



Tampa Bay Chapter

Dear High School Principals and Guidance Counselors:

September 1, 2016

Enclosed please find a poster announcing the annual U.S. Naval Academy Founders' Day Dinner sponsored for student guests to be held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016**. This year's theme is:

*"The United States Naval Academy: Providing Graduates
Who Have the Potential to Assume the Highest Responsibilities of Command, Citizenship, and Government."*

The USNA Alumni Association Tampa Bay Chapter welcomes all Florida West Coast freshmen through senior high school students (and their parents) who are Naval Academy candidates or who are students interested in learning more about the Naval Academy. Our Founder's Day Dinner is a celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Naval Academy. This year is our 171st anniversary, and will feature young active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers who will speak about how their USNA education prepared them for service to our country.

The dinner will be held at the Feather Sound Country Club (I-275, off of Ulmerton Road in Pinellas County, just over the Howard Frankland Bridge - 2201 Feather Sound Drive) A pre-dinner reception will start at 1800 hours (6:00 PM) followed by presentation of colors and dinner starting at 1900 hours (7:00 PM).

Active duty, reserve and retired Navy and Marine Corps officer alumni will be on hand to share their academy and service experiences with students, candidates and parents on a one-to-one basis during dinner. Following dinner, our speakers will discuss their military specialties (occupations) and how their Naval Academy education prepared them for their demanding duties and responsibilities.

The Naval Academy offers the following majors: Aerospace Engineering, Arabic, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Cyber Operations, Economics, Electrical Engineering, English, General Engineering, General Science, History, Information Technology, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, Operations Research, Physics, Political Science, Quantitative Economics and Systems Engineering.

An appointment to the Naval Academy will provide an education that is valued at \$420,000.

The Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter will host all candidates and students. All candidates/students must be accompanied by at least one parent. There is no cost to candidates/students. For all others, there is a fee of \$40.00 per person for dinner. The two entrée choices are: Panko Crusted Snapper topped with Lobster Etouffee, Cajun Rice and Beans OR Grilled Breast of Chicken Mediterranean with Cous Cous, and Roasted Peppers. Also included are Caesar Salad, Vegetable of the Day, Tea, Coffee and Water. Desert will include a special "Cake Cutting" using Navy and Marine Corps ceremonial swords. A cash bar will be available during the reception.

Reservations and entrée choice are required by Friday, October 7, 2016, to: Warren G. Hahn, P.E., wghahn@1960.usna.com. Or phone, Hahn Engineering, at 813-831-8599. Please make checks out to: USNA Alumni Association and mail the checks to Warren G. Hahn, P.E. CEO at Hahn Engineering, Inc. 3060 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33629. Seating is limited. Please make your reservations early to ensure your opportunity to become informed about the Naval Academy.

Dress will be Summer White for Navy, Class "C" uniform for Marines, Business dress for civilians and students (shirt & tie or skirt/slacks) or equivalent JROTC/Sea Cadet uniform.

Would you please distribute the attached poster and above information to interested students. For further details, please feel free to contact Steve Swift (sswift@1987.usna.com) or Janel Brown (janel.brown@1997.usna.com).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Swift".

Steve Swift, Captain, USNR, Area Coordinator