



## Another Link in the Chain

The Another Link in the Chain (ALITC) program was begun by the class of 1950 to essentially adopt and mentor the class of 2000 as that class began its four years at the Academy. Since then the Alumni Association (USNA AA) has taken over the program as one of its main events and each "senior class" works with USNA AA staff to provide assistance and guidance to the "junior class" during its time at Annapolis. As we head into the next four years of our involvement with the Class of 2020, there are several events and milestones that will mark our progress. A summary is provided below for your greater understanding of our class' involvement in the ALITC program. Your participation (and that of your spouse, since each class now includes approximately 25% women – and who do you think those ladies are more likely to gravitate to?) is strongly solicited in as many events as you can make.

Promotional costs for the kick-off of the ALITC program are one item to consider. Most classes use the Internet, their class web sites, and e-mail, to publicize the program.

### **Fourth Class Year 2016/2017**

#### Provide Class History for Reef Points

Limited to 900 words, our class history, a truncated version of our class history appearing in our 40th reunion book, will be printed in Reef Points for each member of the Class of 2020 to learn. was provided to USNA AA in December 2015.

Cost: none

#### Parents Club/local alumni chapter Sendoff Lunches for 2020 Plebes

Most plebe candidates receive their notifications shortly after 1 April. There are approximately 80 parents clubs around the country, and more than three dozen local alumni chapters. Many of these have "sendoff" lunches for newly named plebes. The class will attempt to match these "sendoff" events with classmates living in the local area to represent our class and to introduce the incoming plebes and their parents to our class and the ALITC program. Dave Martin (dmartin55@frontier.com) for the East and Mike Lowe (mikeylowe@aol.com) for the West have volunteered to match classmates with "sendoff" events; so if you're available and interested, please contact them.

Cost: none

#### Induction Day Welcome Aboard Picnic for Parents and Families of plebes, June 30, 2016

Classmates are invited to attend, to share stories of our induction day, and to offer support and fellowship to the families of newly arriving plebes. We will have a table set up to introduce the class to the parents and families, and we will address the gathering for 3-5 minutes. Jerry Farrell will be sending out word requesting items to be loaned for display at the class table (swords, rings, letter sweaters, B- robes, invitation letters, 1A draft notices, photos, etc.). The Alumni Association requests voluntary donations from the senior class to cover expenses. Past classes have offered up to \$3000.00. We will ask you (and your wives) to wear your ALITC polo shirts to this event. If you did not buy one, contact our ALITC coordinator, Gary Knight (cherica2@md.metrocast.net), who has a very limited quantity for sale at cost. A complimentary lunch will be provided for participants.

Induction Day Oath of Office Ceremony

Up to ten classmates can attend on the Superintendent's side, and up to fifty on the Commandant's side. The senior class will provide telephone calling cards for international students to call home, as well as the use of cell phones for new midshipmen unaccompanied by family members to call home—meeting them at the Mexican Monument on Stribling Walk.

Cost: \$200.00 for calling cards

Honor Coin Presentation Ceremony, July 18, 2016

A subcommittee of classmates has just completed designing an “honor coin” memorializing the connection between 1970 and 2020. On July 18, **RADM Joseph G. Henry USN (ret.) '70** will address the Class of 2020 on honor and commitment, and up to 40 classmates and spouses are invited to hand out this coin to the members of 2020 hand-to-hand.

Cost: Approx. \$7500 for coins

Parade During Summer Training

There will be an invitation for a senior member(s) of the class to be the reviewing official(s). There may also be space for a limited number of classmates to review the parade from the reviewing area.

Cost: none

Plebe Parent Weekend

August 2020. A limited number of members of the class will be invited to attend.

Cost: none

Herndon Monument Climb

Date TBD. Up to fifty members and spouses (total) will have a reserved section to view the climb.

Cost: none

**Youngster Year 2017/2018**

Participation in the RING program

Opportunity for members of the class to donate their rings to be part of the gold that makes up the Class of 2020 rings during a ceremony held in Memorial Hall. A short biography of each donor will be received by each member of the Class of 2020. When their class rings are “baptized” at the Ring Dance, members of the Class of 1970 will be in attendance. Bonds of Gold serves to connect the two classes.

Youngster Luau

During graduation week the entire class meets for an informal picnic on Farragut Field to celebrate being halfway through the Naval Academy. We are invited to join in the festivities. As the senior class, we may desire to assist with financial support to provide refreshments, games, and/or activities.

Cost: \$1,000.00

## **Second Class Year 2018/2019**

### Second Class Commitment Dinner

Typically held in King Hall on a Monday evening the night before classes commence in August. Members of the Class of 2020 will make their commitment to the Naval Academy for the final two years. Representatives of the Class of 1970 will sit amongst the midshipmen at their tables. We will provide an inspirational keynote speaker.

Cost: none

### Second Class Ring Dance

Up to 50 members of the Class of 1970 and their spouses/partners will be invited to attend the Class of 2020's Ring Dance and dip their class rings in the font containing waters from the seven seas.

Cost: none

## **First Class Year—Graduation 2019/2020**

### Service Community Assignment Night

A limited number of classmates will be invited to attend dinner in King Hall in honor of service assignments provided earlier in the day, in November 2019.

Cost: none

### Sword Donation Program

The class MAY want to participate in a program (not all previous classes have done so) that solicits Navy and Marine Corps swords from class members to be presented to outstanding members of the Class of 2020. The swords are collected by the class ALITC coordinator, refurbished by a vendor in Annapolis, and presented to the honored members of the Class of 2020 in a ceremony in Spring 2020.

Cost: Between \$100 and 200 per sword donated

### Battalion Receptions

From three to six receptions will be held at Alumni House to offer first class midshipmen an opportunity to meet a handful of members of the Class of 1970 and their spouses as well as members of the Alumni Association staff. Usually on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday night, from late January to mid-March. One member of our class will address each gathering for three to five minutes.

Cost: none

### Bar Presentation

By March 1, 2020, the Class of 1970 will provide the names of twelve presenters who will personally hand out engraved ENS/2LT bars at graduation. Usually, these twelve are selected from those members of our class that have been the most active in the ALITC program over the past four years. The class will also design an insert to be placed in each box of bars, working with USNA AA (Noreen Frenaye) on the design.

Cost: Approximately \$7500.00 for bars and inserts

### Graduation Brief

Wednesday, before graduation, the presenters will be introduced by CEO USNA AA. One presenter will address the Class of 2020 for three to five minutes.

Cost: none

### Color Parade

A limited number of the Class of 1970 and spouses will be invited by USNA as determined by the Class ALITC Coordinator. The parade typically begins at 1100 on Worden Field.

Cost: none

### Graduation/Commencement

The twelve presenters and their spouses will receive VIP seating invitations at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held in Alumni Hall. In that case, only eight of twelve presenters will be able to present bars to the graduating class. Invitations will include security and a parking pass. Up to fifty other members of the Class of 1970 will receive tickets in a reserved section of the stadium.

Cost: none

### Delayed Graduations

Usually in August and December, about six to ten midshipmen will receive their bars from a class representative. Other members of the Class of 1970 may observe the ceremony in Mahan or Memorial Hall.

Cost: none