

2018 Council of Class Presidents (COCP) Meeting Minutes

Annapolis, MD: May 2018

Greetings Class of 96!

I recently attending the bi-annual Council of Class Presidents (COCP) at the Academy. I wanted to pass along some of the things we talked about and keep you all informed on what is going on with our alma mater.

Official Fall 2017 COCP minutes

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs.usna.com/Classes/COCP/Fall2017MeetingMinutes.pdf>

Superintendent VADM Carter

- There was a 4/C recently separated for racial language.
 - There was an editorial paid for by his family that skewed the story. SECNAV and other senior leaders were involved and everyone believes that the Superintendent processed him correctly.
- There is an on-going drug case (so he couldn't give all the details).
 - A MIDN turned in people he suspected of using drugs.
 - NCIS involved and did a 2-month covert monitoring.
 - 7-10 drug users and one distributor targeted.
 - One 1/C MIDN turned himself in for using drugs. Owed \$202,000 back to the Government.
- DUIs are on a slight uptick
- USNA is the cheapest cost per graduate than any other Academy
 - Attributed to quality of staff, retention rate, and size of the yard
- Construction
 - Chapel Dome preservation work will begin soon
 - Electrical Power Grid improvements complete
 - Hopper Hall- Latest and greatest technology. Will have SCIFS and auditoriums.
 - MacDonough Hall is in pretty bad shape. Looking to make big improvements.
 - USNA teamed up with city/county to replace all the Severn River Bridge (aka Naval Academy Bridge) lights with LED. Old lights leaked and most were broken
- ABET Team came into evaluate the new Cyber Program.
 - Obtained first Cyber accreditation in US
 - Returned a "zero comment" inspection
 - USNA is now model program for others
- Started off bad against Army sports in the fall but made a huge comeback (winning 10 of 11 sports) in the Spring. Ended up winning the overall N STAR.
- USNA is involved with a comprehensive Navy study ship handling skills & training based on recent ship incidents. USNA program is very good with YPs. They are looking at possibly training ROTC and OCS as well. Do-able but pricey.
- Some stats on women:
 - 99% of all 1/C MIDN got their first or second choice at service selection.
 - Women are 27.5% of the brigade but make up 38% of all stripers.
 - Female graduation rate is on par with men (~1% higher).
- The program of graduating and then playing a professional sport requires 2 years of service. No more waivers are allowed.
- Starting next year, there will be a "Moral Pillar" score for MIDN. It will be like any other academic or professional score that will factor into performance. Hoping to identify people with low morals prior to graduation.
- Currently target 1000 graduating MIDN every year (title 10 limits to 4,400 MIDN on graduation day). They are looking at bumping up to 1050 graduates.

- Incoming class stats
 - 16,100 Applications (USAF had 10,300 and USMA had 12,400)
 - ~7000 Nominations
 - ~5,000 with nominations were “qualified”
 - 3,500 still eligible after medical review
 - 1185 incoming class size.
 - Expect an 88% retention rate
 - USNA still highest acceptance in country (kids accepting school offer)

Alumni Association

- Brief can be found here
 - <http://s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs.usna.com/Classes/COCP/Spring2018-AlumniAssociationFoundationBrief.pdf>
- Construction on the yard continues
 - Hopper Hall- new Cyber building. State of the Art
 - Terwilliger Center for Student Athletes is in work
 - They will move into the Alumni Assoc & Foundation Center in July/Aug
 - The parking garage is complete. A total of 374 spots (which netted a total of 60 new spots)
 - Golf course upgrades are almost complete (\$7M upgrade)
- The All Academy Challenge starts at the end of May. This is the competition amongst the Academies that try to get the best participation. USNA lost in % of alumni that donated but win in overall funds raised.
- Midshipman Action Group is looking to team up with classes during reunion planning to take on a service project.
- Currently, there is about 79,500 living alumni
- They will be launching a completely revamped alumni website in August
- There is a push to get women alumni more involved. They noticed a trend in lack of women voting in in USNAAA activities. Encouraging Class Committees to get women involved in committee and activities.

Athletic Director- Chet Gladchuck

- Good sports performance
 - Overall .673 winning record (all-time school record)
 - Mens Lax is #11 in country
 - Womens Lax played in NCAA Final 4
 - Tennis plebe beat unbeaten Westpoint senior in come-from-behind nail biter
 - Won N STAR series. Makes for 21 of the last 22 years (*ahem* that would be since 1996)
- New Sports Center is geared toward all sports
- Lots of excitement about Navy/Notre Dame in San Diego this year
- They are looking at doing Army/Navy Football at Foxboro Stadium in 2023

Academic Dean- Andrew Philips

- I had to leave early so no notes, but his brief is here
 - <http://s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs.usna.com/Classes/COCP/Spring2018-DeanPhillipsPresentation.pdf>

From me

- In sad news, I assume that most of you heard about the recent passing of our friend and classmate Teresa Elders on 18 April. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

- <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bonita-ca/teresa-elders-7825508>
- Please send any donations to <https://www.ninegirlsask.com/donate/>
- Let me know if you want your football parking pass at the 1996 tailgate spot
- A sincere appreciation for those **COMPANY REPS** that have been working with Shane “Bruce” McDonald to update your company’s databases. There are still pockets of classmates out there that don’t have current e-mail addresses in there.
- Our **30 Year REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE** has been plugging away at initial planning activities. With the football schedule getting published in Feb, the key is to have as much planned as possible so that you can execute a plan quickly. They are taking into account your responses from the 20-year survey and other classes lessons learned. Thank Thomas Leahy for leading the charge!
- Lastly, an update on our 30-Year reunion **class gift**. Brian Reardon has been working with USNA to get our MOU written and signed. Unfortunately, it probably won’t be done by the May All-Academy Challenge so anything we donate that week will not count towards our fundraising goal. Brian did great work trying to balance USNA strategic objectives, 96 Class desires, and realistic plans to come up with our fundraising goal.

Have a great weekend!

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