

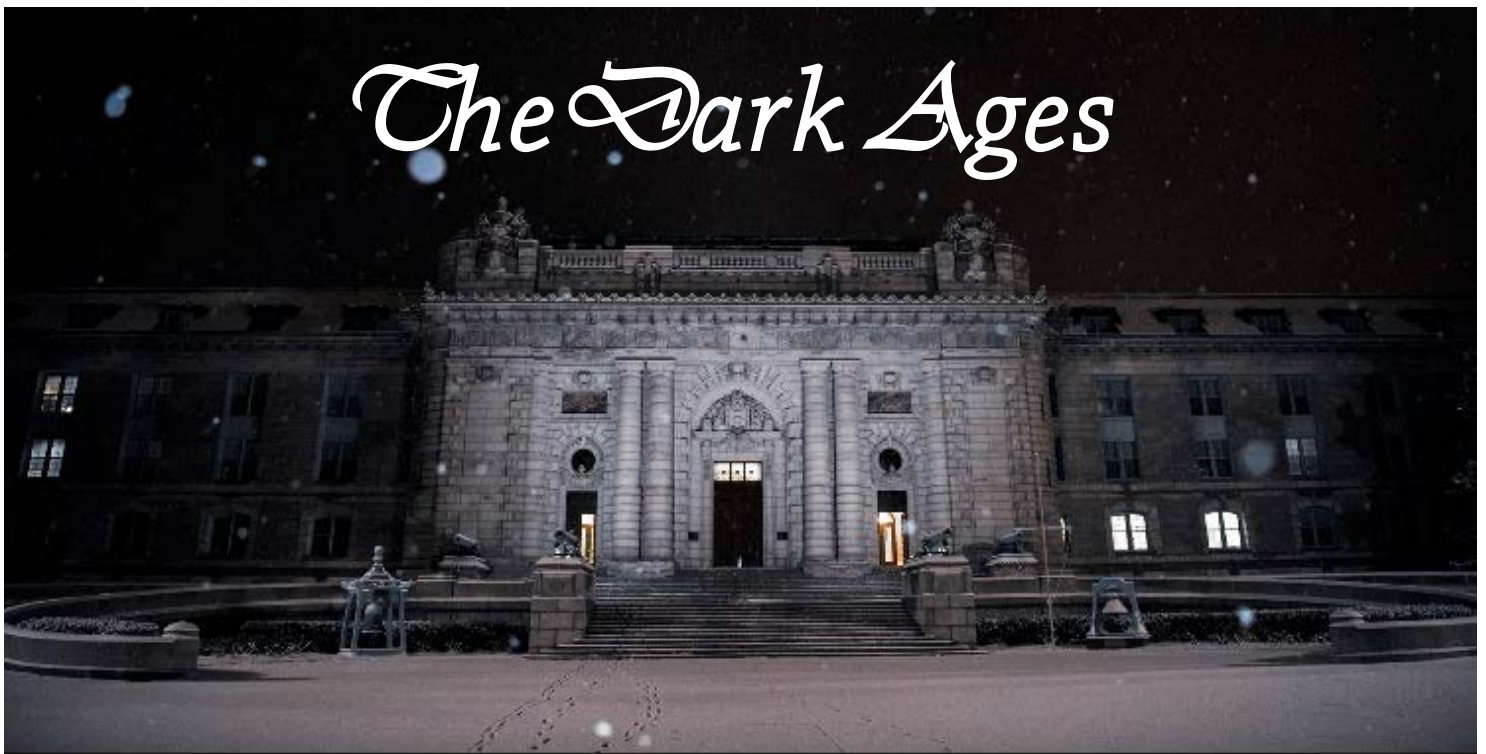


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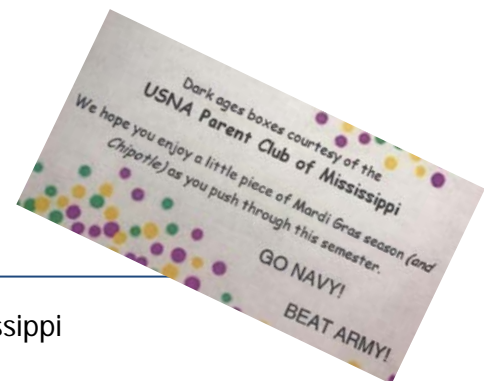
Parents' Club of Mississippi Spring 2019 Newsletter



The early part of second semester at the Naval Academy is often referred to as 'the dark ages'. Holiday leave filled with family, civilian clothes, and sleeping in is over. It is dark, cold, and gloomy on the Yard. There are no football games and spring break seems so far away. Many find it difficult to keep spirits up and push through the daily grind that comes with being a USNA Midshipman.

To help combat these winter blues, the USNA Parents' Club of Mississippi sent all Midshipman, Napsters, and our foundation school attendee a Mardi Gras themed package filled with moon pies, chocolate doubloons, mardi gras beads, and pralines. Also included was a \$25 Chipotle gift card that they can enjoy when finding time to get away for a bit. We hope this helps remind them that the Mississippi parents are thinking of them always!

Thank you to all USNA Parents' Club of MS members whose dues support these types of efforts.



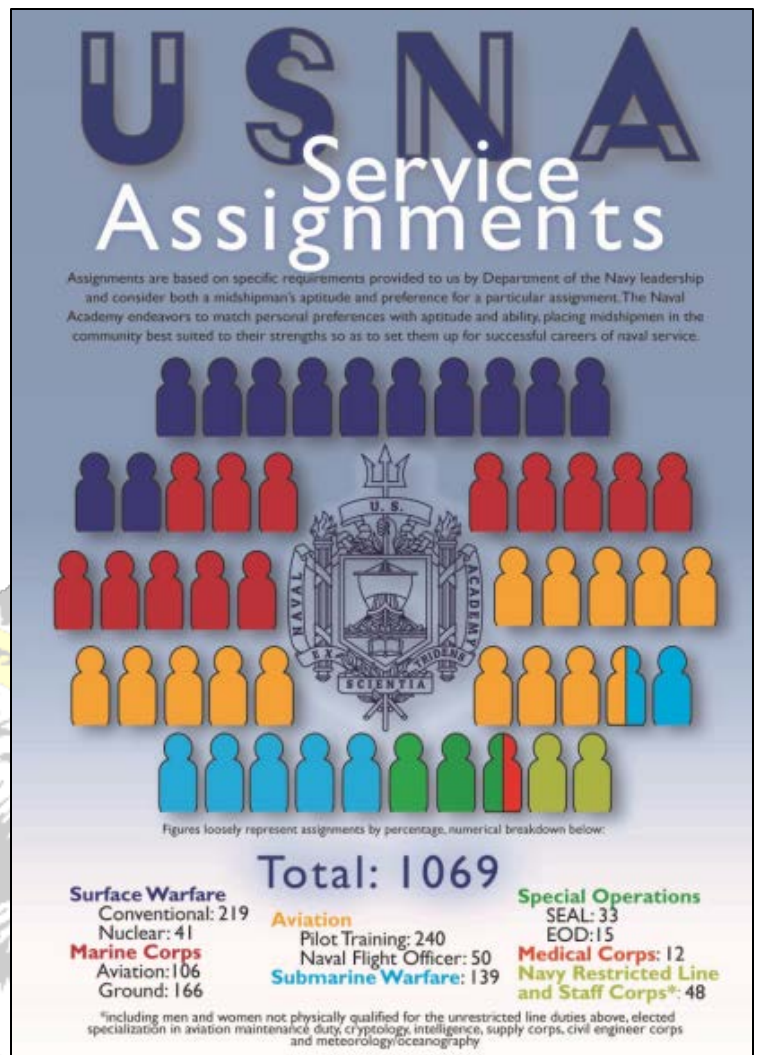
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or at
<http://mississippi.usnaparents.net/>

Service Selection

After three years of rigorous training and study, our 1/C Mids submitted their career assignment preferences this past August as they returned to the Yard as Firsties. They can request up to 6 of the 24 available career choices between the Navy and Marine Corps. On November 15, 2018, they were notified of their Service Assignments and will report to their respective communities after graduation. To the right is the entire Class of 2019 service assignment breakdown.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MISSISSIPPI FIRSTIES on your Service Assignment and upcoming commissioning!

Wes Beasley	Surface Warfare
Charles Gaddis	Submarine Warfare
Hill Garbo	Submarine Warfare
Matthew Hammond	Marine Corps - Aviation
Drew Roye	Marine Corps - Ground



USNA ANCHOR DATES - Spring

1/C SWO Ship Selection	Jan 31
Six week exams	Feb 11-15
4/C Declare Majors	Mar 4-7
Spring Break (leave expires 2000 on 3/17)	Mar 11-17
Twelve week exams	Apr 1-5
Finals Week	May 2 - 9
4/C Sea Trials	May 14
3/C Youngster Luau	May 15
2/C Ring Dance	May 18
4/C Herndon Climb	May 20
1/C Commissioning Week	May 17-24

NAPS KEY DATES - Spring

MP2 Final Exams	Jan 24-28
Spring Break (leave expires 1800 on 3/18)	Mar 13-18
MP3 Final Exams	Apr 25-29
Graduation Ball	May 9
Graduation	May 10



Christmas Dinner 2018

What a FABULOUS turnout we had at our annual Christmas dinner held at Table 100 in Flowood, MS! There were nearly 100 in attendance including Mids, Mid parents, USNA candidates, candidate parents, and distinguished guests.

After a lovely dinner, First Class Midshipman were presented with an American Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol in their honor. Second Class Midshipmen were presented with proclamations signed by the Lt. Governor of Mississippi. The Mids participated in the traditional 'grilling' by Mr. Steve Guyton, which always provides candidates and their parents a lot of helpful (and entertaining) details about life on the Yard.

A very special **THANK YOU to Libby Ellis** for putting it all together! As always, she did an amazing job and continues to work tirelessly supporting our Mids and their parents.



PARENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

- All Jackson, MS area parents are asked to help at **Congressman Michael Guest's 'Academy Day' to be held on Saturday, April 6th at Madison Central High School from 8:30am-12:00pm.** Please volunteer to bring and serve food items to high school students interested in pursuing an appointment to a service academy and their parents. We always want the USNA table to be the best - BEAT ARMY! To volunteer, please contact Libby Ellis at usnapcms@gmail.com.
- The annual **Hail & Farewell luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 22nd at Mama Hamil's Restaurant in Ridgeland, MS from noon til 2:00pm.** This is a time to welcome our new appointees as they prepare for I-Day and bid fair winds and following seas to our newly commissioned Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants as they embark on their service to our country. All Mississippi parents are encouraged to attend to offer support to our new parent members and provide fellowship to those parents with sons and daughters beginning their next chapter. Invitations will be mailed and more details posted to our Facebook page.
- We are looking for parents interested in becoming a USNA Parents Club officer. To ensure the mission to support our Mids continues, **we need new club officers** as existing officers retire when their Mids graduate. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Libby Ellis at usnapcms@gmail.com.

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.

Suggestions

Please send suggestions and ideas for improving our club to usnapcms@gmail.com



Pictures

Please share pictures of your Mid or Mid candidate on our Facebook page!