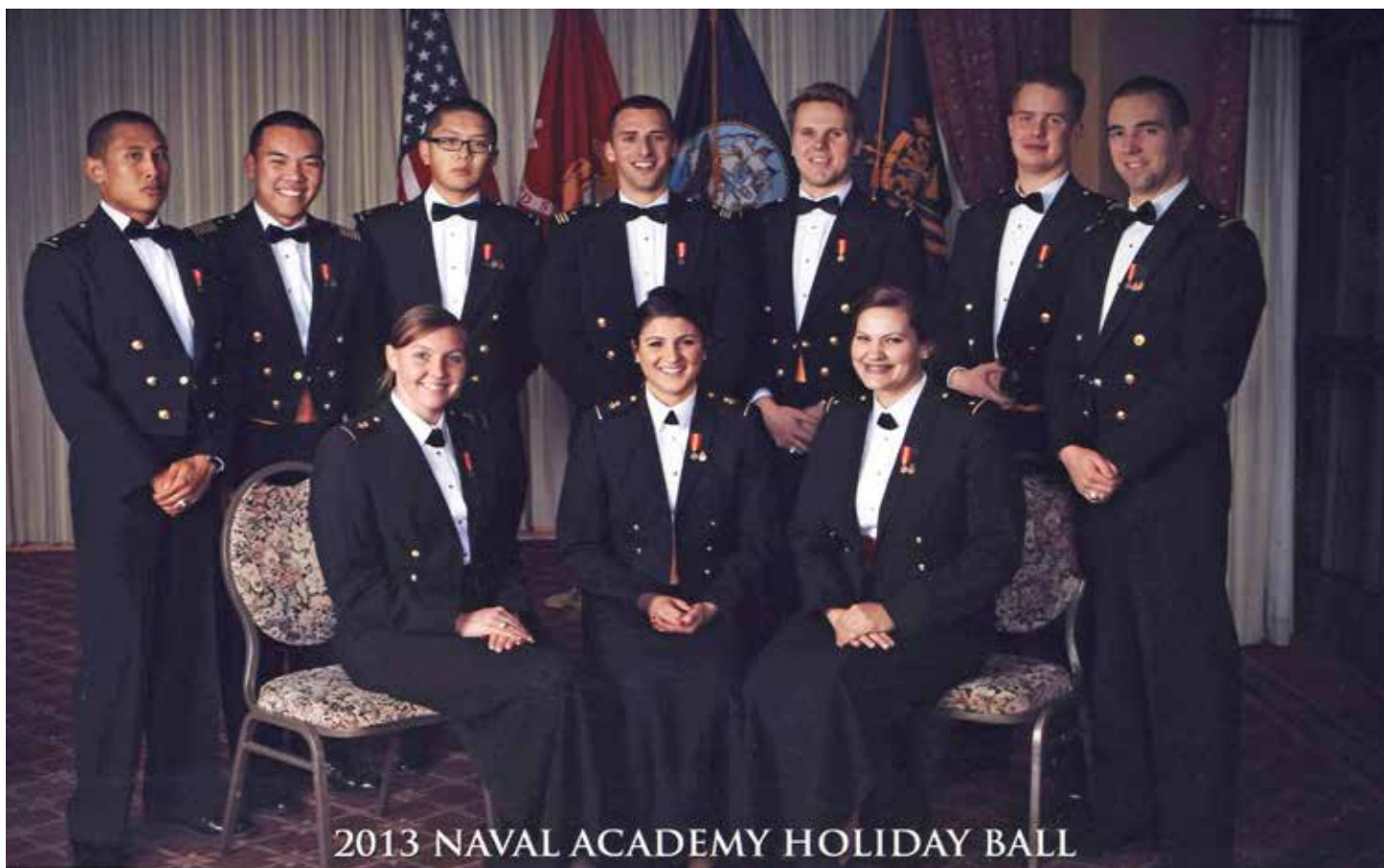


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36th Midshipmen Dinner



Front row (L to R): Erika Pedersen '14/16, Jackie Barnum, '14/8, Stephanie DeBoer '14/22;

Back row (L to R): Hiram Tosco '14, Eugene Yang '14/25, Mack Qin, '14/17, Zachary Braida '14/26, Ryan Hurtz '14/1, Michael Tauskey '14/6, Kevin Flaherty '14/23.

Photo courtesy of Bill Tauskey.



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Tom Teshara was West Coast Regional Director for the USNA, at Moffett Field, for 24 years with responsibilities for the ten western states including Hawaii and Alaska. After retiring from the USNA, he spent another 24 years as a Blue and Gold Officer under Captain Brant Carter and knows the USNA better than anyone.

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM TESHARA

Another great year for our Northern California Parents' Club! We've had a terrific crop of new Plebe families, wonderful events, 'new and improved' communication vehicles, and most importantly great fellowship and sharing. I applaud all of you for making our club mission (support of our Naval Academy families) come alive and happen.

Our events this year included: the Appointment Dinner, the Plebe Parent Potluck picnic, Plebe Parent Weekend dinner on the Yard, the Fall general membership meeting, the San Jose State football game (what a thriller), a very special dinner event jointly hosted by our club and the local alumni chapter with CAPT Byrne as our guest speaker, the holiday Midshipman Recognition Dinner/Dance, and our annual meeting this spring.

Participation in these events provides the opportunity for

fun and sharing – the heart and soul of what we say we're about.

Your club officers and board members this past year have taken the club to a new level – 100% participation of new Plebe families, a truly outstanding website renovation, getting the club membership directory expanded and on-line, two wonderful issues of our club newsletter – The Scuttlebutt, fun-filled events, and a number of behind the scenes efforts supporting families and Mids in our club. We couldn't have done all these great things without the tireless efforts of this year's leadership. We've been blessed with the dedication of this group of parents and I'm looking forward to that continuing this coming year.

Jeannine and I are so proud of how the club is fulfilling our vision of providing truly unique support for our North-



ern California Naval Academy families, with personal, face-to-face interaction that complements other Academy related support vehicles that may be available.

Let's continue the fun and do what we can as parents to help our Mids survive...and thrive.

Go Navy...beat Army!

Go Navy– Class of 2014!

– Tom and Jeannine

A Word from Our New President



The Brigade has recently returned from spring break and is gearing up for finals, commissioning week for Firsties, Ring Dance for 2nd class, Protramid for Youngsters, and the Herndon Climb for Plebes.

This year has been exemplified by highs and lows. Fleet Week, a longtime Bay Area tradition, was cancelled due to sequestration. And then, a string of tragedies involving MIDs on the Yard, and recent

Bay Area graduates. Yet these events have shown the resiliency of the Brigade, and were tempered by the showing of support from across the county – including by this Club.

There also were many highlights, including the Tom Teshara recognition dinner, a wonderful event headlined by Captain Byrne. At that event, a scholarship at the USNA Foundation was announced in Tom's name. Raising the funds for that scholarship is underway. Please contribute if you can to honor Tom, without whom we wouldn't be here. Tom is the founding father of this Club and parents clubs across the county.

Navy beat San Jose State in a thrilling overtime game held

in the Bay Area, and followed that up with victory over Army. Many of our own midshipmen have been upholding the Academy's name on other teams and clubs. ESPN, in recognition of Veterans Day, conducted a wonderful broadcast for an entire day from the Yard, replete with views of the Yard, interviews with the Superintendent, Commandant, and many midshipmen. Publicity like that is priceless.

The new officers and Board for this year are in place. As a volunteer organization, the Club can still use additional help, and any skill that you can contribute is always welcome. Please contact any of the officers or Board Members to express your interest.

I would like to give a big shout out to Bill Tauskey and his wife Barb, outgoing co-presidents, as well as the entire outgoing Board, for their excellent leadership of this Club this past year.

Finally, we will have lots of great memories to be made this upcoming year, including at the appointment dinner, the summer picnic, Fleet Week, and the Holiday Ball, to name a few.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Chuck and Tina Moll

Chuck and Tina Moll are the proud parents of son Alex Moll '15/9. Chuck and Tina have been active in the Club, most recently as Club Vice Presidents.

Calendar of Up Coming Events

Commissioning Week	USNA, Annapolis	May 16-23, 2014
Class of 2018 Appointment Dinner	Scott's Seafood Oakland	Sunday, May 25, 2014
Class of 2018 I-Day	USNA, Annapolis	Tuesday, July 1, 2014
Plebe Parent Potluck	Atherton, CA	Saturday, July 26, 2014
Plebe Parent Weekend	USNA, Annapolis	August 8-10, 2014
Plebe Parent Dinner	Officer's Club, USNA	Sunday, August 10, 2014
Reform of the Brigade	USNA, Annapolis	Saturday, August 16, 2014
General Meeting (Fall)	Metropolitan Golf Links Oakland	Saturday, September 6, 2014
Fleet Week	Treasure Island, CA	Saturday, October 11, 2014
Army Navy Game	Baltimore, MD	Saturday, December 13 2014
Holiday Party	TBD	Friday, December 26, 2014
General Meeting (Spring)	TBD	Spring 2015

A Word from Our Past Presidents



"Four years by the bay..." can they be over so soon? Hard to believe our Mid, Michael Henry, will soon be walking across the stage and into the next phase of his life – a Naval Flight Officer. It seems like such a short while ago we were dealing with our adjustment as parents of a Plebe.

Barb and I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity and honor to be part of the team guiding our Club. For those of you who can, I would encourage you to play some kind of an active role in the Club – promise it will pay you many returns.

This past year has been especially fun and rewarding for us. Being president has consumed a good deal of time and energy but the returns far outweigh what we've put into it, like:

- working with a truly great group of board members
- making several meaningful team efforts to enable the Club to improve on delivering its mission
- getting to know so many of you on a personal level (especially our Plebe parents)
- celebrating the success of all of our Northern California Mids
- the special celebration event we had for Tom and Jeannine Teshara
- the thrilling football win over San Jose State...in overtime
- beating Army once again...

and many more

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the special guidance and support from Tom and Jeannine throughout our four years. Our Club is a 'special place, doing special things' because of them. Another special 'thank you' needs to go out to this year's board members, we would not have been able to do our 'special things' without your hard work and dedication.

The support we have received over the years from fellow parents in our Club has meant so much to us, not to mention all the fellowship and fun we have enjoyed as well. I hope all of you have been benefiting, as we have, from what the Club and fellow parents can provide.

The concept of 'another link in the chain' is an important one – for our Mids, for



those in the Fleet and Corps... and for us parents. Please embrace this concept and be helpful and supportive to those who are coming up behind us.

Hope to be able to share with you some of the 'tips & tricks' of becoming parents of a Naval Flight Officer with you at meetings in the future. Until then, fair winds and following seas.

Go Navy...

Bill and Barbara Tauskey

Bill and Barbara are the proud parents of son Michael Henry '14/6. They have been active in the Club, most recently as Club President.

Right: President Obama, Vice Admiral Miller, and dignitaries waiting for the arrival of the Graduates; **Below:** Graduates coming into the Stadium

Opposite Page: Clockwise from **Top:** Post commencement hat toss; MIDN Taylor Cooper '13/2 receiving her handshake with President Obama; ENS Taylor Cooper offering her first salute as a newly minted Navy Ensign.

Photos courtesy of Craig Cooper



Commencement



*By Elizabeth and
Craig Cooper*

For Commencement, we were fortunate enough to rent an NAAA suite at the Stadium, but we could not get into it until after the President left the stadium.

On the Monday of Commencement Week, we received an email asking us if we'd like to upgrade to the "TV Booth" since the family that had planned to use it cancelled. It took Elizabeth and I about 2 nano-seconds to say yes, since we got to move into a prime spot AND we could get access at 7:00 AM, so could also enjoy breakfast and lunch and

watch the CW events from the booth. The TV Booth is right on the 50 yard line so we had a spectacular view.

I got there early, was checked out by the secret service and granted access to the booth. There were lots of guys in suits talking into their sleeves everywhere I looked.

At about 7:30 I got a call from Taylor asking if I could bring her and Sam Strelkoff some breakfast. I grabbed some food and water and brought it down to them. After I had taken a shot of Taylor and Sam I headed back to the elevator.

As I was waiting, a group of agents came up waiting for the elevator too. There were about 6 of them. They all looked to be in the mid 20's, extremely fit, and in all black outfits. Some had some high powered tools with scopes on their backs so they were there to help with the President's security team or so I suspect. As we got on to the elevator and the door closed, I commented,



"Ya know...I feel very secure right now?". They all laughed a little and one of them shared back "Safest place in the building right now!" The day became better and better. We had 22 people at the Stadium to see Taylor graduate.

The weather on Thursday was warm, humid, and sunny. Friday's weather was rainy, windy, and a bit cool.

Of course we were all inside, warm, dry, and enjoying the hot coffee which we shared with a few others who came by to check out the setup. We took some great photos of Taylor shaking the President's hand, maybe a once in a lifetime event. The day was just fabulous.

*Elizabeth and Craig are the proud
parents of daughter Taylor '13/2.*

Class of 2013

			Company
MIDN Clayton Callandar	Submarines		26
MIDN Christopher Chang	Marine Ground		9
MIDN Taylor Cooper	Navy Pilot		2
MIDN David Cornes	Marine Pilot - Helicopters		7
MIDN Natalie Crow	Nuclear Surface Warfare		18
MIDN Zachary Dahlke	Navy Pilot		1
MIDN April Delacruz	Marine Ground		
MIDN Thomas Dowd	Submarines		14
MIDN Evan Dowell			11
MIDN Kathleen Engle	SWO - USS Green Bay LPD-20, San Diego		15
MIDN Janae Estrada	SWO - USS Russell DDG-59, San Diego		16
MIDN Phillip Giammanco	Marine Pilot - Helicopters		13
MIDN Aaron Guerrero	Marine Ground		10
MIDN Richard C. Hanrahan	Naval Aviator		1
MIDN Kyle L. Kelly	Marine Ground		8
MIDN James Lenczowski	SWO - USS Iwo Jima, Norfolk		6
MIDN Angelo Lonerio	Navy Pilot		8
MIDN Riley McSweeney	Marine Ground		14
MIDN Stephen Roan			15
MIDN Benjamin Schmidt			5
MIDN Sam Strelkoff	Submarines		14
MIDN Stefanie Ton	Marine Ground		21
MIDN Dylan Wheeler	Naval Aviator		8
MIDN Conor Wilkes	Naval Flight Officer		17
MIDN Cameron Woods	Marine Pilot - Helicopters		23

Anna Esboo



Top (L to R): Representative Anna Esboo (CA-18) with Service Academy nominees; Rep Esboo making her keynote address at the inductee reception at Moffett Field;

Above (L to R): Club Advisor Tom Teshara, Frank Verducci, and Club President Bill Tansky; Rep Esboo speaking with Michael Usoz and Ryan Mui;

Left (L to R): Stephanie Lee with Rep Esboo; Kristofer Misch with Rep Esboo.

Photos courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Clockwise from Top: Club President Bill Tauskey and Frank Verducci preparing for the evening; Parent Pete Lee with Tom Teshara; A big day for the Lois family, with MIDN Kevin '15, Ashley and Jessica '17; Grant Vermeet speaking on behalf of the rest of the Appointees; MIDN John Highsmith '15 folding the flag.

Photos courtesy of Rudy Mui.

Appointment Dinner



Left to Right from Top:

Standing: Capt Brant Carter '76, Steven Pantuso, Jack Main, Nick Abramson, Michael Usog, Lt. Mark Turner; **Front Row:** Gabriel Samaniego, Megan Howard, Megan Hartman, Patrick Roberts.

Standing: Capt Brant Carter '76, Andrew Zhao, Alexander Fong, Bradley Sheiner, Grant Vermeer, Lt. Mark Turner; **Front Row:** Ariadna Dang, Ashley Lois, Jessica Lois, Julia Foust.

Standing: Capt Brant Carter '76, Ryan Mui, Adrian Costantino, Thomas Rooney III, TJ Wilson, Lt. Mark Turner; **Front Row:** Kristofer Misch, Rachel Feldman, Stephanie Lee, Charles Webb.

L to R: Capt. Brant Carter '76, MIDN John Highsmith '15/26, MIDN Erika Pederson '14/16, MIDN Joseph Palazzolo, Jr '15/11, MIDN Christine Baldridge '15/15, MIDN Kevin Lois '15/22, MIDN Lovelace '15/4, Lt. Mark Turner.

Left: MIDN Erika Pedersen '14 enjoying the event with parents Robert and Barbara.

Photos courtesy of Rick Baldridge and Rudy Mui.

I-Day



Clockwise, starting top left: Andrew Zhao and Ryan Mui waiting to enter Alumni Hall prior to induction; Stephanie Lee reciting her rates to the Detailers; Captain Bill Bryne, Commandant, administering the Oath of Office; Plebes filing into Bancroft Hall for the start of Plebe Summer; Jessica, Kevin, and Ashley Lois after the Oath of Office; Ryan Mui reciting the Oath of Office.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui and John Lois.

Seven Lessons from Plebe Summer



By
MIDN Grant Vermeer

On June 28, 2013, I began my college and military career simultaneously at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The 7 weeks of summer before the academic year starts is “plebe summer,” the indoctrination to military life and what I can now see is a foundation for your entire career. It is notoriously difficult and for me as an eighteen year old battling a very intense case of homesickness, it lived up to its billing.

As I reflect now, just a few short weeks after my platoon commander gathered us together and informed us that plebe summer was over, he was no longer our “detailer” (think drill sergeant), but our company mate and our mentor. Hearing those words was surreal. Each day since then I begin to understand the foundation that was built in us as young men and women and as future leaders of sailors and marines.

My dad recently visited me and asked me what I learned during plebe summer. Sitting on a bench overlooking the

Severn River, it was difficult to articulate but I told him for sure I was a different person. As we sat, ate street tacos he brought in from outside the gates of our campus and talked, I realized the lessons I learned this past summer were simple but profound. These lessons will serve me well no matter what I choose to do in life and while I would never choose to repeat plebe summer, I am definitely better for it and grateful for these seven lessons.

1) Have a Mission – The United States Navy during plebe summer is teaching some of the basics of military life. They teach us to walk, talk, march, make our bed, care for our uniform and follow directions of our leaders. They never though failed to tell me why this was all happening. It was repeated regularly in different ways, from our Commandant, to our detailers, to even the Chaplains, during Mass that we were the future leaders of the Navy, Marine Corps and the Nation and that people would depend upon us for their lives. Additionally, it is very important you have a personal mission, or more simply, a motivation that keeps you go-

ing and pushing through all the tough times. If you are able to reflect and give yourself a solid reason of WHY, it makes your situation have a purpose.

2) Leadership Matters – Throughout plebe summer I witnessed examples of great leadership. Those leaders came in different forms of authority, levels of experience and styles of leadership. It was the leadership of my company officer, my detailers, my coaches and some of my fellow plebes that made the difference in getting through the experience. The words and actions of my plebe summer company officer are what got me through my toughest hour and the reason I am still at the Academy. The power of an individual leader on one person especially in challenging times is immense.

3) Be Accountable – One of the five basic responses and the one I learned quickly is “no excuse sir”. (The other four are “yes sir”, “no sir”, “aye aye sir” and “I’ll find out sir”). Our detailers had creative and at times hilarious methods to remind any plebe that chose a different response other than the more appropriate “no excuse sir” when that was in fact

L to R: MIDN Grant Vermeer ‘17; MIDN Ryan Mui ‘17/15; MIDN Jackie Barnum ‘14/8; Marine Major Jay Antonelli leading Plebe Summer Physical Education Program (PEP).

Photos Courtesy of Scott Vermeer and Rudy Mui.

the appropriate response. And at a certain point, “no excuse sir” was an excuse and we were not allowed to say that. Once I realized that no one really cares about all the excuses, rationalizations, etc. that we make about why we didn’t do something, it changes your commitment to be accountable, get done what you need to get done versus working on all the reasons you can’t do what you are responsible for.

4) Minutes Count – Time...its value and its management I quickly learned. A minute while holding a pushup or with your nose up against a wall can be an EXTREMELY long time. However, having only twenty minutes to shower, dress, clean my room, etc. teaches you that one can accomplish a lot in a short amount of time

Seven Life Lessons from Plebe Summer

if that time is used efficiently and with purpose. I now use minutes carefully to learn things, get better at my sport, get stronger and accomplish all my responsibilities and be ready to help someone else get something done. I value time and the skill of its management thanks to plebe summer.

5) The Power of Focusing on others and not yourself - While struggling to survive plebe summer emotionally, about week three I realized that if I didn't focus on my own survival, but on helping others survive and succeed, the experience is much better and more motivating. Once I made the shift in my head and trusted in that concept, plebe summer began to change for me (for the good). Continually applying this concept of focusing on others versus myself makes all my challenges better and easier.

6) Mental Toughness - Plebe summer with its oppressive heat, sleep deprivation, constant criticism and seemingly un-ending obstacles begins to wear on you. Life I am sure

has many more prolonged and significant circumstances that test our mental and emotional strength. I learned the technique of just getting through a day at a time, an hour at a time, a meal at a time and even a minute at a time. I learned I can and will get through tough times and come out the other side a better me than before.

7) You are in charge of your happiness - Happiness is a mindset that you can control. No matter how bad your situation seems, you can CHOOSE to be happy and enjoy the little things.

Over 1,100 plebes went through the very same summer experience together. I learned by the end of this experience that each and every one of us chooses our attitude and mindset. One can choose to be the victim of the harsh circumstances of plebe summer and dwell on comparing our experience to the relatively carefree summer of our civilian friends back home or one can choose to appreciate the unique training, experiences and opportunities presented



to Midshipmen. This United States Naval Academy journey is coveted by so many and denied to over 90% that apply. I have learned to appreciate the opportunity and choose not to see the glass half empty, even half full... but actually so full it is overflowing.

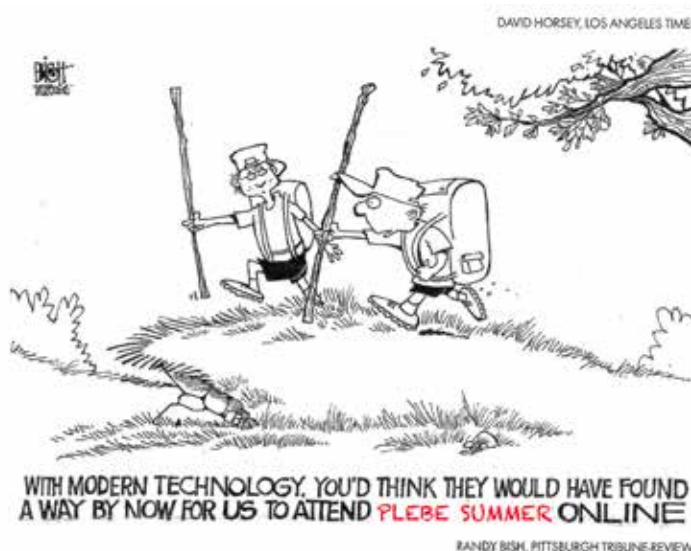
Once is enough for summer camp 2013 courtesy of the United States Navy. Yet I take away a deep appreciation of how it has already changed me. I know these lessons may already be evident to many of the readers of this article, but it took plebe summer to teach me them and I will have these seven life lessons for the rest of my life. So dad, that's what I learned during plebe summer.

Midshipman 4/C Grant Vermeer is assigned to 26th company and is a guard on the Navy basketball team. He is a graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, CA and is a native of Mountain View, California. He loves sports, his parents, his brother Kyle and sister Paige. He is a dog lover especially his 130 pound bull mastiff Gianna. His nickname has been "Boo" since he was a baby.

He wrote this article just two weeks after the completion of plebe summer. He now is half way through his first semester, is currently loving the academy, his classes and playing basketball for Navy. He does say he always misses Northern California (home).

Above: Family style placing setting in King Hall.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Plebe Parent Weekend



Top (L to R): Raising of the Flag; John Lois, MC, introducing Captain Bill Byrne Keynote Speaker for the Plebe Parent Weekend dinner; Jackie Barnum and Michael Henry Tauskey, Detailers and Speakers at the PPW dinner;

Above (L to R): Flag bearers leading the Parade onto Worden Field; Chief Tecumseh welcoming Plebe Parents to PPW; Linda Usoz, Dave Scheiner, Sean Scheiner, and Steve Usoz;

Left (L to R): Michael Henry Tauskey marching with 6th Company Plebes; MIDN Ryan Mui '17/15 signing out for PPW;

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui

Plebe Parent Picnic



Top (L to R): Carol Flaberty, host of the Picnic; MIDN Jackie Barnum '14/8, MIDN Michael Henry Tauskey '14/6, and MIDN Michelle Lee '16; Club Advisor Tom Teshara getting lunch;

Above (L to R): Lee Pantuso; Club President Bill Tauskey; Karol and Dave Scheiner; Lunch;

Right (L to R): John Flaberty, Chuck and Tina Moll, and Bill Main.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Navy Beats San Jose State 58-52 in 3OTs



Top (L to R): Navy band rocked the house; MIDN Keenan Reynolds (19) was able to score repeatedly against a stubborn and motivated San Jose State Spartan squad.

Above (L to R): Fans for all ages enjoyed the thrill of cheering on our team; Navy cheerleader showing off her flexibility; A young fan didn't want to go home.

Right (L to R): Navy cheering another score; Bill the Goat heavy with pride – and with four holders and a spotter to boot!

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui.

Protramid



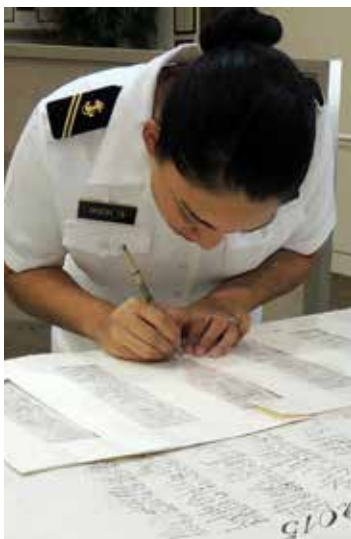
Top (L to R): MIDN Christina Misch '15/5; MIDNs Tyler Barker, Brian Mihaljevich, and Bubba Watson; MIDN Michael Krasnor '15/27 licking a 40mm grenade.

Above (L to R): MIDN Alex Moll '15/9 at Camp Pendleton; MIDN John Highsmith '15/26 (center); MIDN Philip DeTurck '15/6; MIDN Christina Misch '15/5 on board a T-6 trainer.

Right (L to R): MIDN Alex Moll '15/9 at North Island, Coronado, CA; with other 9th Company MIDs.



2 for 7



Top (L to R): MIDN Will Strauss '15/7; MIDNs Will Strauss, Will Lavis, and Tyler Barker from Contra Costa County; MIDN Michael Krasnor '15/27 signing his 2 for 7.

Above (L to R): MIDN Alex Moll '15/9 signing his 2 for 7; Company 5 celebrating their 2 for 7 signing; Company 27 celebrating their 2 for 7 signing.

Right (L to R): MIDN Christina Misch '15/5 signing her 2 for 7; Company 26 celebrating their 2 for 7 signing.



Top (L to R): Fund raising raffle basket; USNA SF Bay Area Alumni President Liam Lane '02 making a tribute to Tom and Jeannine.

Middle (L to R): Shirley Woo, Barbara Tauskey, and Anne Ding-Liu; Past Presidents Elizabeth and Craig Cooper.

Above (L to R): Chris and Randy Barnum; Elizabeth Beedenbender, USNA Foundation, and Mark Anicetti.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui and Mark Anicetti.

Thank You Tom and Jeannine for 50 Years!



Top (L to R): Captain Bill Bryne, Commandant, Keynote speaker; Captain Bryne recounting his relationship with Tom and Jeannine.

Left: Honorees Jeannine and Tom Tesbara who've been active with the USNA for nearly 50 years.

Above (L to R): Club President Bill Tauskey with Jeannine Tesbara; Tom Tesbara, Webmaster Craig Rockhold and Club President Bill Tauskey.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Superintendent, Dean and Commandant's List

Superintendent's List

Dean's List

Commandant's List

Spring
2013

Criteria: · SQPR of > 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · A in Conduct, · A in Military Performance, · A or B in Physical Education · A or B in Physical Readiness

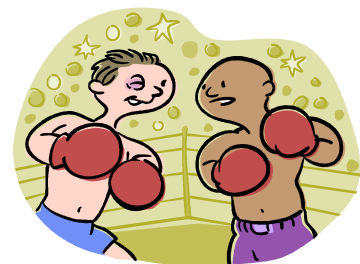
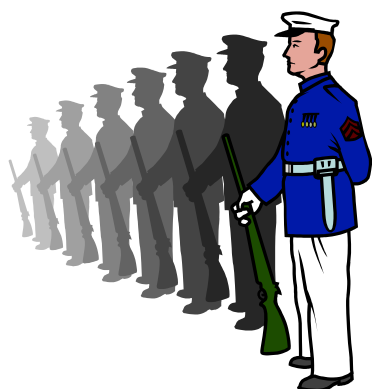
Recognition: · Letter from Superintendent, · Qualified to wear a gold star on uniform, · Notation on grade report

Criteria: · SQPR of > 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · B in Conduct, · B in Military Performance, · > C in Physical Education · > C in Physical Readiness

Recognition: · Letter from Dean /Provost, · Qualified to wear a bronze star on uniform, · Notation on grade report

Criteria: · SQPR of > 2.9 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · A in Conduct · A or B in Aptitude · A or B in PE · A or B on the PRT

Recognition: · Notation on Grade Report.



Congratulations!

Natalie Crow '13/18
Zachary Dahlke '13/1
Kyle Kelly '13
Stephanie Ton '13/21
Ian Balczewski '14
Ganesh Mahesh '14/9
Caitlin Olsen '14/17
Eugene Yang '14/25
Andrew Zellman '14/4
Tyler Barker '15/7
Emily Blaha '15/14
Dominique Carey '15
Lawrence Cen '15
Brian He '15/27
Michael Krasnor '15/27
Nicholas Loberg '15
Peter Rockhold '16/19
Michael Sappio '16/10
Edward Zhang '16/10

Thomas Dowd '13/14
Janae Estrada '13/16
Michael Gachowski '13
Stepahnie Deboer '14/22
Lucille Lu '14
Mack Qin '14/17
John Finch '15/27
Vikram Kanth '15
Antonio Galli '16/4
Renee Sweeney '16/3

Clayton Callander '13/
Natalie Crow '13/18
Zachary Dahlke '13/1
Thomas Dowd '13/14
Phillip Giammanco '13/13
Samuel Strelkoff '13/14
Dylan Wheeler '13/8
Conor Wilkes '13/17
Cameron Woods '13/23
Nicholas Aufderheide '14/29
Zachary Braida '14/26
Ryan Hurtz '14/1
Jacob Liebert '14/26
Caitlin Olsen '14/17
Erika Pedersen '14/16
Shane Quinn '14/1
Ian Anderson '16/8
Jake Barney '16/8
Antonio Galli '16/4
Alexander Koska '16/9
Peter Rockhold '16/19
Michael Sappio '16/10
Renee Sweeney '16/3
Edward Zhang '16/10
David Zubler '16/27

Superintendent's List

Criteria: · SQR of > 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · A in Conduct, · A in Military Performance, · A or B in Physical Education · A or B in Physical Readiness

Recognition: · Letter from Superintendent, · Qualified to wear a gold star on uniform, · Notation on grade report

Ian Balczewski '14
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Edward Zhang '16/10
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Julia Foust '17
Ryan Mui '17/15
Steven Pantuso '17
Michael Usoz '17
Charles Webb '17
TJ Wilson '17

Dean's List

Criteria: · SQR of > 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · B in Conduct, · B in Military Performance, · > C in Physical Education · > C in Physical Readiness

Recognition: · Letter from Dean /Provost, · Qualified to wear a bronze star on uniform, · Notation on grade report

Nicholas Aufderheide '14/29
Ryan Hurtz '14/1
Mack Qin '14/17
Lawrence Cen '15
Vikram Kanth '15
Kevin Lois '15/22
Bradley Scheiner '17

Commandant's List

Criteria: · SQR of > 2.9 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · A in Conduct · A or B in Aptitude · A or B in PE · A or B on the PRT

Recognition:
· Notation on Grade Report.

Chase Allan '14/1
Daniel Anderson '14/11
Nicholas Aufderheide '14/29
Ian Balczewski '14
Jacqueline Barnum '14/8
Zachary Braida '14/26
Kevin Flaherty '14/23
Caitlin Olsen '14/17
Erika Pedersen '14/16
Eugene Yang '14/25
Andrew Zellman '14/4
Emily Blaha '15/14
Dominique Carey '15
Lawrence Cen '15
Siwen Dickstein '15
Brian He '15/27
Vikram Kanth '15
Michael Krasnor '15/27
Nicholas Loberg '15
Joseph Palazzolo '15/11
John Ruck '15
Beau Bayless '16
Antonio Galli '16
Brennen Jaeb '16
Kyle Koenig '16
Michael Sappio '16/10
Edward Zhang '16/10

Nicholas Abramson '17
Adrian Costantino '17
Ariadna Dang '17
Megan Hartman '17
Megan Howard '17
Ashley Lois '17
Jessica Lois '17
Ryan Mui '17/15
Steven Pantuso '17
Patrick Roberts '17
Thomas Rooney '17
Bradley Scheiner '17
Michael Usoz '17
Grant Vermeer '17
Charles Webb '17
TJ Wilson '17
Andrew Zhao '17

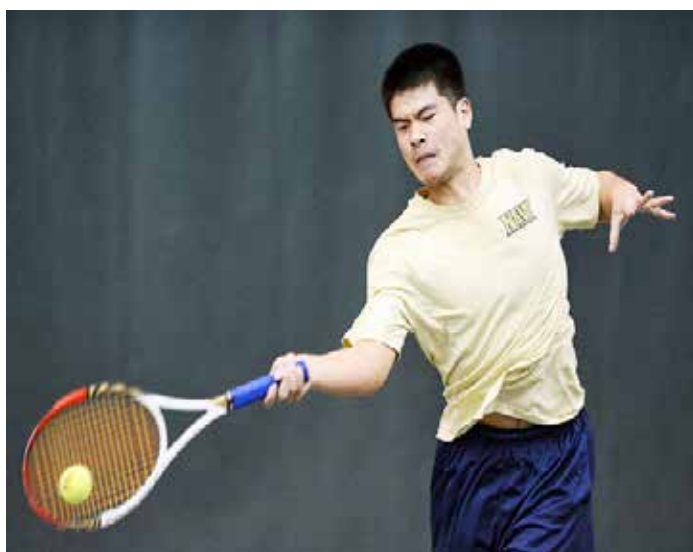
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Top (L to R): MIDN Mack Qin '14/17 congratulated by Vice Admiral Miller after being accepted to the UCSD School of Medicine; MIDN Philip DeTurck '15/6 spent his fall semester at Beijing Normal University in the PRC; MIDN DeTurck with Vice President Biden.

Above (L to R): MIDN Julia Foust '17 cheering at a Navy home football game; MIDN Beau Bayless '16 and MIDN Kyle Koenig '16 at The Duel at the Desert, water polo tournament.

Right (L to R): MIDN Calvin Mark '15 hitting a forehand against Bucknell at home; MIDN Mark selected at the Patriot League MVP for Men's Tennis.



Photos Courtesy of Da Qin, Kristin Hottl, Scott Vermeer, Mark Bayless, and Minh Phan,

MID Reports

MIDN Jacqueline Barnum '14/8 will commission into the Marine Corps as a ground officer. She enjoyed her four years on the Navy Blue and Gold Cross-Fit Team and serving as a Certified Cross-Fit Instructor.

MIDN Erika Pedersen '14/16 is the Navy Women's Rugby Club President and an All-American Athlete. Her service selection is Navy Pilot.

MIDN Philip DeTurck '15/6 spent Fall Semester studying at Beijing Normal University in China. He enjoyed a trip to Tibet, and an internship at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing with the Defense Attaché Office (DAO) where he had the opportunity to meet some persons of note. Philip said "I never thought I would be able to tell my teachers that I will be missing class because I have a meet-and-greet with the Vice President of the United States of America. I am going to savor this moment".

MIDN Ian Anderson '16/8 served aboard the USS San Jacinto (CG56) and was recommended for the Navy-Marine Corps Service Award.

He played sprint football and enjoyed downtime helping his sister set up her classroom in Portland and relaxing at Lake Tahoe.

MIDN Edward Zhang '16/10 went to Puerto Rico for Spring Break with 5 other MIDs. He plans to go from Israel across the desert to Jordan in 2nd block training this summer.

MIDN Alexander Anicetti '16/14 is staying in PRT shape by training for triathlons. This means during every visit home he takes his parents to do more than one thing each day. On a visit, they might kayak, swim, bike, hike, play basketball. His parents are in the gym for 2 months to prepare to get a one week visit.

MIDN Peter Rockhold '16/19 is looking forward to a block 1 internship at the Test Pilot School at Pax River, Maryland. Block 2 will find Peter in San Diego for ProTraMid - great news for his grandparents who live across the bay from North Island!

MIDN Brennen Jaeb '16/21 is goalie for the Academy's water polo club team. He was named to the Men's National Collegiate Club All-Conference water polo 2nd team. Over the 2013 summer, he participated in the NOLS Chesapeake kayak program and served aboard the frigate Robert G. Bradley.

MIDN David Zubler '16/27 served on the USS Donald Cook in Norfolk, VA, and participated in the NOLS Alaska backpacking program.

MIDN Megan Hartman '17/7 plays top bass drum with the Drum & Bugle Corps and the flute with the orchestra. Her chosen course of study is Mathematics.

MIDN Rachel Feldman '17/7 is back on the field after healing from foot surgery at soccer practice during Plebe Summer. Rachel played her first soccer game since August on March 21.

MIDN Charles Webb '17/10 is coxswain for the heavy weight crew team.

MIDN Ryan Mui '17/15 enjoys being at the Naval Academy, plans to major in Cyber Security, and is currently playing ultimate Frisbee.

MIDN Steven Pantuso '17/20 was selected as Team Manager for the 2013/14 Men's Tennis Team.

MIDN Michael Usoz '17/27 was chosen for the USNA Offshore Sailing Team.

Below L to R: MIDN Christina Baldrige during the Navy Delaware Football game leading the Drum and Bugle Corp.; MIDN Charlie Webb '17/10 (and 7 of his boatmates) won the US Rowing Association National Title in the Men's Youth Lightweight 8+ category in Oak Ridge, TN in early June. Charlie plans to row at The Academy.

Photos Courtesy of Craig Cooper and Chick Webb.



Alumni News

Lt. Robert "Woo" Pedersen '08/21 is with the HSM-71 Raptors on North Island, San Diego, CA. He is a SH-60 Sea Hawk Instructor (2014-2017).

Ensign Kyle Mui '12/20 was selected for Tailhook training and is currently in Intermediate Flight Training at NAS Kingsville, TX. He is currently flying the T-45C trainer and looks forward to getting his wings by Fall 2015.

Ensign Samuel Strelkoff '13/14 joined the 2% Club with his 5/31/13 marriage. He served temporary duty in recruitment for the summer and began Nuclear Power School in Charleston in September.

Ensign Kathleen Engle '13/15 will be an Electrical Officer (SWO) on USS Green Bay LPD-20. She is a private pilot with Instrument Rating pursuing admission to medical school with the goal of becoming a flight surgeon.



Above: MIDN Taylor Cooper '13/2 posing with attendees at the 2013 World Affairs Council Global Education Gala;

Right: MIDN Cooper with General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Gen Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff delivered the international affairs keynote address at the 2013 World Affairs Council Global Education Gala held at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C. on March 7, 2013. The World Affairs Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to expanding awareness among the American public and the

international community of geo-political, business, and civil society issues in our inter-connected world

(DOD Photo By: U.S. Army Staff Sgt Sun L. Vega)

Photo courtesy of Craig Cooper.

Captain William “Bill” D. Byrne, Jr., Class of 1987, is a product of Northern California, who last May became the 85th Commandant of Midshipmen.

Captain Byrne is a 1987 Naval Academy graduate and was the football team’s starting quarterback for three seasons and still holds the team record for career passing touchdowns. He takes over for Capt. Robert E. Clark II, who served three years as Commandant.

Prior to becoming Commandant, Captain Byrne served as Chief of Staff for the Commander of the U.S. Third Fleet in San Diego.

Captain Byrne, born in San Francisco and raised in Pacifica, was recruited by our own Tom Teshara into the USNA family and spent a year at the Naval Academy Preparatory School before heading to Annapolis.

In 1987, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in political science and became a surface warfare officer.

Captain Byrnes is married to his former classmate Amy Lyons Donovan, also a former surface warfare officer. They have five children. Their eldest daughter Brigid was a USNA graduate of the Class of 2013 and their son Michael is a member of the Class 2016.

His honors include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation and Achievement medals.

Photo Courtesy of USNA Website



Like what you read? Share your story!
Tell us how your Mid or graduate is doing.



ENS Kyle Mui '12 after his first solo in a T-45C Gosawk trainer.

Photo courtesy of ENS Kyle Mui.

Clockwise, starting top right: King Hall getting ready for Plebe Parent Weekend; Typical placesetting for lunch; Typical MIDN desk and bunk arrangement; Closet arrangement; USNA crest.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Around the Yard



Left (L to R): Evan, Elizabeth, Craig, and MIDN Taylor Cooper '13/2 at the family Tiki Bar during Commencement Week.

Clockwise starting below left: MIDN Ryan Mui '17/15 braving the weather during the Dark Ages; Blizzard during the Army Navy Game; MIDN Grant Vermeer '17 with his sister Paige; MIDN Michael Henry Tauskey '14/6 and MIDN Grant Vermeer '17; MIDN Ryan Mui '17/15 with Izzy Connell during the International Ball.

Photo courtesy of Craig Cooper, Ryan Mui and Scott Vermeer.



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The Scuttlebutt is a cask on a ship containing the vessel's drinking water. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: A butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumors.

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How to Submit Items to the Scuttlebutt



This newsletter belongs to all of us and contains information and stories which the general membership would like to share. Therefore, it's only as good as the contributions of its' members—YOU!

I encourage all of you to contribute and actively solicit general items of interest from all Club members. We should all be proud of our mids—they do so much.

If you have a story or picture of your mid or mids on the Yard, from their cruise or summer training, in a foreign country, with dignitaries, having fun, whatever, please send me an e-mail at rudy@muifamily.us, along with a short note and caption.

The Members would love to hear your stories.

Look forward to seeing your contribution in the next

issue.

Rudy Mui

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to support our Naval Academy families:

- *Support for our Mid parents – sharing information, experiences, and advice about Navy parenting while fostering fellowship;*
- *Support for our Mids – providing information on how to help our Mids successfully navigate the challenges of the Academy, offering encouragement during their struggles and celebrating their successes.*

As members of the USNA Parents' Club of Northern California, it is our responsibility to be ambassadors for the United States Naval Academy.