



RE: USNA Parent Clubs

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Dear Parents of Incoming Plebes,

Congratulations on your son or daughter's acceptance to the United States Naval Academy! As they embark on this four-year journey, you'll find it to be an extraordinary college experience filled with excitement and rewards. Navigating life at the Naval Academy comes with its unique set of challenges, but you are not alone in this amazing journey.

I'm excited to inform you of the invaluable support system provided by more than **70 USNA parent clubs across the United States**. These clubs, led by volunteer leaders and comprised of current and past midshipmen families, offer a wealth of support, information, and camaraderie. Whether it's sharing experiences, offering advice about Academy life, or simply fostering fellowship, these clubs are here for you and your midshipman every step of the way.

These dedicated club members are ready to provide guidance on how best to support your midshipman during their four years by the Bay. While there will be a lot of ups and a handful of downs, your fellow parents will be with you every step of the way as you offer encouragement during challenging times and celebrate their successes.

Furthermore, as the parent club point of contact, I will ensure that you receive accurate and timely information directly from USNA leadership through our parent club channels. By being part of the parent club network, you'll have access to reliable updates and resources straight from the source.

Many USNA parent clubs, with the assistance of local alumni chapters, organize **plebe Welcome Aboard events** a few weeks prior to I Day. These events provide an excellent opportunity for future classmates, current midshipmen, parents and alumni to mingle, share experiences, and address any questions or concerns incoming plebes and their families may have.

To connect with a USNA parent club in your area, please visit our website usna.com/find-a-chapter-club and click on the map for locations and points of contact for each parent club. A list of parent clubs and their points of contact can be found in this letter below. These clubs are eagerly awaiting to offer assistance and encouragement as you and your son or daughter embark on this remarkable USNA journey. Welcome to the Naval Academy family!

Warm regards,

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