



UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION

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Mr. William H. Natter, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Natter:

The holidays are upon us, 2012 draws to a close, and I am eager to express my gratitude to the Class of 1964 for its continued support of the Naval Academy.

The Naval Academy continues to be a place of both tradition and innovation, and philanthropy plays an important role in both. Navy football, played at our own impressive Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, continues to impress, achieving Bowl status again this year. Terrific privately-funded faculty appointments, such as former astronaut Ken Reightler '73, guide and inspire the Brigade of Midshipmen. And contributions help the Office of Admissions maintain the standard of accepting students of high academic and athletic achievement, drawing applicants from congressional districts across the nation and broadly promoting the opportunities available at the Academy.

Innovation plays an important role as well. Donors are partnering with federal dollars to grow the new Center for Cyber Security Studies, a place of learning and curriculum development that teaches every plebe the basic elements of cyber security and critical role that the cyber world will play in their military service. And the International Programs Office continues to transform generous charitable gifts into amazing cultural and language opportunities, including the Third Class midshipman who writes, "... the opportunity to travel to a foreign country for a full month... was extremely rewarding and I feel that I have matured significantly as a result of living completely outside my comfort zone."

To illustrate how your class gifts have made a difference here in Annapolis, I have enclosed narrative reports on selected initiatives in the past academic year. I hope you will enjoy the updates and encourage you to call me with your thoughts or questions. I encourage you to share this letter and the enclosures with your classmates. If you would like an electronic version for emailing or posting on your class website, please contact Nicolle Williams at 410-295-4188 or nicolle.williams@usna.com.

With best wishes for the season,

Richard E. Goldsby
Associate Director, Class Legacy Gift Programs

Enclosure(s)

The U.S. Naval Academy Foundation raises private gifts for the U.S. Naval Academy and the Brigade of Midshipmen.

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Stewardship Report 2011-2012 The Naval Academy Annual Fund

Your decision to give to the Naval Academy Annual Fund was a sound one – an investment that has helped to create the margin of excellence for the Brigade of Midshipmen in almost every aspect of the year at the Naval Academy, from Plebe Summer to Commissioning Week.

The Annual Fund helped to produce the Plebe Summer Book, which records the demographics and experiences of our newly-minted midshipmen, and helped meet salary requirements of non-appropriated faculty positions in the new Center for Cyber Security Studies, the Leadership Education and Development Division and the *VADM James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership*.

In October, the Annual Fund brought award-winning Civil War historian Dr. Edward Ayers to Annapolis, where he spoke on “The Logic of Southern Secession” for the 2011 Bancroft Lecture. In November, the Annual Fund gave strong support to the 2011 Naval Academy Science and Engineering Conference (NASEC) – a three-day conference that brings future Navy and Marine Corps officers together with peers from colleges and universities across the country to discuss significant science and engineering issues and challenges. And in December, Annual Fund gifts helped midshipmen travel to nearby FedEx Field to see Navy beat Army, 27-21. Throughout the year, midshipmen traveling abroad benefitted from Annual Fund support for the International Programs Office and for improved gym equipment in Bancroft 7th Wing. As spring approached, the Annual Fund helped to recognize midshipman achievement through the Superintendent’s Distinguished Athlete Leadership Award, among others.

The Naval Academy Annual Fund invested in future midshipmen, as well. The Superintendent directed Annual Fund resources to the Office of Admissions, providing a margin of excellence in fulfillment of its mission to attract highly-motivated and talented applicants from across the nation. Admissions put this support toward the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Summer Program faculty, Blue & Gold Officer training, Summer Seminar sessions, and various outreach initiatives. The Annual Fund reaches the Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) in Newport, Rhode Island as well, with support to its athletic programs and achievement awards at graduation.

Your gift also resulted in vital support to the Naval Academy Alumni Association, making reunion, career and communication services available to Alumni, Parent Clubs, Classes, Chapters and members. *Shipmate* magazine, *WaveTops* (our e-newsletter) and *From the Bridge* (a printed newsletter) were also produced. And finally, the Annual Fund allowed the Foundation to cover the cost of all fund-raising activities, including support for restricted gifts, thereby multiplying the impact of every dollar given to the Annual Fund.



*Deep appreciation is extended to the many
Alumni, Parents, Friends and Organizations who support the
Naval Academy Annual Fund.*