

**Annual Report of the Quantico Area Chapter of the
U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association
1 June 2013 – 31 May 2014 (Year 2)**

This annual report is compiled to record events and activities that have taken place during the second 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: Bob Sonnenberg, '70, LtCol USMC (Ret.)

Vice President: Andy Wehrle, '72

Secretary: John Brown, '74, LtCol USMC (Ret.)

Treasurer: Jeff Falcone, '91, LtCol USMC

Council Members: '60s and Before: CAPT Fred Crawford, '64, USN (Ret.)

'70s: CDR Mark WorriLOW, '77, USNR

'80s: Tom Ullrich, '80

'90s: LCDR Lynne Malinowski, '95, USN

'00s: Capt Jennifer Tucker, '07, USMC

'10s: CDR Bob Dulin, '61 to fill position, USN (Ret.)

Appointed Positions:

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

Senior Enlisted Advisor: MSgt J. D. Baker, USMC (Ret.), honorary member of '05, appointed by Bob Sonnenberg on 1 June 2013.

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

Active Members: 90

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:

- Continue the work of the organizing committee and capitalize on the outstanding work performed by Michael Cathey during the first year of the organization. Status: Ongoing.

- Increase active membership (dues paying members) by 50%, from around 100 to 150. Status: Ended the year with 90 members, 15th among all USNA Alumni Chapters in size.

- Fill all Council slots per the bylaws, and identify volunteers to serve on the committees established by the bylaws. Status: Accomplished.

- 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).

- Complete establishment of a web-site for the Chapter to enhance communications, and establish Paypal as a means to pay dues and other financial transactions. Status: Completed establishment of the Chapter web-site. Have not implemented Paypal or something similar to pay dues.

- Complete Jeff Falcone's effort (our Treasurer) to become a tax-exempt organization, allowing us to solicit contributions which can be used to fund various activities that address one of our Chapter objectives, to identify and encourage young men and women to become leaders of our naval services and the nation. Status: As of end of May 2014, waiting for IRS response.

- 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: Awarded first STEM partial tuition scholarship to the USNA summer program for a deserving young man from our area of responsibility.

- Set up practice interview/question sessions with interested high school students who will be interviewing for admission slots with Congressman Wittman, and volunteer to serve on his selection committee, in concert and cooperation with the Blue and Gold Officer (BGO). Status: Have not completed this objective.

- 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.

- Develop a Chapter logo. Status: Have not completed this objective.

- Continue J.D. Baker (honorary member of '05) as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Chapter. Status: Accomplished on 1 June 2013.

- 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 2 May 2014.

- Conduct elections for the following year's officer and board of advisor positions. Status: Conducted during May 2014 with new officers and board of advisor members announced by 31 May 2014.

Chapter Events:

7 Jun 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, Ms. Demetria Thomas from the Quantico Transition Office, speaking on various transition programs; eligibility for active duty, retired, and families of service men and women; and the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, a joint program between VA and

Department of Labor, to provide education, training, and job assistance to veterans 35-60, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 30

8 June 2013: Construction of a flag retirement station at the Quantico National Cemetery. Total Attendance: 5

8 Jun 2013: Central Virginia Parents Club recognition event for members of the Class of 2017 in Fredericksburg, VA. Attendance: 6

9 Jun 2013: Northern Virginia Parents Club recognition event for members of the Class of 2017 in Vienna, VA. Attendance: 3

15 June 2013: May-June 2013 Shipmate article published.

18 Jun 2013: Happy Hour (1700-1900) at Mick's Restaurant and Sports Lounge in Stafford, VA. Attendance: 15

8 Jul 2013: First Chapter Council meeting for new term from 1700-1830 at Paddy's Bar and Grill in Stafford, VA. Eight of 10 members attended, providing a quorum. Discussions primarily concerned activities, membership, and communications, particularly with a website. In accordance with the bylaws, Board of Advisor members (decade reps) drew lots for terms of office to establish a tiered approach to maintaining expertise on the Council from year to year.

1969 and below (Fred Crawford): 2 Year Term, subject to election in 2015
1970s (Mark Worriow): 3 Year Term, subject to election in 2016
1980s (Tom Ullrich): 2 Year Term, subject to election in 2015
1990s (Lynne Malinowski): 3 Year Term, subject to election in 2016
2000s (Jennifer Tucker): 1 Year Term, subject to election in 2014
2010 and beyond/at large (Bob Dulin): 1 Year Term, subject to election in 2014

12 Jul 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker, LtGen Jack Klimp, USMC (Ret.) '68, speaking on the Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, the Travis Manion Foundation, and the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS), at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 31

18 Jul 2012: Submitted tax-exempt application for the Chapter to the IRS.

2 Aug 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker MSgt J.D. Baker, USMC (Ret.) (Honorary member of '05) speaking on the history of the Naval Academy Senior Enlisted Leader program and his experiences from 2002-2005 as a GySgt for 30th Company at USNA, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 23

15 Aug 2013: Fall 2013 Shipmate article published.

6 Sep 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker CAPT Jim Ripley USNR (Ret.) '74, our Stafford County Blue and Gold Officer speaking on the duties and responsibilities of the BGO and the current processes in place for gaining admission to USNA, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 35

24 Sep 2013: The Chapter website, <http://usnaalumniquantico.com> was published to the membership, USNAAA, and interested parties. Chris MacMurray '74 and his wife Joanne were responsible for the development of the site.

4 Oct 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker Col Jim Strock, USMC (Ret.), Director, Seabasing Integration Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, Combat Development and Integration, was scheduled to speak on seabasing and amphibious shipping development. The event was cancelled due to Jim's availability as a result of the federal government shutdown.

5 Oct 2013: Sep-Oct 2013 Shipmate article published.

1 Nov 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker CAPT Doug Norton USN (Ret.) '65, speaking about his fictional book, "*Code Word: Paternity*", and urging all attendees to contemplate writing a book, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 35

2 Nov 2013: Viewing of the Navy-Notre Dame game at Mick's Restaurant and Sports Lounge in Stafford, VA. Attendance: 9

6 Dec 2013: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker LtGen John Sattler USMC (Ret.) '71, Distinguished Leadership Chair, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, speaking on leadership development programs currently pursued at the Academy and the Ethics and Leadership Training being conducted at the Academy, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 34

7 Dec 2013: Several members participated in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery, put on by the Sgt. Mac Foundation for Wreaths Across America.

7 Dec 2013: Nov-Dec 2013 Shipmate article published.

12 Dec 2013: Bob Sonnenberg attended the USNA Alumni Association Fall 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting as an observer, held in Alumni Hall.

14 Dec 2013: Navy beats Army 34-7 for the 12th consecutive win in Philadelphia, PA.

5 Jan 2014: The Chapter mourns the sudden loss of Chris MacMurray '74, at the age of 61. Memorial services were conducted on 11 Jan at the First Presbyterian Church in Dale City, VA. Chris, and his wife Joanne, were our web masters for the Chapter web page.

15 Jan 2014: Second Chapter Council meeting to conduct mid-year review, from 1700-1830 at Paddy's Bar and Grill in Stafford, VA. Seven of 10 members attended, providing a quorum .

3 Feb 2014: Jan-Feb 2014 Shipmate article published.

7 Feb 2014: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker CAPT Bill Byrne '87 USN, Commandant of Midshipmen, speaking on the state of the Brigade and his challenges as 'the Dant', at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 41

7 Mar 2014: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker Mr. Mike McLean, Director of Intelligence and Information Sharing for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), accompanied by LCDR Roland Sasaki and LT Sean MacDougall '05, speaking on the organization and functioning of NCIS, at the Holiday Inn in

Dumfries, VA. Joanne MacMurray, widow of Chris MacMurray and the Chapter website maintainer, was nominated for and unanimously approved for honorary membership in the Chapter. Attendance: 34

12 Mar 2014: Nineteen midshipmen relinquished their Spring break time to attend the Shenandoah Valley Campaign hike, led by J.D. Baker '05(H). This hike acquaints the midshipmen with Civil War-era battle sites and leadership, improves field skills, and provides a 'common hardship' experience shared by those who participated. The hike is billed as '100 miles in 100 hours', and this has been the second iteration. On Wednesday, 12 Mar, three member of the Chapter travelled to that night's camp ground, located at the South River overlook near Swift Run Gap on the Skyline Parkway, to take part in the integration dinner where each midshipman would expound on what they'd learned and what he/she would take back to the Brigade. Michael Cathey '67, Dennis Lister '67, and Bob Sonnenberg '70 enjoyed talking with the midshipmen and future leaders. Dennis also delivered food from Famous Dave's BBQ, so the group was able to have some hot food. The weather was cold, windy and rainy, so the integration event was delayed until the next day.

4 Apr 2014: Monthly breakfast, guest speaker Col Paul Montanus '89 USMC, the Senior Marine on the Yard at USNA, who provided a very informative briefing on his views of the current selection process used to determine warfare specialties prior to graduation. This year, the Marine Corps has 270 members of the Class of '14 who will be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants, a record for USNA, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Attendance: 25

1 May 2014: USNA Alumni Association International Chapter Officer Forum (ICOF) from 0830-1600 in Annapolis, MD. Bob Sonnenberg (outgoing President) and Andy Wehrle (incoming President) represented the Quantico Area Chapter.

2 May 2014: Annual Chapter meeting conducted at the Globe and Laurel Restaurant in Stafford, VA. This was our first luncheon event. The agenda included approval of amendment 1 to the bylaws; status of funding; ongoing projects such as STEM scholarships, Gettysburg Leadership Encounter T-shirt funding for USNA Company Commanders, and support of the Greater Washington Chapter's candidate information night of 14 May; notice of elections; discussion of topics raised at the previous day's ICOF meeting; and, our intent to vie for the "Other" Chapter Trustee slot based upon our Chapter activities and being ranked 15th out of over 100 alumni Chapters in size. We also mentioned the solicitation of dues (\$25) to be undertaken in May and June. Attendance: 35

3 May 2014: Contributed \$340 (\$100 by Michael Cathey '67) to the Naval Academy Athletic Association in support of T-shirt purchase for USNA command stripers (3-6) who will be attending the Gettysburg Leadership Encounter in June.

15 May 2014: A check for \$175 was sent to Patrick Murphy, son of LCDR Paddy Murphy '87, to offset the tuition cost for his attendance at the USNA Summer STEM program in June.

17 May 2014: Alumni participated in attaching flags and erecting flag poles along the main avenues of the Quantico National Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day events. Attendance: 9

8-19 May 2014: Annual election of Council members was conducted. By acclamation, the new Vice President is Jim Gfrerer '87; the new and returning Treasurer is Jeff Falcone '91, and the new Secretary is Nick Mannweiler '06. The current Vice President, Andy Wehrle '72, moves into the President's slot.

Board of Advisor positions for the '00 and '10 decades are vacant, and nominees will be solicited and appointed from the 'new' membership per the bylaws.

**Quantico Area Chapter of the
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Annual Financial Report (2013-2014)**

Quantico Area Alumni Chapter Financial Report for Year 2 (1 June 2013 - 31 May 2014)

	Credits	Debits
Membership funds collected	\$ 2,200.00	
Miscellaneous Donation	\$ 180.00	
Cemetery Retirement Station	\$ 45.00	
Other	\$ 135.00	
Funds Collected For Breakfast Events (9)	\$ 5,487.00	
Payment to Holiday Inn for Breakfast events		\$ (5,871.30)
Donations to Wounded Warrior Project (8)		\$ (300.00)
Donations to Semper Fi Fund (3)		\$ (75.00)
Gift to Michael Cathey (Chapter Founder)		\$ (74.00)
Web Site Hosting		\$ (18.00)
Account Maintenance Fees		\$ (15.00)
IRS 501(C)(3) Filing Fee		\$ (400.00)
Rotary Donation (Chris MacMurray)		\$ (100.00)
NAAA Gettysburg Experience		\$ (340.00)
Patrick Murphy (STEM Scholarship)		\$ (175.00)
Totals	\$ 7,867.00	\$ (7,368.30)

Annual Cash Flow	\$ 498.70
Starting Account Balance	\$ 1,025.79
Ending Account Balance	\$ 1,524.49
Account Change	\$ 498.70