

December~ Holiday~ Poinsettia Bowl

December 2014

Hello from Annapolis!

In this newsletter we have important dates for December and Christmas leave! Poinsettia Bowl information, Spring Break dates. Please forward all the information in this email to all members of Alumni Chapters, Parent Clubs and all Blue and Gold Officers along with family, friends and potential candidates for USNA.

From all of us in Annapolis, we wish you the happiest of holidays and a joyful and safe New Year!

- **Alumni Chapters:** please contact [Joe Fagan '89](#), asst. director/Alumni Chapters- 410 295-4035
- **Parent Club or Blue and Gold Area Coordinator:** please contact [Elizabeth Beedenbender](#) -410 295-4166.
- **Naval Academy Athletics/ Blue and Gold membership–** [Kyle Knichel](#)
- **US Naval Academy Business Services Division-** Contact [USNA NBSD](#)

If there is something we should be including, send me an email and I will add it!

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

The Alumni Association and Foundation are partnering with USNA and Naval Business Services to host many events during the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego. Visit our Poinsettia Bowl page for details on accommodations at the Team hotel– the Manchester Grand Hyatt and registration for several events: [SDCCU Poinsettia Bowl](#)

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

Alumni Chapters



ICOF Conference was held in Alumni Hall on Thursday 1 May 2014: Please see the [ICOF webpage](#) for links to presentations given during ICOF this year. Included are presentations on Cyber Programs, International Programs Office, Vice Admiral Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, and an Alumni Association Update. The tentative date for **ICOF 2015 is 07 May 2015 (Thursday)**.

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:**
- Academic Exams– December 10/11 2014
 - Army Navy Events– December 12th and 13th– Game Day! M&T Stadium Baltimore MD 3:00pm Kick-Off
 - Academic Exams– December 15 to 19
 - Christmas leave begins after MIDS final exam or military obligation but no later than Saturday 20 December 2014
 - Christmas leave expires Sunday 4 January 2015 at 2000/8:00pm
 - USNA Spring Break dates: Begins Friday 13 March 2015after last exam or military obligation and leave expires Sunday 22 March 2015 2000/8:00pm

Poinsettia Bowl Incentives for Midshipmen:
The Midshipmen Welfare Fund (MWF) has announced the following incentives to encourage Brigade attendance at the Poinsettia Bowl on Tuesday, 23 December, at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. These incentives are available to midshipmen only:

- Up to \$600 reimbursed for plane, train or automobile expenses for each midshipman
- Reimbursement of \$75 (a special midshipman rate) per midshipman for lodging at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego
- Tickets for the midshipman and one guest for the Brigade of Midshipmen Bowl Game Tailgate prior to the game
- A free Dining Out (a \$6,000 value) for the two companies with the highest bowl game attendance
- One entry per attending midshipman into a drawing for a Grand Prize Spring Break Package—an all-expenses-paid trip for two anywhere in the continental United States, Mexico or the Caribbean
- 1/C and 2/C midshipmen attending the game may return from Intercessional Leave on Monday, 5 January by 1800 (6 p.m.). Normal holiday leave expires on Sunday, 4 January at 2000.
- 3/C and 4/C midshipmen may take two extra weekends during the spring semester but must return to Annapolis on Sunday, 4 January at 2000.

- To sign up each midshipman must:**
- Bring a paid itinerary including plane/train ticket or car rental to the Midshipmen Welfare Fund Ticket Office (Bancroft Room 3004)
 - Provide a copy of a hotel reservation at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego
 - Pay the \$10 sign-up fee

Please discuss these incentives and holiday leave plans with your son or daughter.

***All midshipman parents, families and friends are encouraged to attend all the Poinsettia Bowl events in San Diego. If you are interested in general audience hotel information and pricing or registration for bowl events please visit our [website](#) for the most up-to-date information. Thank you for your support!**

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 May/Commissioning Week 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.

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BLUE AND GOLD AREA COORDINATORS & OFFICERS



The 2014/2015 Admissions Outreach Schedule: it can be found on the www.usna.com under [Admissions](#) or visit [USNA Admissions](#)

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

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

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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Naval Academy Athletic Association

[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](tel:410-293-8708).

Go Navy!

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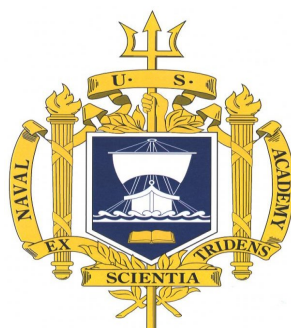


Naval Academy Business Services Division

Visit [NAVY ONLINE](#) : For more information on the Poinsettia Bowl and to purchase tickets to the Brigade of Midshipmen Tailgate before the Navy vs San Diego State Game!

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 Account Manager](#)
- [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. Please click below for a schedule of Chapel Services:

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

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to unsubscribed, please contact me directly!

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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

Upcoming Performances

This is a list of all upcoming performances for the 2014/2015 academic year.

December 13 2014
Army/Navy Football Game
[Drum & Bugle Corps Pipes and Drums](#)
Full Corps - Halftime Show
Location: Baltimore, MD

2015
January 16-19
MLK Day Concert Tour
[Gospel Choir](#)
Jackson, MS **More Info**
January 23
Midshipmen Classical Instrumental Recital
[Orchestra](#)
USNA, Main Chapel
T7:30 PM **More Info**
January 31
Gasparilla Festival Parade
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Tampa, FL 12:00 PM

February 1
Black History Month Concert
[Gospel Choir](#)
USNA, Main Chapel 3:00 PM **More Info**
February 23
Tango Buenos Aires
[Distinguished Artists Series](#)
USNA, Alumni Hall 7:30 PM **More Info**

March 13 to 22
Spring Concert Tour
[Men's Glee Club](#)
Florida **More Info**
Spring Concert Tour
[Women's Glee Club](#)
Texas **More Info**
Spring Concert Tour
[Gospel Choir](#)
California **More Info**
March 25
Russian National Ballet
[Distinguished Artists Series](#)
USNA, Alumni Hall 7:30 PM **More Info**
March 27
Organ Recital
[Chapel Organ](#)
USNA, Main Chapel 07:30 PM **More Info**

April 4
Tartan Day Parade
[Pipes and Drums](#)
New York, NY 12:00 PM
April 10
Spring "Home" Concert
[Men's Glee Club](#)
USNA, Main Chapel 7:30 PM **More Info**

April 11
Mid-Atlantic Drum Corps Concert
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
"Profiles in Music" Festival
York, PA
12:00 PM
April 11
International Ball
[Trident Brass](#)
USNA, Alumni Hall 8:00 PM **More Info**

April 12
Concert
[Gospel Choir](#):
Washington, D.C. 4:00 PM **More Info**
April 18
St. John's Croquet Match
[Trident Brass](#)
St. John's Campus, Annapolis, MD 12:00 PM
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**

April 20
Patriot Day Parade
[Drum & Bugle Corps](#)
Boston, MA, 12:00 PM
April 24
Spring "Home" Concert
[Women's Glee Club](#)
USNA, Main Chapel 7:30 PM **More Info**
April 24
Spring Concert
[Pipes and Drums](#)
USNA, Mahan Hall 7:30 PM
April 25
Southern Maryland Celtic Festival
[Pipes and Drums](#)
St. Leonard, MD 7:30 PM

MAY 1
Hymn Sing
[Chapel Organ](#)
USNA, Main Chapel
07:30 PM **More Info**
MAY 16
Preakness Race
[Men's Glee Club](#) [Women's Glee Club](#)
Baltimore, MD
6:00 PM
MAY 22
USNA Commissioning Ceremony
[Men's Glee Club](#) [Women's Glee Club](#)
USNA, Stadium 9:00 AM

Special Events 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

