

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY PARENTS' CLUB OF MISSISSIPPI BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the United States Naval Academy Parents' Club of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND AIM

The purpose and aim of the U.S.N.A. Parents' Club of Mississippi shall be to provide information, encouragement, and moral support to Midshipmen and families from Mississippi, especially during their Plebe year.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Any parent, guardian, or grandparent of a Midshipman from Mississippi, or any U.S.N.A. graduate, or any Blue-Gold Officer, or any other interested party is eligible for active membership upon payment of dues.

Section 2. Paid membership entitles a member to vote and hold office.

Section 3. The dues shall be \$50.00 annually per family. Alumni and other interested parties may join at \$10.00.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Club shall be June 1 through May 30.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held on a semi-annual basis: June (prior to the Plebes' Induction Day) and December (when midshipmen are on holiday so they can become acquainted). Additional meetings shall be held when deemed appropriate by the officers.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Historian.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected annually at the June meeting.

Section 2. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

Section 3. Election shall be by majority vote.

Section 4. Term of office shall be one calendar year beginning with the June meeting. Officers may serve more than one year.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall be elected with the provision he/she shall become President the succeeding year.

Section 6. Vacancies in elective office before the end of the term shall be filled by Presidential appointment except in the case of President. In the event the office of the President shall be vacated during a term, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President for the unexpired term and shall still serve as President the following year.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. **PRESIDENT:** shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall serve as program chairman. He/she shall appoint such committees as are necessary and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** shall serve as President the succeeding year. He/she shall preside in the absence of the President. He/she shall serve as editor and distributor of the newsletter.

Section 3. **SECRETARY/TREASURER:** shall keep an updated membership list and distribute copies to all officers, record minutes of each meeting, and send meeting notices to all members. He/she shall keep an accounting of the income and expenditures of the club and shall approve payment for any outstanding debts. Officers shall submit to the Treasurer any expenses incurred that pertain to his/her duties (i.e. postage, long-distance telephone calls, envelopes, paper, cards, etc.). The officers of the club will make an audit annually.

Section 4. **HISTORIAN:** shall keep a journal and scrap book of our meetings and keep up with the events of our kids and families.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Parents' Club by a vote of two thirds of the active members. The proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the President and membership for study at least thirty days before it is to be voted on.

ARTICLE IX: GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Section 1. All gifts shall become the property of the Parents' Club.

Section 2. Should the Parents' Club cease to exist and become inactive for a period of at least two years, all funds in the treasury shall be donated to the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association.

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Club Officers' Duties and Midshipmen Gift Options

President and or Vice President: Attend the Academy Days, Christmas and Hail and Farewell parties. Attend, at your own personal expense, the USNA Clubs Presidents' Meeting in Annapolis, MD. This usually coincides with the 2/C Parents' Weekend.

Secretary/Treasurer: Keeps up with the club's records, disburses funds for club activities. This person usually handles activities for the MIDS because he/she has the checkbook.

Historian: Keeps and maintains the club's scrapbook. Members are encouraged to send newspaper articles or pictures to the Historian.

Activities we have done for the MIDS for the last few years are:

We do something each semester for the MIDS

- Movie cards
- Send a check with a card
- Send a check for Valentine's Day
- Order cookies to be delivered

Order an American flag that has been flown over the United States Capitol for each graduating MID

Pay for a ¼ page ad in the Lucky Bag (USNA's yearbook) for the graduating MIDS

Pay for MIDS and Candidates Christmas dinner at the annual Christmas party

Pay for MIDS and Appointees Hail and Farewell dinner at the annual Hail and Farewell party

Officers are changed at the Hail and Farewell party in June. Membership dues are collected at that time also. (\$75.00 for members and \$25.00 for alumni) All dues should be paid prior to the Reform of the Brigade (when the MIDS report back at the end of the summer). It is important to form up our club's membership so events for the MIDS can be planned and budgeted.

Some ideas for the future:

Recognizing specific accomplishments during the year –

- Plebes – Herndon/Sea Trials
- Youngsters – the Luau – at the end of the year to celebrate their year “under the radar”
- 2/C – signing of the 2 for 7 (re-commitment papers reflecting they have 2 more years at USNA and 5 more in their chosen service – for a total of 7 years minimum commitment.
- Firsties – Commissioning

For all MIDS – winning the Commander in Chief’s trophy!!! (We’ve GOT to do this next year!!!)