



# USNA CLASS OF 1970

**Another Link in the Chain Program**



# WHO IS THE CLASS OF 1970?



- Second smallest class since WWII (2<sup>nd</sup> largest attrition rate after '68)
- Largest number of flag officers since WWII (27)
- Three 4-star Admirals, including Vice Chairman of JCS
- 153 made Navy Captain or Marine Corps Colonel
- 2 Congressmen, National Security Advisor to President of the Philippines
- 5 Deputy Assistant Secretaries or above
- CEO's of General Motors, Navy Federal Credit Union, MCI, and dozens of other companies
- Presidents of Bryant University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, National Defense Intelligence College, New Mexico Military Institute, the Naval Postgraduate School, and Historic St Mary's City in Maryland



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# WHAT IS ALITC?



- Started by the Class of 1950 to sponsor and mentor the Class of 2000
- Program will bond our two classes together
- It is a means
  - for our class to “give back” to the Academy
  - to share our experiences, advice and counsel
  - for us to provide moral support and encouragement
  - to assist the Class of 2000 to be “Prepared to Serve”



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# EVENTS IN THE ALITC PROGRAM



- Class of 2020 will soon be familiar with '70 as our history is included in 2020's "Reef Points"
- '70 is sponsoring a parents and families picnic at 2020's I-Day on 30 June
- '70 is attending the actual Induction ceremony itself and will provide cell phones to 2020 members whose families cannot attend
- '70 has designed an "honor coin," linking the two classes; this coin will be presented to each member of 2020 at a ceremony on 18 July
- '70 will review a 2020 Plebe parade this summer
- '70 will have a minor presence at the Parents Day Weekend at the end of the summer
- '70 will be present at the 2020 Herndon Monument event in May 2017



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# MORE ALITC EVENTS



- This is just the first year of activity; events follow during 2020's four years
- One key event is during 2020's junior year, called the Bonds of Gold Ceremony when 2020 receives their class rings, manufactured with gold from donated '70 class rings
- This will unite both classes physically as well as spiritually
- '70 will be present at 2020's commitment dinner when they commit to Navy service for another 7 years
- '70 will be present at 2020's Service Assignment Dinner at which time members will choose their Naval service branch
- '70 will present 2020's members their Ensign/First Lieutenant bars, engraved with both class' numbers, at graduation



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# How can you help?



- Support your Mid in every way
- Join your local parents' club
- Join the Naval Academy Alumni Association
- Sign up on the 2020 website, send photos of your Mid to its administrator
- Review the Class of '70 website, <http://1970.usnaclases.com>, and stay up-to-date



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