

The Scuttlebutt

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May 2013

35th Holiday Ball



Front row (L to R): Taylor Cooper '13/2, Stefanie Ton '13/21, Natalie Crow '13/18, Kathleen Engle '13/15; **Back row (L to R):** Kyle Kelly '13/8, Dylan Wheeler '13/8, Chris Chang '13/9, Conor Wilkes '13/17, Samuel Strelkoff '13/14, Aaron Guerrero '13/10, Benjamin Schmidt '13/5, Zachary Dahlke '13/1

Photo courtesy of Ling Ling Chang.

Fleet Week 2012



Above: Navy and Marine Corp flags marking our picnic area; **Left:** Blue Angels over the Golden Gate Bridge.

Photos courtesy of Rudy Mui.

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM TESHARA

The Parents' Club of Northern California was the first Naval Academy parents' club started in 1973... forty years of supporting our Mids...and still going strong.

Club Activities/Events:

This winter's Midshipman Recognition Dinner/Dance was a huge success and a great opportunity for us all to share in highlighting the accomplishments of our Mids...especially our graduating Firsties. It's always fun to see our Mids in their mess dress uniforms and have the opportunity for formal family pictures. Thanks to all who worked hard to put this event on.

I was also pleased to hear that many of our Club families hosted out of town Mids for the Kraft Hunger Bowl – rumor has it that some of you were hanging them from the rafters.

The winter and spring board and general membership meetings were also successful events, providing the opportunity for fellowship, exchange of information/tips on how to better support our Mids as well as being an opportunity for us all to have fun.

Recognition of the outgoing board members and our graduating Firstie families is a bittersweet time...but we know they'll be back as Club alumni families to share stories/tips of what it's like to be parents of officers in the Fleet/Corps.

The installation of the new board members represents the 'passing of the torch' and is an important process for us – we didn't get to celebrate our 40th year by being a 'flash in the pan'. We would encourage all of our general members to consider more active participation in the Club, including considering serving on the Board at some point in time.

'Another link in the chain' concept is fundamental to the success of the Naval Academy.

Special Announcement:

It is with great pleasure that we share the news that one of our own former Mids, CAPT Bill Byrne, is soon to assume the position of Commandant of Midshipmen. Jeannine and I know Bill well; he was one of the Mids I recruited, and he's going to make a GREAT Commandant. CAPT Byrne, his wife Amy (also an Academy grad), and his children (including 2 current Mids) were in attendance at the Kraft Holiday Hunger Bowl last December and had a chance to meet a number of our Club members.

In addition, he's already agreed to speak at our Club's special Sunday night dinner at Plebe Parent Weekend. We'll also have a chance to see and visit with him later this fall at the San Jose State football game. By the way, Bill was the quarterback for the Navy football team for 3 years. Bill, if you're reading this, know that we are all proud of you – the Academy and our Mids are lucky to have you in that leadership role. Go Navy...

Class of 2017:

To date we have 28 confirmed appointees from Northern California. We are looking forward to helping get them, and their parents, 'launched' at our upcoming Appointment Dinner.

In addition, we have 5 confirmed to attend NAPS this coming year and one Navy Foundation candidate – a healthy pipeline for the Class of 2018.



Comments:

The Club is off to a great start this year. We're pleased to see so much energy and participation by the board and the general membership and we fully support the two major objectives laid out for this year.

If you haven't done it already, check out our 'new and improved' Club website: www.usna-nocalparents.org. This will be a good tool to help support all our members, including those in the 'far reaches' of our northern California geography.

As Club Advisors we want to thank the families of our Mids for their support of the Parents' Club. We look forward to the many exciting events planned for this year.

GO NAVY– CLASS OF 2013

— Tom and Jeannine

Calendar of Up Coming Events

Commissioning Week	USNA, Annapolis	May 17-24, 2013
Class of 2017 Appointment Dinner	Scott's Seafood Oakland	Sunday, May 26, 2013
Class of 2017 I-Day	USNA, Annapolis	Thursday, June 27, 2013
Plebe Parent Potluck	Atherton	Saturday, July 13, 2013
Plebe Parent Weekend Dinner	Officer's Club USNA, Annapolis	Sunday, August 11, 2013
Reform of the Brigade	USNA, Annapolis	Saturday, August 17, 2013
General Meeting	Oakland	Saturday, August 24, 2013
Navy Football @ San Jose State	Spartan Stadium San Jose	Friday, November 22, 2013
Midshipmen Recognition Dinner	Berkeley	Thursday, December 26, 2013
February General Meeting	Oakland	February 2014

A Word from Our Co-Presidents



Since our installation at the March General Meeting, your new board has been hard at work. As I shared with the members present, our objectives for this year are twofold: 1) increase active participation and 2) improve communication with/among our members. Both of these objectives are in support of the updated Club mission statement.

Increased active participation not only means attendance at Club events – as importantly, it means each of our members reaching out to share information/experiences with those in classes behind and ahead of us (including our Club alumni families) in non-event informal settings. The ability for personal, face-to-face sharing and interaction is unique and

extremely valuable...and something that no other Academy related support vehicle can do. Quite simply, it is the main reason our Club exists (the fact that we have a ton of fun doing it is just a fringe benefit).

To facilitate the objective of increased active participation we are working on improving the communication vehicles with/among our members. Those vehicles include the Club website, the newsletter, our Facebook page, the Club directory, email alerts, mini briefs, phone tree, etc. We're already off to a good start. We've already begun a major overhaul of the Club website (check it out: www.usna-nocalparents.org) ...stay tuned for additional functionality and information. The website is intended to be our Club information portal. Our Club newsletter, the Scuttlebutt, is 'back in business'... you're reading it! We have begun design of a 'new and improved' Club master directory, which will be easier to access and

update along with containing additional helpful information to support the Club mission statement. Planning for the Appointment Dinner is in 'high gear' – being driven by your Events and Decorations board members. All of this work is being done by your board members, sharing their time and talents for the good of the Club. As you may have the opportunity please thank them for all they are doing (they're all listed in the 'About' section on our website).

Speaking of the Appointment Dinner, we currently have 28 appointees confirmed for the Class of 2017. I've had the opportunity to speak with all of them and they all are very impressive. There is another handful of candidates still pending acceptance of their offer of appointment or on the wait list.

Remember, our Mid's 'four years by the bay' goes by very quickly. The Club is here to help both you and them make the most of it. We want and



need your input...this is your Club. Please reach out and let us know what you think would make our Club better.

Go Navy...

Bill and Barbara Tauskey

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

A Word from Our Outgoing Co-Presidents



Elizabeth and I have just a few more days until we shift from being parents of a Midshipman to parents of an Ensign. Where has the time gone? July 1st 2009 was such a proud moment for us. "I-Day" was a whirlwind of events and emotions. Like the Blue Angels, these past four years have flown by! We are now back in Annapolis for Commissioning

Week. We have enjoyed getting to know the City of Annapolis, the pilgrimages to the Mid store for one more article of clothing with an anchor, a goat, or an "N" star on it, and last but not least, Kilwin's ice cream! Oh yeah...and then there is that Cover Toss thing on May 24th. I am thinking it's going to be a two hankie moment for sure.

Our parents' club has been such a blessing to us in ways too many to list here. It is such a unique and great group of people; not so different from the institution our sons and daughters are attending. As your presidents this last year, we were blessed with a fabulous set of board members that coordinated and managed

some wonderful events. From the appointment dinner in May to the Midshipman recognition dinner dance in December, our club events were well attended and provided our members a chance to stay connected, get educated, and support each other as our Midshipmen were transformed from sons and daughters into Plebes, Youngsters, Second Class, and Firsties. As Commissioning Week looms, for the class of 2013, just like that, they will become Ensigns and First Lieutenants.

As we transition to becoming alumni parents, our future plans include being active members of this great club. Like links in a chain (a well-used metaphor around

these parts), we intend to stay connected to our fellow USNA Bay Area family members and with our new members from the incoming class of 2017 and beyond. Our focus may shift a little as our daughter heads off to Pensacola for her next training evolution, but I think it's safe to say we'll remain securely anchored to this club and its great people and purpose.

Fair winds and following seas to you all!

Elizabeth and Craig Cooper

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

SF Fleet Week 2012

Clockwise from Right: Tina Moll offering fixings and condiments at the end of the food line; Navy fan winner of the Big Brown Bear; Craig Cooper picking up his raffle winnings; Barbara Tauskey auctioning off baskets at the Fleet Week Picnic.

Photos courtesy of Rudy Mui.



Parent's Club Spring Meeting



Left to Right from Top: Bill Tauskey sharing information with 2nd Class parents; Craig Cooper introducing Tom Tesbara to the new parents; Ling Ling Chang signing in Rich Engle; Tom and Jeannine Tesbara, Club Advisors; Anne Ding Liu, Decorations Chair; Lining up for food; Waiting for the meeting to start.

Photos courtesy of Rudy Mui.

Army Navy Game



Right: MIDN Chris Chang '13/9, sister Sharlene, and friends.

Photo courtesy of Ling Ling Chang.

Below (L to R): Nick Loberg, Ben Wernick, Dylan Wheeler, Tom Bustarud and Jake Barney. All of these Mids and Cadets are Marin Catholic graduates. They met for a photo op at the 2012 Army Navy game.

Photo courtesy of Keith Wheeler.



Recognition Holiday Dinner Dance



*The Naval Academy Parents' Club
of Northern California
requests your presence
at the*

35th Midshipmen Recognition Holiday Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 26, 2012

6 pm No-Host Cocktail Reception

7 pm Dinner

Dancing until 11:30 pm

Hs Lordship Restaurant

199 Seawall Drive

Berkeley, CA 94710

www.hslordships.com

Midshipmen: Mess Dress Uniform

Guests: Sunday Best



Clockwise from Top Left: Sam Strelkoff '13/14 and Taylor Cooper '13/2 ; Midshipmen Recognition Dinner /Dance Invitation; Hs Lordship Restaurant; Darren, Sharlene, Chris Chang

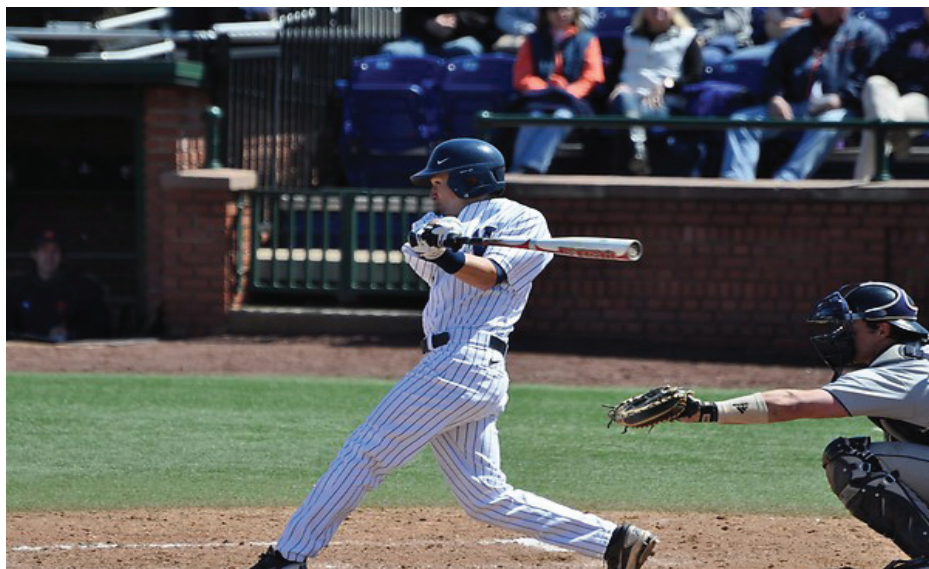
Photos courtesy of Craig Cooper and Ling Ling Chang.

Clockwise from Top: MIDN Dylan Wheeler '13/8 (center) with his team mates; Team getting before the game against Bucknell; Dylan Wheeler '13/8, 2nd from the right with his team; Bill the Goat cheering the team on; Dylan ready to field a ball.

Photos courtesy of Keith Wheeler.



Navy Baseball



Clockwise from Top: MIDN Dylan Wheeler '13/8 fielding a ball at 2nd base; Dylan getting a hit; Team celebrating their 2-1 victory over Bucknell.
Photos courtesy of Keith Wheeler.

Men's Rugby



Clockwise, starting above: *Admiral Joseph W. Rixey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for International Programs, leads the Mids onto the field against the Golden Bears; Atlantic Coast MVP Ricky Nell-Feller puts the ball into the scrum; Jacoby Getty, Navy Wing, tries to get away from a Golden Bear defender.*

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui

Both the USNA Men's and Women's Rugby teams competed in the Bay Area this spring.

The Men competed in the Varsity Cup National Championship semifinals after winning the Atlantic Coast Championship, while the Women MIDs competed in the 2013 Emirates Airline USA Rugby Women's D1 Championship.

The Men's team played Number One UC Berkeley Golden Bears at Witter Field, while the Women's team played Number One Penn State, followed by Stanford at Steuber Family Rugby Field on the

Stanford campus.

Although we enjoyed seeing both the Men and Women MIDs in elite competition, they were overmatched by the Golden Bears and Lady Rug-
gers.

Regardless, both teams finished the season winning their division and being invited to the CRC 7's competition this summer.

Women's Rugby



Clockwise, starting above: Women Mid's getting ready for their match against the Penn State Lady Ruggers; Mid's win the line-out; #8 Erika Pedersen, '14/16 breaks away in the 2012 Rugby 7's National Collegiate Championship Game in November where they finished 2nd; Erika gets the ball on a fast break against Penn State.

Photos Courtesy of Rudy Mui and Robert Pedersen.

Superintendent, Dean and Commandant's List

Superintendent's List

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

Dean's List

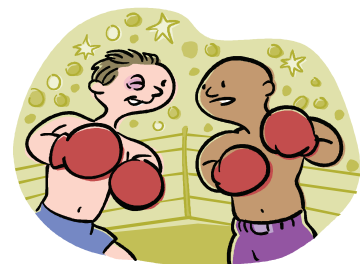
Criteria: · SQPR of > 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course, · B in Conduct, · B in Military Performance, · > C in Physical Education · > C in Physical Readiness

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

Commandant's List

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.



Chase Anthony Allan '14
Nicholas W. Aufderheide '14
Tyler James Barker '15
Zachary Eric Braida '14
Dominique A. Carey '15
Lawrence Cen '15
Natalie E. Crow '13
Kevin Flaherty '14
Brian Ray He '15
David Thomas Kramer '13
Michael Krasnor '15
Jacob Andrew Liebert '14
Nicholas D. Loberg '15
Kevin Mitchell Lois '15
Taylor Anne Lovelace '15
Caitlin Suzanne Olsen '14
Mack Yi Qin '14
Jacqueline Marie Rine '15
Samuel F. Strelkoff '13
Stephanie Vi Ton '13
Eugene Juo Yang '14
Andrew Zellman '14
Edward Zhang '16

Jake Vincent Barney '16
Clayton K. Callander '13
Zachary Neil Dahlke '13
Stephanie Ann Deboer '14
Thomas James Dowd '13
Evan Blakely Dowell '15
Ganesh M. Harihara '14
Ryan Conrad Hurtz '14
Taylor P. Lindenhayn '16
Joseph A. Palazzolo Jr. '15
Peter Andrew Rockhold '16
Renee Alexis Sweeney '16

Ian R. Anderson '16
Nicholas W. Aufderheide '14
Jake Vincent Barney '16
Zachary Eric Braida '14
Clayton K. Callander '13
Natalie E. Crow '13
Zachary Neil Dahlke '13
Thomas James Dowd '13
Antonio R. Galli '16
Phillip A. Giammanco '13
Ryan Conrad Hurtz '14
Alexander H. Kosaka '16
Jacob Andrew Liebert '14
Caitlin Suzanne Olsen '14
Erika N. Pedersen '14
Shane Quinn '14
Peter Andrew Rockhold '16
Michael C. Sappio '16
Samuel F. Strelkoff '13
Renee A. Sweeney '16
Dylan J. Wheeler '13
Conor P. Wilkes '13
Cameron P. Woods '13
Edward Zhang '16
David E. Zubler '16

Service Selection

			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 Lonero	Navy Pilot		8
MIDN Casey Long			30
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

MIDN Sam Strelkoff '13/14
playing Teyve in the winter production of Musical Fiddler on the Roof.

Photo Courtesy of Katherine Strelkoff.



Right: MIDN Alexander Anicetti '16
runs up a bill on break with his brother and future MIDN Matteo (12); Below: Matteo Anicetti models the Plebe Summer G Company tee shirt.

Photos courtesy of Mark Anicetti.



Mid Reports



MIDN Taylor Cooper '13/2, 5th from right is pictured with Gen Martin E. Dempsey (center), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who 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.

Photo Courtesy of DoD US Army Staff Sargent Sun L. Vega.



MIDNs Chris Chang '13/9 and Conor Wilkes '13/17 celebrate Navy's 24-17 victory over Florida Atlantic to secure a spot at the Kraft Bowl, played at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

Photo Courtesy of Ling Ling Chang.



MIDN Alexander Anicetti '16 at the Kraft Bowl with CDR Paul Tanks, USN Ret. CDR Tanks, NJROTC director, and Master Sargent David Duffield, USMC Ret., run the NJROTC program at Monterey High School.

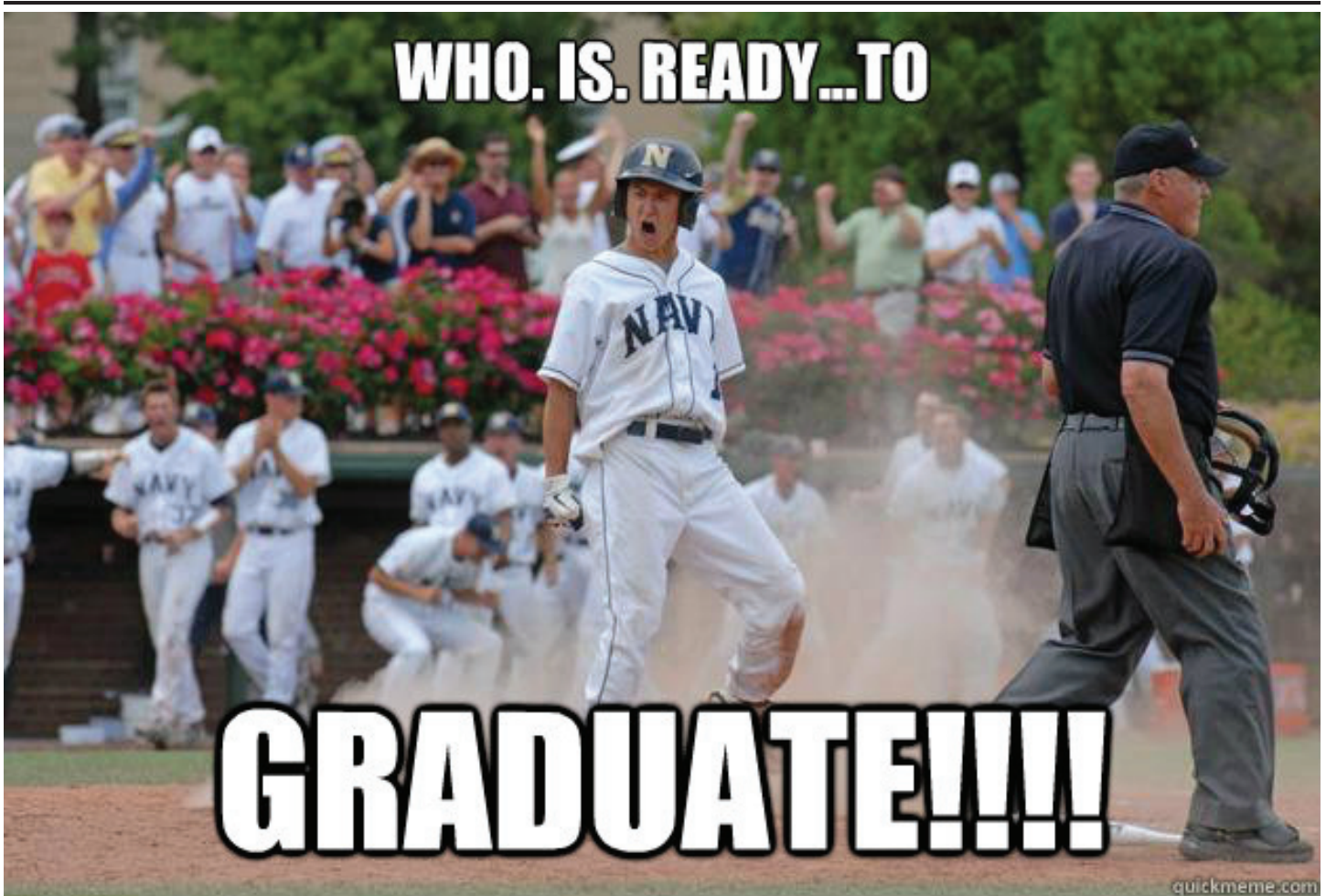
Photo Courtesy of Mark Anicetti.



Above: After the crew race with Harvard, on April 27th, the Navy crew team pays their respect to the Boston bombing victims; **Below:** Chris Chang '13/9, on the left, getting ready to race.

Photos courtesy of Ling Ling Chang.





MIDN Dylan Wheeler '13/8
*scoring the winning run against
Army in 2011.*

Photo courtesy of Keith Wheeler.

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



Who We Are

A tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, the Connected Warrior Foundation (CWF) was founded in Maryland in 2012. Our charter is to fund projects and programs and support activities that successfully empower wounded veterans, improving their quality of life by keeping them connected to their families, friends, community and the world.

It is our intention to continue to support wounded vets by raising awareness and support through such means as technology (existing as well as innovative), events, blogs, resources, and community outreach. With the generous contributions of individual donors and in partnership with Amazon.com, in 2012 we delivered Kindle Fire devices to wounded veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, San Antonio Military Medical Center and Balboa Naval Hospital. We are proud to announce a partnership with Google to provide Nexus tablet devices now as well. Our aim is connection—both human and technological—and the provision of much-needed support and resources.

Our Mission

We strive to improve the quality of life for wounded veterans by facilitating increased connection to their families, friends, community and the world.

Who We Serve

We serve veterans—whether newly-injured or on the path of recovery over an extended period of time—who have suffered severe physical and/or emotional invisible wounds (PTSD) received during the course of combat on behalf of the United States of America. We provide active support to the families of those veterans as well.

<http://www.connectedwarrior.org>

Navy Football 2013 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (USNA)
Sept 7	Indiana	Bloomington, IN	6:00 pm
Sept 14	Delaware	Annapolis, MD	3:30 pm
Sept 28	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY	TBA
Oct 5	Air Force	Annapolis, MD	11:30 am
Oct 12	Duke	Durham, NC	TBA
Oct 19	Toledo	Toledo, OH	TBA
Oct 26	Pittsburg (Homecoming)	Annapolis, MD	1:00 pm
Nov 2	Notre Dame	South Bend, IN	3:30 pm
Nov 9	Hawaii	Annapolis, MD	3:30 pm
Nov 16	South Alabama	Annapolis, MD	3:30 pm
Nov 23	San Jose State	San Jose, CA	9:30 pm
Dec 14	Army	Philadelphia, PA	TBA

Home Game

Northern California Sport Bars

Legends & Heroes

902-687-4111

4050 Port Chicago Hwy
Concord, CA

http://eastbay.citysearch.com/profile/943804/concord_ca/legends_heroes_sports_bar.html#profileTab-maps

The American "Bull" Bar & Grill

650-652-4908

1819 El Camino Real
Burlingame, CA

<http://www.theamericanbull.com/page3.html>

Loch Lomond Yacht Club

415-453-9811

95 Loch Lomond Drive
San Rafael, CA

<http://www.lochlomondmarina.com/driving.htm>

Around the Yard



Right: Lt Robert “Woo” Pedersen ’08 is a Helicopter Area Commander (HAC) – HSM-71 Seahawks (SHGO-Romeo) and returning from his 2nd deployment on the USS Stennis (UN-74), North Island San Diego. He would like to be a Test Pilot for his next billet.

Photo courtesy of Robert Pedersen.



Lt. Matthew Dickens ’09 and his wife announce the birth of their first child, James Alan Dickens on October 1, 2012, in Lemoore, California

2nd Lt. Brian Flaherty ’11 is currently in flight training in Pensacola, FL. He loves the beach, scuba diving, fishing, New Orleans (3 hours away) and the girls!

Ensign Kyle Mui ’12 is currently in flight training in Corpus Christi, TX. He enjoys flying and looking forward to his next training assignment and becoming a pilot.

MIDN Taylor Cooper ’13/2 Taylor accompanied the USNA D&B to the Krewe of Pontchartrain Parade one week before the Super Bowl in New Orleans. She had a great time in the sun!

MIDN Dylan Wheeler ’13/8 is enjoying his final year of baseball at USNA. Dylan’s service selection is Naval Pilot and will be heading to Pensacola, FL, for flight school in July.

MIDN Kathleen Engle ’13/15 is a Physics major and her Service selection is Surface Warfare Officer. She will be

stationed in San Diego on the USS Green Bay (LPD-20). She is also a pilot and a member of the USNA Flight Club and does Olympic Weight Lifting.

MIDN Jane Estrada ’13/16 has a service selection of Surface Warfare Officer on the USS Russell, San Diego. Janae is happy to be on the West Coast!

MIDN Chase Allan ’14/1 thoroughly enjoyed his first semester of 2nd class year in Beijing, China. He participated with 19 other Mids in the language immersion program at CET University. He finished his semester by spending a week hiking in Nepal and returned to the Academy after Christmas.

MIDN Andrew Zellman ’14/4 spent the Fall 2012 at the Chilean Naval Academy in Valparaiso, then travelled to Machu Picchu, Easter Island and Patagonia. He met the Chilean President and plays Navy Ultimate Frisbee and – Yes they Beat Army. He will be a first session Plebe detailer and has already chosen to be a submariner.

MIDN Michael H. Tauskey ’14/6 was assigned the Brigade ATPF Officer for 2013/2014.

MIDN Jackie Barnum ’14/8 competes on the Blue & Gold Cross-Fit Team, is a certified Cross-Fit Instructor and enjoyed being a Training Sergeant this year. She is an Information Systems Major.

MIDN Erika Pedersen ’14/16 is on the Navy Women’s Rugby team, which finished 2nd in the nation at the finals in Texas, November, 2012. Erika was awarded “All Team Player and put in the running for the Olympic team 2016 in Rio. On her 21st birthday in February, Erika spent a long weekend in D.C. with friends & classmates.

MIDN Nicholas Loberg ’15/11 spent President’s weekend with a group of Mids to climb Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. Two-thirds up the mountain they had to turn around due to 100 mile per hour winds and 0 visibility! Great time had by all.

MIDN Kevin Lois ’15/22 has been accepted into the study abroad program and will be in Spain for 4 weeks. Kevin

also made the Superintendents List for his second time.

MIDN Antonio Galli ’16/4 looks forward to spring break in Gainesville, Georgia with the USNA rowing crew.

MIDN Alexander Lee ’16/7 has chosen major in Systems Engineering. The thought of hands-on learning with projects was very appealing to him.

MIDN Ian Anderson ’16/8 is playing Sprint Football and enjoys the road trips up the seaboard, particularly several hours of uninterrupted sleep on the bus. Plebe year highlights include hosting Mids at the Fight Hunger Bowl, front row seats at the Inauguration, a President’s Day trip to Manhattan, Army vs. Navy, and some things we probably don’t know about.

MIDN Michelle Lee ’16/10 thanks the USNA NorCal Parents Association for the home made cookies. It was a nice surprise just before midterms.

Future MIDNs Ashley and Jessica Lois ’17 are identical twins and have been accepted into the Naval Academy, Class of 2017. They are also sisters of Kevin Lois ’15.

Please direct any comments to:

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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.

<http://www.usna-nocalparents.org/>

GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

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.

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