

## **Lieutenant Commander Alan L. Bean, Astronaut, appearing at Freshman Barbecue**

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One of America's astronauts will help launch the first freshmen class of the University of California, San Diego.

Appearing at a barbecue honoring the Charter Class of 1968 will be Alan L. Bean, Lieutenant Commander, USN, says Tom Ham, Chairman of the group arranging the event.

The celebration will be held on the Torrey Pines campus of UCSD beginning at 3:00 P.m., Sunday, September 13. It will be sponsored by the Honorary Alumni of UCSD. Freshmen will be guests of honor.

Among the distinguished guests will also be Lieutenant-Governor Glenn M. Anderson and Mayor Frank Curran.

Lieutenant Commander Bean's visit was arranged through the good offices of General Dynamics/Astronautics, Ham said. "We greatly appreciate this example of community cooperation."

Tickets for the event are available from the Alumni at \$5 per person. Proceeds will go to their Scholarship Fund. Barbecued beef will be served. Music will be provided by the Exotic Sounds of Arthur Lyman.

Lieutenant Commander Bean was born in Wheeler, Texas, March 15, 1932. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Bean, of Fort Worth, Texas.

LCdr Bean received his high school diploma from Paschal High School in Fort Worth in 1950 and a bachelor of science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1955 and was commissioned in the Navy.

He is five-feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has brown hair and hazel eyes. His wife is the former Sue Ragsdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Ragsdale, of Dallas, Texas. The Beans have two children: Clay Arnold, 8; and Amy Sue, 1.

LCdr Bean's last Navy assignment was with Attack Squadron 172 at Cecil Field, Florida, as an A-4 attack pilot. He was graduated from the Navy Test Pilot School at Patuxent and served as project officer on various aircraft for Navy preliminary evaluation, initial trials, and final board of inspection and survey trials at Patuxent from 1960 to 1963. He also attended the School of Aviation Safety at the University of Southern California.

He has more than 2,600 hours flying time, including about 2,200 hours in jet aircraft.

In his present position as an astronaut, LCdr Bean is working on recovery systems for spacecraft in the Operations and Training Branch of the Astronaut Office.