject to change. Visit Navysports.com on the week of the game for more details!

For advanced tickets, call 800-US4-NAVY or visit <http://bit.ly/SmMZwS>

***Looking for tickets?** Try the [USNA Ticket Exchange](#) (Alumni Association Login required to view)



CHAPTERS

***Chapter Membership and Annual Chapter Count:** All Chapter List have been sent for the Membership Count. In order to be eligible for BOT consideration, please return your spreadsheets by 31 December 2013. If you have not received your spreadsheet please contact me as soon as possible. Please encourage all your members to update their Alumni profile at www.usna.com!

Chapter Event Calendar: Check out the up to date events in your chapter area! Several Army Navy Chapter Events have been added! <http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=284>

ARMY~NAVY Tailgate and Transportation: is now closed. Go NAVY! Beat Army!

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USNA Speaker Requests

Interested in having a speaker from USNA speak at a Chapter event?
Fill out our official request form: <http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=521>

To find and join your local Naval Academy Chapter please click the link below:
<http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=284>

Chapter Questions? Call or email [Elizabeth Beedenbender](mailto:Elizabeth.Beedenbender@usna.edu), 410 295-4166



PARENT CLUBS

The Return Date for Christmas/Holiday Leave is 3 January 2014 at 2000/8:00pm.

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The Midshipmen Incentive Travel Package details for the Armed Forces Bowl can be viewed here: <http://www.usna.com/document.doc?id=601>

***All first and second class MIDS traveling to the Armed Forces Bowl game, can return to Annapolis on Sunday 5 January 2014 1800/6:00pm. Third and Fourth Class will receive extra weekends and overnights during spring semester.**
See link for more details: <http://www.usna.com/document.doc?id=601>

The Parent Event Calendar has been updated through June 2014! - All return dates and times have been added for the Christmas and Spring Breaks, but as always please check with your Midshipmen as they will have the most accurate information regarding their Exams and military obligations

New Mailing Information for USNA: Please use the below address that will permit package delivery (**by any vendor**) to come directly to the post office:

Example:
MIDN 1/C John Smith
1 Wilson Road #11100
Annapolis, MD 21412

USNA Alumni Assoc. and Foundation Parent Links: Please remember to visit the Parent Program pages at www.usna.com for specific resources for USNA parents. I have listed several links below for all parents to view.

- *Parent Programs Home page:** <https://www.usna.com/sslpage.aspx?pid=286>
- *Parent Event Calendar:** <http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=488>
- *Parent Club Map:** <http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=234>
- *Parent Club Market Place:** <http://www.usna.com/sslpage.aspx?pid=811> **New items added!!!**
- *USNA Alumni Association Housing rental information:** <http://www.usna.com/page.aspx?pid=635>

BLUE AND GOLD

***Admissions page and upcoming forums:**
We encourage All Blue and Gold Officers, Parent Clubs and Alumni Chapters to partner and support the Admission Outreach events happening around the Country.
Check out the upcoming events throughout the country showcasing the Naval Academy and providing insight into the admissions process:
12/28/2013 Dallas TX :in conjunction with the Bowl Game events: Omni; Fort Worth, 1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth TX 76102
01/18/2014 Houston, TX
02/08/2014 Los Angeles, CA

Alumni Association Admissions Page at www.usna.com:<https://www.usna.com/sslpage.aspx?pid=473>

USNA Admissions:<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/events.html>

Visiting the Yard

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. Only vehicles with DoD stickers or handicapped tags may enter Naval Academy grounds. 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. Please click below for a schedule of Chapel Services:
<http://www.usna.edu/Chaplains/services.html>

USNA EVENTS

*Upcoming Musical Events

Schedules for performances by the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, Gospel Choir, Chapel Choirs, Drum and Bugle Corps, the chapel organist and visiting performing artists. <http://www.usna.edu/Music/Accessible/schedule.html>

December / January

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Saturday 7 & Sunday 8

* [Handel's Messiah](#)

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and USNA Glee Clubs
8:00 PM, USNA Main Chapel

January 2014

Friday 17 - Monday 20

[Gospel Choir Concert Tour of HOUSTON, TX](#)

In recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday 24

[Midshipmen Classical Instrumental Recital](#)

7:30 PM, USNA Main Chapel

***Tickets:** For tickets please visit: <http://navyperforms.showare.com/default.asp>

Special Events and Commissioning Week Information:

USNA Special Events :<http://www.usna.edu/SpecialEvents/>

This page is an excellent resource for information, dates and schedules related to I-Day, Plebe Parent Weekend and Second Class Parent Weekend.

USNA Commissioning Week: <http://www.usna.edu/CommissioningWeek/>

See last years 2013 Commissioning Day pictures and check back for updates and the official 2014 Commissioning Week when finalized!

Any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the information in this newsletter or to be unsubscribed, please contact me directly!

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