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### Parents' Club of Mississippi Fall 2019 Newsletter

### Welcome Plebe & Prep School Parents!

Congratulations on the induction of your student into the Naval Academy Brigade of Midshipmen and to those inducted into prep schools!

This parent club is here to provide information to families and friends of our Midshipmen and Midshipmen candidates. In addition, membership and club dues are used to support our Mids throughout their time at USNA through projects such as cookie deliveries, dark ages "happies", 1/C flags, 2/C proclamations, and support for Mississippi Congressional Academy Days to encourage more Mississippi high school students to consider an education and service through the Naval Academy.

If you haven't already become a member, please complete the attached membership form. We encourage all families to maintain membership throughout your Mid's time at Navy and continue to support incoming Mississippi students as alumni parents.

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USNA ANCHOR DATES - Fall		Cookies delivered to your Mid Oct 7, Nov 4, Feb 3 (Courtesy of the Parents' Club)
2/C Parent Weekend Six week exams Air Force Game Twelve week exams 1/C Service Selection Army Game Finals Week Holiday Leave	Sep 6 - 9 Sep 23-27 Oct 5 Oct 28 - Nov 1 Nov 21 Dec 14 Dec 9 - 18 Dec 19 - Jan 3	r <sup>st</sup> District Academy Day Congressman Trent Kelly The Jackson Avenue Center University of MS, Oxford, MS 4 <sup>th</sup> District Academy Day Congressman Steven Palazzo Hospitality Resort Mgmt Center MS Gulf Coast Community College, Biloxi, MS
Reform of the Brigade	Jan 4	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> District Academy Day Oct 11 Congressman Bennie Thompson 10am – 1pm Washington Cnty Convention Center, Greenville, MS
NAPS KEY DAT Fall Open House Weekend Marking Period 1 Final Exam Battalion Trip to USNA Thanksgiving Leave	Sept 20-22	Parents' Club Christmas DinnerDec 27Table 100 / Flowood, MS (invitations will be sent)3rd District Academy DayTBD – Spring 2020Congressman Michael Guest
Battalion Trip to Army Game Winter Leave		Hail & Farewell LuncheonJun 13Mama Hamil's / Madison, MS (invitations will be sent)

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In June, we gathered for lunch at Mama Hamil's in Madison as we bid farewell to the Class of 2019. We wish them fair winds and following seas as they begin their service to our country as Ensigns and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants. In addition, we welcomed 6 "plebes to be" and 3 prep school appointees. Including parents, we had 47 in attendance.

# **Onduction Day**

Congratulations to the USNA Class of 2023 as they survived plebe summer, joined the Brigade of Midshipmen, and began the academic year. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEM! I hope all of the parents were able to attend Plebe Parent Weekend to get some much needed hugs and hear all about their summer adventure.



On July/24<sup>th</sup>, the **Naval Academy Prep School Battalion** was formed as the Napsters began their indoctrination period as well. GOOD LUCK!



#### **Class** of 2020 Company # Marshall Adair 4 Aaron Ellis 12 Mason Fridge 7 Ralph Moore 10 Thomas Reeder 30 Cedric Williams 7 Class of 2021 Company # Jakub Hill 14 Mark A Humes 7 Donald Christopher Jones Jr 7 Darby Meadows 10 Richard "Rhett" Robinson 2 Emily Woomer 28 Class of 2022 Company # Steadman "Miles" Harrison 6 Lillian Kelly 10 Noah Martinolich 9 Connor McClellan 14 Elizabeth Sanchez 8 Trevor Schibner 4 9 Pevton Seago Mariana Strawn 22 Jarius Warren 8 Class of 2023 Company # Robert "Jake" Boyero 14 Arthur "Trey" Currie 2 Amelie Million 27 Kenna Pierce, Jr. 2 Nicolas Rowan 24 Charlie Sewell 14

**MISSISSIPPI MIDSHIPMEN** 

#### **PREP SCHOOLS**

Linda Nguyen	NAPS
Chelsey Washington Eli Carter	NAPS Greystone
Joseph Hughes	Greystone

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# 2 for 7 Higning

Over Reform weekend, our 2/C Midshipmen signed their 2 for 7 agreements. Sometimes referred to as "the point of no return", 2<sup>nd</sup> class Mids must commit to staying at USNA to complete their education followed by five years of active duty service after graduation. If they choose not to commit, they must leave the Naval Academy. It is a big decision to make for a 20 year old, but they make their choice with eyes wide open. They have spent their first two years preparing and developing to understand the gravity of why they are there and their purpose – to lead sailors and marines honorably and with distinction.

This is our call as midshipmen. It is a mission we proudly accept.

## PARENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

- All Midshipmen will get a dozen cookies delivered to their rooms in Bancroft Hall three times this year. The cookies are courtesy of the parents' club and made locally in Annapolis by "Calvary Cookie Factory".
- We have requested information from parents of 2/C Mids so we can request Lt. Governor Proclamations to commemorate their "2 for 7" signing. These proclamations will be presented to the 2/C at our Christmas dinner on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not returned your Mid's form, please do so by 9/30/2019. Contact Libby at <u>usnapcms@gmail.com</u> with any questions.
- Our 1/C Mids will receive commemorative flags from Senator Wicker's office purchased by our parent club. These will be presented at our Christmas dinner on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.
- During the cold winter months, we send a little something to all of our Mids and Mid Candidates. Be on the lookout for a request to help with this "Dark Ages" project.

### Please support our efforts

Please participate in the support of our Mississippi Mids and Midshipman candidates by becoming a member of the parents' club. Your dues of \$100 per year (\$25 for alumni parents) help us provide special recognition and care packages to our future sailors and marines. They also help us organize gatherings to welcome new USNA candidates, their parents, and provide information for those considering the Naval Academy.

To join, please complete the attached form. Make checks payable to USNA Parents' Club of MS.

### **Suggestions**

Please send suggestions and ideas for improving our club to <u>usnapcms@gmail.com</u>



**BEAT ARMY** 

**Pictures** 

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