



July 17, 2011

Dear SPPA Members:

CLASS OF 2015 FAMILIES (wear your SPPA name tags if you have them)

Well, we are two and a half weeks after I-Day. We hope that your time in Annapolis and on the Yard were nice. The weather was beautiful on I-Day. By now you have received your first phone call from your Plebe. We hope your Plebe is doing well and surviving this hot summer and all of their training.

PLEBE PHONE CALLS HOME (don't miss these calls as your Plebe needs your support – don't forget Semper Gumpy (always be flexible as things may change))

1. First call will be on 7/10/11 between 1500 to 1545
2. Second call will be on 7/24/11 between 1600 to 1645
3. Third call will be on 8/3/11 between 1900 to 1945

Plebe Parents and family Picnic – Sunday July 17, 2011 from 1 to 4 PM (1300 to 1600) at Ridley Creek State Park Pavilion #3. Address is 351 Gradyville Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. All Class of 2015 and their families are invited to attend.

Plebe Parents' Weekend at USNA August 11 to 14, 2011 - make your reservations now for a hotel room. If you have difficulty finding a room, don't give up. There are cancellations the closer you get to that date. Also, you can look further away from the center of Annapolis for hotels. Go to www.usna.edu for schedule of events.

BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2011 (6:30 to 9 PM)

All current and former Board members and Class Captains (and those interested in helping) are invited to our next Board meeting on August 4, 2011 at Ray's Diner 610-279-3555, located at 14 East Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA 19401 in their back room at 6:30 PM. We need your help.

Please RSVP if you are attending to: USNASPPA2012@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We are looking for any missing Class of 2015 families from the Southeastern PA area who are not members yet. Please send everyone that you find who are not members to Cyndi Love so they can be recruited to join our SPPA parents club.

We are part of your extended family.



Treasurer's Report and ALUMNI DUES

We have over \$11,000 in our SPPA checking account.

**Class of 2015 – once you have paid your dues then you are covered for all 4 years.
Thank you!**

Alumni and their families – Class of 2011 and earlier, please send your \$50 dues which covers 5 years at \$10 per year to Rowland Smith CPA Treasurer at 1800 Byberry Road, Suite 1100, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 – work 215-544-6118. Please stay active.
We are part of your extended family.

FUTURE EVENTS

Location of events will be rotated so that not all of the activities are in one area. We want to encourage you to participate. We need to support each other and our Midshipmen who need our help and counseling more than they know.

USNA Football - buy your season football tickets online now. You will enjoy the games and the extra time you get to spend with your Midshipmen.

PARKING – for big event weekends you should park at Navy Marine Corp Stadium and take the shuttle bus. The State office building parking lot located at St John and Calvert Streets. More details to be provided. Keep your USNA parking pass in your car so that you don't forget to bring it on any day that you visit USNA.

FOOTBALL TAILGATES

We need help at each of the home game tailgates. Bring desserts before the game and help after the game. Class of 2015 should spend quality time with their Midshipmen after the game.

September 3, 2011 vs. DE – Alumni & Class of 2012 and earlier will run this tailgate

October 1, 2011 vs. Air Force – Class of 2011 & Jim Gormley will run this tailgate

October 8, 2011 vs. Southern Miss – Class of 2013 will run this tailgate

October 22, 2011 vs. East Carolina – Class of 2014 will run this tailgate

November 5, 2011 vs. Troy – Class of 2015 will run this tailgate



SPPA WEB SITE

Please visit our web site often. You can upload pictures of your MID for all to see.

<http://sppa.usnaparents.com/>

FACEBOOK – SPPA ON FACEBOOK

Please add pictures of your MID to our SPPA Facebook pages. Go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/SPPA-Southeastern-Pennsylvania-Parents-Association/126279364083414?ref=ts>

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Please help us to maintain an accurate contact list. If you want any additional email addresses added, want any addresses to be REMOVED, or if you have any corrections, then please email your instructions to USNASPPA2012@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

Go to Tell Tales for our SPPA monthly Newsletter maintained by our SPPA member Mr. Joe Bartish who does an awesome job. Take pictures of your Midshipmen and forward to Joe at jwbartish@yahoo.com for inclusion in our monthly Newsletter. Thank you Joe for all you do! We do appreciate it!

www.sppa.net To access Newsletter, left click on the Ship Logo

USER ID is USNA | PASSWORD is BOM

Remember, that these Items are Case Sensitive ... They have to be All CAPS!

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Proud Parent of LCDR J. W. Bartish, USNA 1993 | 33RD CO, Thunderin' Herd

USNR Naval Expeditionary Surface Combat Command | Office of Naval Research

USN SWO | CDO | ASWC | ASWO | OIC | OOD

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LISTSERV

There is a valuable resource to all interested in more Q&A about USNA. You may want to change your settings to digest format so that you get groups of Q&A for the day as opposed to being inundated with each Q&A. The parents email listserv is run through the USNA Alumni Association. It is a great source of information and support for USNA parents (though it does tend to fill your Inbox to overflowing at times!). I suggest that you write a mail rule for incoming Listserv messages to be automatically moved to a USNA Listserv folder that you create as that will keep your inbox clean and then you can read the Q&As at your convenience. We heartily recommend joining the Listserv. Information about the listserv and a link to sign up for it can be found here:

<https://www.usna.com/SSLPage.aspx?pid=528>

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
06/24	FRI	1800	BLOCK 1 ENDS
06/27	MON	0800	BLOCK 2 STARTS
06/29-30	WED-THU		CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DAY
06/29	WED	0600	NAPS, FOUNDATION, FLEET PERSONNEL
06/30	THU	0600 1030-1230 1800	CIVILIAN CANDIDATES USNA FAMILY PICNIC OATH OF OFFICE
07/22	FRI	1800	BLOCK 2 ENDS
07/25	MON	0800	BLOCK 3 STARTS
8/4	THU	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray’s Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
08/11-14	THU-SUN	0800	CLASS OF 2015 PARENTS’ WEEKEND
8/13	SAT		Blue & Gold scrimmage at 12 PM followed by barbeque – we have 6 free tickets - \$5 to park at Navy Marine Corp Football Stadium
08/17	WED	1800	BLOCK 3 ENDS 1/C LEAVE EXPIRES
08/18	THU	1800	2/C 3/C LEAVE EXPIRES
08/20	FRI	0800	BRIGADE REFORMS
08/22	MON	0800	FALL TERM STARTS
9/3	SAT		USNA vs. DE – at home – Alumni & Class of 2011 and earlier years
9/21	WED	1830	SPPA General meeting – all invited – at Plymouth Fire House
10/1	SAT		USNA vs. Air Force – at home – Class of 2012
10/8	SAT		USNA vs. Southern Miss – at home Class of 2013
10/13	THU	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Philly Diner in Essington, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help



10/20	THU	0900	PARENTS' CLUB OFFICERS' CONFERENCE
10/21-23	FRI-SUN	0800	2/C MIDN PARENTS' WEEKEND USNA Homecoming weekend
10/22	SAT		USNA vs. East Carolina – at home Class of 2014
10/28-29	FRI & SAT	Evening	Halloween Show at Chapel – don't miss this event! Make sure that your MIDs tell you how to purchase tickets when they become available
11/5	SAT		USNA vs. Troy – at home – Class of 2015
11/16	WED	1830	SPPA Speaker Dinner – all invited – at TRYZUB
11/23	WED	1245	Thanksgiving leave begins after last class
11/27	SUN	1800	Thanksgiving leave ends – report back
12/2	FRI	1830	SPPA Board meeting at Rowland & Elaine's home – 57 Hemlock Dr Holland PA 18966 – 215-757-0482 or cell 215-205-9318
12/10	SAT		ARMY vs. Navy Game in Landover MD
12/13-20 – 1/6/12			Christmas Leave – begins after last exam (sometime between 12/13-12/20) Leave ends at 1800 on 1/6/12
12/26/11	MON	Evening	All Services Ball - formal dining out event – don't miss this event
1/18/12	WED	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray's Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
2/16/12	THU	1830	SPPA Speaker Dinner at Tryzub
3/21/12	WED	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray's Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
4/25/12	WED	1830	SPPA Firstie Dinner – Tryzub – ALL ARE INVITED – You don't want to miss this event!
5/17/12	THU	1830	SPPA Board Meeting – at Ray's Diner in Norristown, PA – Board & Class Captains & interested parents who want to help
6/2/12	SAT	1300	Plebe Family Picnic – Class of 2016 Welcome Aboard
7/14/12	SAT	1300	SPPA Family Picnic – Welcome 2016 Families – Ridley Creek State Park

Thank you for all you continue to do as it is truly appreciated!

GO NAVY beat army !!!!

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