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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

- 8/15 Chapter Board Meeting
- 8/18 August Luncheon
- 9/12 Chapter Board Meeting
- 9/15 September Luncheon
- 9/16 Navy vs. Georgia Tech
- 10/17 Chapter Board Meeting
- 10/20 October Luncheon
- 11/14 Chapter Board Meeting
- 11/17 November Luncheon
- 11/30 Army-Navy GPTV Challenge
- 12/03 Army-Navy Football Game
- 12/12 Chapter Board Meeting
- 12/15 December Luncheon

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

G'Day Mates. I just returned from more than five weeks in Australia mixing with the Aussies in the Outback. Really out back! Nancy and I convoyed with daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren in two small motor homes down the west coast from Darwin to Perth, more than 3,500 miles in all. It was a great trip through really remote country and barren landscapes, punctuated by the occasional spectacular sunset on a deserted beach. My favorite road sign for the trip read, "LIMITED WATER SUPPLIES NEXT 635 KM – FILL UP IN KARRATHA." (Nancy's favorite was "WELCOME TO BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA – PEARL CAPITAL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC.")

We felt a special sense of kinship in Darwin when a tour guide told us about the Japanese bombing attacks on that city, one of which cost the lives of more than 300 U.S. sailors in the sinking of one of our ships in the harbor. He didn't know the name of the ship and I've been unable to find it myself. I'll buy lunch at the next meeting for the first member to tell me about those lost shipmates and identify their ship.

I returned to find some correspondence revealing that a debate continues over the manner in which the Chairman of the USNA Alumni Association is selected. Those procedures

were among those recommended in an extensive governance study report and subsequently adopted by the Board of Trustees in an amendment to the national by-laws. A group that included our previous chapter trustee, Carl McCallum '60, and was chaired by Neil Block '61 conducted the study.

Currently the study group is conducting a survey to determine the level of dissatisfaction with the process within the membership. To participate in the survey and to learn more about the reasoning for the process, as well as to read a differing viewpoint from Deke Forbes '50, a former Commandant of Midshipmen, please visit our Chapter website at [www.usnaaaa.com](http://www.usnaaaa.com).

Anyone not having access to the Internet can contact me at (770) 351-0008 for more information. In addition, Neil Block will be at our August luncheon to answer questions on the subject and to receive our input as to the adequacy of the process.

I was really gratified by the number of new faces I saw at the luncheon last Friday. Our membership is growing, which is good, but with more than 1,700 alumni in the Chapter's region, there are a lot of shipmates we are not reaching. If you know of a classmate or former shipmate whom you haven't seen in a while, give him or her a call. You'll both benefit from it.

BEAT ARMY!!!  
'65

Bob Bush

Ron McCollum, headmaster at  
Woodward Academy Speaks at July  
Luncheon

Woodward Academy, one of Georgia's leading prep schools, is taking steps to encourage more of its students to consider

attendance at the nation's service academies. This new program was initiated by CAPT Bill Brewster '42 who served as President of the Academy from the early 1960's until 1979 and ushered in its change from an all-boys military school to a co-educational prep school of the highest caliber.

The school was originally founded in 1900 as Georgia Military Academy, and remained a military institution until 1964. By meeting strict criteria in its Junior ROTC Program, GMA was entitled to nominate a limited number of graduating cadets each year to compete for admission to West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy or the Air Force Academy. Because of this, Woodward counts among its alumni many service academy graduates who went on to enjoy distinguished military careers.

Since transitioning to a civilian prep school, the number of graduates attending service academies has dwindled, although one grad, Mid'n Douglas Waller is presently at USNA, and recent grad Martin Huggins is currently enjoying Plebe Summer. In an attempt to increase those numbers, CAPT Brewster recently convinced the School's Board of Trustees to set aside a portion of its endowment fund to provide a scholarship reward for qualifying students who commit to attending a service academy.

At CAPT Brewster's suggestion, Ron McCollum, Headmaster at Woodward Academy came to the Chapter's July lunch meeting to discuss the school and the scholarship award. According to Ron, the details of how the scholarship will be administered have not yet been finalized, but it will be specifically designed to benefit selected students who successfully compete for service academy admission.

Woodward Academy has three campuses in the Atlanta area. Total enrollment, which includes K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, is approximately 2,850 students. In all, the high school enrolls slightly more than 1,000 students. The school has high academic standards as well as an extensive athletic program. SAT scores for graduating seniors averaged 1240 last year.

For those interested in Woodward Academy for a child or grandchild, it is best to consider enrollment during the child's middle school years or earlier. Last year fewer than 50 new students were accepted for admission to the high school. For further information about Woodward Academy, visit the Academy's website at [www.Woodward.edu](http://www.Woodward.edu) or contact the admissions office at (404) 765-8259.

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### ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBER REQUESTS HELP

Jim Dudley '60 is a classmate of Carl McCallum's. Jim Dudley has acute myelogenous leukemia! Jim is being treated at the Northside Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. His treatment includes chemotherapy, which include platelet infusions. Platelets have very short shelf life, and are very much in demand for leukemia patients. The procedure for platelet donation is similar to blood donation. There are a number of platelet donation facilities in Atlanta. If you can donate platelets please contact Jenni at 404-459-8742 – she will be happy to answer your questions and get you started on a donation. Please keep Jim in your prayers.

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### NAVY-GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL GAME

Navy is playing in Atlanta again this year. You must buy your own tickets for the game through the Naval Academy Athletic Association. Call 1-800-US4-NAVY.

The Atlanta Chapter will host a big pre-game tailgate party in the Georgia Institute of Technology - Student Center Ballroom. Advance Reservations are required for the Tailgate Party and must be RECEIVED by Saturday, Sept. 9th!

Reservations forms are in this newsletter, or get yours on the WEB.

Great Deal for Year 2000 Chapter Dues Payers... You get a price break! The reservation form has a 10% discount for dues paying Atlanta Chapter members! If you've paid your dues this year, you and your guests get a 10% discount on your Tailgate Party reservations.

Game time: 3:30pm  
Tailgate Party: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

NOTE: If game time changes, tailgate party will shift to start 2.5 hours before game time.

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### AUGUST LUNCHEON

Neil Block '61, in his capacity as Chairman of the Governance Study Group, will speak at our August luncheon meeting.

Our regular luncheons are held the third Friday of each month at Jocks & Jills Sports Bar in Brookhaven. These luncheons provide a regular occasion for meeting with fellow alumni, and are held whether or not a guest speaker is scheduled.

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## USNAAAA Mail List Service

The Atlanta Chapter has an Important New Communications Method. This new communications method is commonly called a "List Server". A List Server is an "automated" group e-mail list because each individual member of the list can "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" from the list at will. The list administrator can send an e-mail message to all list "members" at the same time. (Our list, called USNAAAAMAIL, is a private list that will be shared only with the other list members, and will not be sold or otherwise distributed in any manner outside of our Chapter. It is also a free service to the list members.)

### **Why does our Chapter need this service?**

We need to be able to communicate with members quickly! If a new event is planned, a deadline is approaching, or an event has been canceled, we need to send a notification to as many members as we can quickly via e-mail! The List Server will allow us to do that with much less effort and much greater accuracy. We also need to let people know when they should check the USNAAAA Web Site for new information! Not everyone remembers to check it regularly.

### **Please subscribe now to build our e-mail list quickly!**

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