

USNA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

SPPA maintains a good working relationship with the **Yard's Alumni Association**, in general, and the local **Philadelphia Chapter**, in particular. Members of both Organizations support the various the Activities that are sponsored by each other.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The **Mission** of the **Philadelphia Chapter** of the **Yard's Alumni Association** is 2-Fold:

First -- Initiate and sponsor Activities, which will perpetuate the History, Traditions, Memories, and Growth of the **Naval Academy** and bind Alumni together in the support of the highest Ideas of Command, Citizenship, and Government.

Second -- Seek out, inform, encourage, and assist outstanding, qualified young Men and Women to pursue Careers as Officers in the **US Navy** and **US Marine Corps** through the **Naval Academy**.

Throughout the Year, the **Philadelphia Chapter** offers a variety of worthwhile Activities for our Alumni and their Families. A partial listing of these **Events** sponsored by the **Philadelphia Chapter**, or Groups, affiliated with the **Yard's Alumni Association**, are listed on the chapter's web site. <http://www.usna.com/Chapters/US/PA/Philadelphia>

One Function that is supported by both **SPPA** and the **Philadelphia Chapter** is the **Alumni Association's Annual Awards** and **Parents Recognition Night**, which are normally held in May. At this function, **FIRSTIE Parents** from the surrounding Area that is served by the **USNA Alumni Association**, Philadelphia Chapter, are recognized and given a **Graduation Certificate**.

AWARDS

Also, at the **Annual Awards** and **Parents Recognition Night**, the **Philadelphia Chapter** presents several Awards **Members**, **FIRSTIES**, and **Parents**. These Awards are identified on the following pages.

★ **Richard J. Chudday Memorial** ★

This Annual Award is named in Honor of **Richard J. Chudday**, USNA '54, and is presented to that **Midshipman First Class** from the Delaware Valley (Southeast PA, South Jersey, and Northern Delaware Area) based upon that **MID's** Military Standing (Highest Military Order of Merit at the **Naval Academy** at the end of the Year), as well as having been recommended by their Company Officer. The **Philadelphia Chapter** instituted this Award in 1998.

First Recipient was: **MIDN 1/C David Coe**, Newtown, PA

*Anne and Richard Coe, David's Parents, are active **SPPA Members**.*

Past Recipients are:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> |
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| 1999 | MIDN 1/C Michael Lawler , USNA 1999 |
| 2000 | MIDN 1/C John Augenblick , USNA 2000 |
| 2001 | MIDN 1/C Matthew J. Nieswand , USNA 2001 |
| 2002 | MIDN 1/C David B. Thomas , USNA 2002 |
| 2003 | MIDN 1/C Michael O'Brien , USNA 2003 |
| 2004 | MIDN 1/C David Brennan , USNA 2004 |
| 2005 | MIDN 1/C Anne O'Donnell , USNA 2005 |
| 2006 | MIDN 1/C Brian Anderson , USNA 2006 |

OTHER

On the first Wednesday of the Month, the **West Point Society of Philadelphia** holds a Monthly Job Networking Luncheon at the Chart House at Penn's Landing in **Philadelphia, PA**. Members of the **USNA AA, Philadelphia Chapter**, are encouraged to attend and network Jobs with other Attendees. For more Information see the referenced **WebSite**.

RECOMMENDATION

SPPA recommends and encourages its Members to consider becoming Members of the **USNA Alumni Association, Philadelphia Chapter**.