

**Annual Report of the Quantico Area Chapter of the
U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association
1 June 2015 – 31 May 2016 (Year 4)**

This annual report is compiled to record events and activities that have taken place during the fourth year of the Quantico Area USNA Alumni Chapter. The narrative is followed by the financial report prepared by the Chapter Treasurer.

Officers and Council Members (volunteers):

President: Jim Gfrerer '87, Col USMC (Ret.)

Vice President: Geoff Pomroy '69

Secretary: Dan Morio '90, CDR USN (Ret.)

Treasurer: Bob Taylor '74, CAPT USN (Ret.)

Council Members: '60s and Before: Walt Giralidi '69

'70s: Mark WorriLOW '77, CDR USNR

'80s: John Keene '81

'90s: Lynne Malinowski '95, LCDR USN

'00s: Jason Sebastian '01

'10s: Phil Salinas '82, LtCol USMC (Ret.)

Appointed Positions:

Council Member Emeritus: Michael Cathey '67, Col USMC (Ret.)

Senior Enlisted Advisor: J. D. Baker, MSgt USMC (Ret.), honorary member of '05, appointed by Jim Gfrerer on 1 June 2015.

Membership Committee Lead: CDR Bob Dulin, '61, USN (Ret.)

Active Members:

Associate Members:

1. Judd D. Baker – 2013

2. Bob Orazi - 2013

Honorary Members:

1. The Honorable Rob Wittman (R-VA), who represents the first Congressional District in Virginia
- 1 Mar 2013

2. Mrs. Joanne MacMurray, widow of member Chris MacMurray '74 and maintainer of the Chapter website.

Objectives/End of Year Status:

- Fill all Council slots per the bylaws, and identify volunteers to serve on the committees established by the bylaws. Status: Council slots filled, but service on committees remains elusive.

- Task the activities committee to find, organize and implement additional activities of interest and value to the active membership, and entice non-active members to become involved. Status: No activities committee was formed. Activities were organized and executed by Council members.

- Continue the successful monthly breakfasts with guest speakers, as well as the 'away' football gatherings to cheer on Navy. Status: Accomplished (see activities below).

- Get involved with communicating to middle schools/high schools about the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program, the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) program, and help those students interested with tuition or travel assistance. Status: No STEM scholarships were awarded. Interest in the local community has subsided and the membership did not identify any candidates.

- Continue to reach out to the local area Naval Academy Parents Club(s) and invite them to participate in our Chapter activities. Status: Continued to inform local Parent's Clubs of our activities and offered standing invitations.

- Continue J.D. Baker (honorary member of '05) as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Chapter. Status: Accomplished on 1 June 2015.

- Schedule and execute various activities of interest and value to Chapter members. Status: See activities completed below.

- Conduct an annual meeting to gather ideas for activities. Status: Conducted 22 May 2016.

- Conduct elections for the following year's officer and board of advisor positions. Status: The election process began, but as of the end of May, the process continues.
- Update the Strategic Plan for the Chapter. Status: Accomplished and approved on 20 May 2016 at the annual meeting.

Chapter Events:

12 Jun 15: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker VADM Ted Carter '81 USN, 62nd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. VADM Carter gave a very interesting and well-received presentation to a large audience on his view of the current state of USNA as well as his priorities for the future. He also answered numerous questions from the audience. CAPT Craig Ashby, MC USN, outgoing president of the Central Virginia Parents Club was also in attendance. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 48

16 Jun 15: QAC Annual Report submitted to the alumni association.

18 Jun 15: Members participated in the farewell dinner at Camp Upshur aboard Quantico Marine Corps Base for the first set of Leatherneck (223 mids). We mingled with the Class of '16 (rising firsties) and served dinner to the hungry mids. Prior to the dinner, LtGen John Sattler USMC (Ret.) '71, Distinguished Leadership Chair, USNA, provided a motivating address on leadership characteristics. Attendance: 9

Jun 2015: Article published in the May-June 2015 Shipmate.

16 Jul 15: Members participated in the farewell dinner at Camp Upshur aboard Quantico Marine Corps Base for the second set of Leatherneck (124 mids). We mingled with the Class of '16 (rising firsties) and served dinner to the hungry mids. Prior to the dinner, MajGen Craig Q. Timberlake USMC, Manpower Department of HQMC, addressed the mids on expectations of them as Marine Corps and Navy leaders. Attendance: 12

Jul 2015: Article published in the Jul-Aug 2015 Shipmate.

6 Aug 15: Received a five year Retail Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Taxation, Exemption Number: SE455337620F08062020.

7 Aug 15: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker Col Christian Wortman '91 USMC, CO of The Basic School (TBS) at Quantico, VA. As he wraps up his first year in command, Col Wortman told us about the current curriculum and how this generation of Marine Officers are being trained to assume their leadership and operational roles in the Operating forces of our Navy-Marine Corps Team. He also answered numerous questions. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 28

11 Sep 15: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, the State of Virginia Secretary of Veteran and Defense Affairs, ADM John Harvey, USN (Ret), USNA '73. Secretary Harvey is responsible for the oversight of all veterans-related issues in Virginia, executed through the Department of Veteran Services, and ensuring that a productive relationship is maintained with the military services and Department of Defense

activities located within the Commonwealth. Secretary Harvey also leads Governor McAuliffe's initiatives focused on military communities to ensure that Virginia remains the base and installation location of choice and is the most "military-friendly" state in the nation for the hundreds of thousands of Servicemen and women and their families who serve throughout the state and call Virginia home. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 27

Sep 2015: Article published in the Sep-Oct 2015 Shipmate.

2 Oct 15: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, the Honorable Mr. B. J. Penn, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and veteran Navy pilot. Secretary Penn spoke to us about his vast experience both in uniform, as a Senior DoN leader, and in private industry. While not a USNA graduate, he served as a USNA Battalion Officer, and was the Officer in Charge for the Plebe Detail for the Class of '83. He was also acting SecNav for several months prior to the appointment of Secretary Mabus. Mr. Penn gave a very informative talk and answered numerous questions from those in attendance. We will also had a short ceremony and cake cutting to acknowledge the 240th Birthday of the world's greatest Navy. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 21

20 Oct 15: Tom Ullrich '80 and Bob Sonnenberg '70 represented the chapter at the funeral services for Col David R. Mabry '57 USMC (Ret.), who passed on 7 Oct. Col Mabry had a distinguished 29 year career as a Marine. The services were conducted at the Marine Memorial Chapel aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA.

6 Nov 15: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh '79 USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. General Walsh provided an outstanding briefing on the current concept development effort within the USMC given shrinking resources and the changing world. Much discussion took place and all were receptive of his cogent remarks. We will also conducted a short ceremony and cake cutting to acknowledge the 240th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 27

4 Dec 15: Monthly breakfast, guest Mr. Stephen Leaman, USNA '69. Stephen has had an exceptionally successful career in the private sector, and spoke to us about the very successful USNA Alumni Mentoring Program, a legacy gift of the Class of '69. The presentation included an overview of the program followed by a demonstration of how to join as either a mentor or a protégé'. Discussion and questions followed, with many in attendance indicating they would join the program. The Chapter leadership decided to have the event in the southern portion of the Chapter area in hopes of getting more alumni participation. Held at the Fredericksburg Hilton Garden Inn, Fredericksburg, VA. Attendance: 28

Dec 2015: Article published in the Nov-Dec 2015 Shipmate.

5 Dec 15: Several members participated in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery, put on by the Sgt. Mac Foundation. Attendance: 12 (including family members)

9-10 Dec 15: Bob Sonnenberg attended the Board of Trustees fall Trustee meeting in Annapolis and participated as a member of the House and Other Chapter Trustee Selection committees. He also sat in on the Communications committee meeting. A brief report of the meeting was posted to the QAC website.

12 Feb 16: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, the 86th Commandant of Midshipmen, Col Stephen Liszewski, USMC, USNA '90. As mentioned by the USNA Supe last June, Col Liszewski is the first Marine directly-selected to fill this leadership role. Col Liszewski spoke to us on the "State of the Brigade" and his view of how his tour is proceeding now that he has over 7 months in the job. The record crowd enjoyed the presentation, as well as the Q/A period at the end of his remarks. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 80

4 Mar 16: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, The Honorable Rob Wittman (R-VA) (honorary member of the QAC), who represents the first Congressional District of Virginia speaking on his role as Chair of the USNA Board of Visitors, his views of USNA, and his recent experiences in Congress dealing with spending, budgeting, readiness and shipbuilding. Congressman Wittman gave a very interesting presentation, followed by question and answer time with some very good questions asked. He also stayed as long as anyone wanted to speak with him. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 50

29 Mar 16: Annual Council meeting convened at Paddy's Pub in Stafford, VA, from 1900-2000. Those present included Jim Gfrerer '87 (President), Geoff Pomroy '69 (Vice President), Bob Taylor '74 (Treasurer), Walt Geraldi '69 (60s Decade Rep), Lynne Malinoswki '95 (90s Decade Rep), and Bob Sonnenberg '70, past president and trustee. There was not a quorum present. Those attending discussed bylaws amendments, strategy and performance review, budget updates, and agenda for the May Chapter meeting. Proposed bylaws changes and fiscal expenditures will be forwarded via email to the entire Council for a virtual vote.

Apr 2016: Article published in the March-April 2016 Shipmate.

1 Apr 16: Bob Sonnenberg '70, BoT member from QAC, attend the Distinguished Graduate Award ceremony and following dinner honoring the awardees.

8 Apr 16: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, MajGen Leo Williams '70, USMCR (Ret.), Vice Chair of the USNA Alumni Association Board of Trustees, speaking on current efforts of the Alumni Association and the vision of the current board, along with what the alumni association is doing for its membership and local chapters. MajGen Williams gave an informative briefing and answered questions from those who attended. MJ Pallotta '94, Director of Enterprise Marketing, also attended from the Alumni Association. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 37

May 16: Article published in the Stewardship Spring 2016 Shipmate.

6 May 16: Monthly breakfast, guest speakers, LTC Fred Wellman USA (Ret.) (also USMA '87) USMA, Pres/CEO of ScoutComms, a Veteran Public Relations Firm, and Col Christian and Mrs. Susan Wortman '91, CO of The Basic School, speaking about the Semper Fi Fund and the benefits gained by contributing to the organization which takes care of members of all Services. Mr. Wellman spoke on how the Semper Fi fund was well managed and that 85% of contributions go to services for wounded veterans, unlike some tax-exempt organizations he has investigated and that have recently been in the news. Col Wortman gave a very heartfelt and personal presentation about his experiences with the Semper Fi Fund and how his wife Susan has given so much of her time voluntarily to help with the Semper Fi Fund's efforts over the years. Discussion and questions followed. The presentation was very well-received. QAC has been contributing funds to Semper Fi for a couple of years in the names of our speakers as a 'Thank

You' for speaking to us, and the chapter leadership considered it important to inform members of the results of our donations. Held at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 30

12 May 16: USNA Alumni Association International Chapter Officer Forum (ICOF) from 0830-1600 in Annapolis, MD. President Jim Gfrerer and incoming President Geoff Pomroy represented the Quantico Area Chapter.

12-13 May 16: Bob Sonnenberg attended the Board of Trustees meeting in Annapolis. Notes on the meeting are posted on the Chapter website.

20 May 16: Annual Chapter meeting conducted at the Globe and Laurel Restaurant in Stafford, VA. The agenda included approval of amendment 3 to the bylaws. Highlights from the recent ICOF and BoT briefings given by President Byron Marchant were presented. The chapter Strategic Plan was discussed by teams of members, and was then each team briefed results/findings to all in attendance. Near term events were also announced. Attendance: 18

28 May 15: Several QAC members and families participated in attaching flags and erecting flag poles along the main avenues of the Quantico National Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day events.

May 16: Article published in the Stewardship Spring 2016 Shipmate.

Quantico Area Chapter, USNAAA Financial Report (1 June 2015 - 31 May 2016)

	Bank Credits	Bank Debits
Membership funds & Breakfast Funds collected	\$ 9,078.22	
Miscellaneous Donation		
Cemetery Retirement Station		
Other		
Payment to Holiday Inn (and Other) for Breakfast Events (10)		\$ 7,487.47
Funds Collected from Navy - Air Force Game		\$ -
Payment to The Clubs At Quantico (Navy - Air Force Game)		\$ -
Payment to Globe and Laurel (Annual Meeting)		\$ -
Donations to Semper Fi Fund (10)		\$ -
\$250 not yet paid out. Each B'Fast times \$25		
Web Site Hosting		\$ 18.00
Bank Account Maintenance Fees		\$ -
Virginia Treasurer (Form 100-VA Tax Exemption)		\$ -
State Corporations Commission (Articles of Incorporation)		\$ 25.00
Totals	\$ 9,078.22	\$ 7,530.47
	Other Credits	Other Debits
Cash not taken to bank (Cash from Breakfasts)	\$ 478.89	

Miscellaneous Expenses		\$ 163.10
	Total FY15-16 Credits	Total FY15-16 Debits
	\$ 9,557.11	\$ 7,693.57
Total Change	\$ 1,863.54	
Starting Account Balance (Beginning balance 1 June 2015)	\$ 3,095.34	
Ending Account Balance (Ending balance 31 May 2016)	\$ 4,958.88	
Account Change	\$ 1,863.54	

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the financial statement above is accurate and correct.

Bob Taylor, Treasurer 2015-2016