

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

**July 2000**

**NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS, SEE INSIDE;  
MEET RUSTY SLIDER AT THE JULY  
LUNCHEON**

**Chapter Web Site:**  
<http://www.usnaaaa.com>

**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**7/18 Chapter Board Meeting**  
**7/21 July Luncheon**  
**8/15 Chapter Board Meeting**  
**8/18 August Luncheon**  
**8/12 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**

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

A few weeks ago it was my honor to represent the Atlanta Chapter at the annual Alumni Association Chapter President's Meeting in Annapolis, held in conjunction with the semi-annual Board of Trustees Meeting. Paul Hurst attended the latter and wrote a comprehensive report of it in the May newsletter. If you missed it, it is still available on the web at [www.usnaaaa.com](http://www.usnaaaa.com). It is recommended reading.

Reportedly there was the highest participation ever experienced at the

President's Meeting with more than 50 chapter officers present. It was a terrific learning experience for me as I listened to the presentations about what other Chapters are doing to support the mission of the Association and the Academy. I came away realizing what a great Chapter we have here in Georgia, and what wonderful opportunities we have to be even better.

One area in which we can be a lot more involved is in the referral of good candidates for admission. Looking at the statistics for the Class of 2003, I am very impressed. These are top-notch kids and we can be proud of them. There were 10,145 applicants to the Academy for that class, with 1,232 admitted. But the goal of the admissions department is to increase applications to 15,000 by the year 2007. This is a top priority goal at the Academy and we can help. We can also better recognize and support those midshipmen who represent us from Georgia through direct contact and through more participation with our Parent's Club.

A lot of work has gone into improving communication within the Chapter, but we can do better. We can make the newsletters timelier and more informative, and we'll be working on that, as well as continuing to promote the use of the net and the web page for "getting the word out." (By the way, our web site is now at [www.usnaaaa.com](http://www.usnaaaa.com). If you haven't visited it yet, try it – you'll like

it. And please sign on to the Internet communications network while you're there. You'll like that too, and you won't be bombarded with emails – it is “official use only” and protected so as to remain so.)

And as always, we need to bring more of our shipmates and classmates into the Chapter. We can offer each other an awfully lot, in the way of career transition, networking, and just plain social interaction and support.

Over the next couple of months I will be asking our board to come up with an organization of standing committees to address these issues, and others. In the membership data sheets you sent in, many of you expressed a willingness to serve in some capacity. We haven't forgotten you! I believe these committees will offer more of our members the opportunity to get more involved in the leadership of the Chapter, and we will all be better for it. Thanks for your time and support.

BEAT ARMY!!

Bob Bush '65

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### Congressman Bob Barr Speaks at June Luncheon

Republican Congressman Bob Barr, representing Georgia's 7th district, addressed the gathered Atlanta alumni at Jocks & Jills in Brookhaven for the Chapter June luncheon.

Much of Congressman Barr's speech centered around how the world has changed over the last generation, and not for the better. According to Congressman Barr, we have entered a world similar to that of the old Bizarro World comic books series - where things appear to be 180 degrees opposite of what they really are. The Clinton administration is a prime example of

this phenomenon and, as such, is a terrible example for our nation.

He said that, in the current administration, rationality seems to play a small role. The way the administration handles serious matters, such as national security and other issues, is troubling. Easy access to government computers, people roaming the hallways in government buildings, free access to the White House, etc. are all disturbing. In particular, he's displeased with the way the Department of Energy handles security, citing the recent Los Alamos incident where two computer hard disks containing sensitive national security information were lost for a period of months.

The Clinton White House, he said, is not the cause of this Bizarro World phenomenon, but rather the result of it. He said he believed it to be caused by a change in our value systems and our culture that has occurred gradually over the last generation. Whereas a generation ago, honesty, integrity, and decency were the norm, today they are the exception. Bizarro World is a global phenomenon that is being seen in the United Kingdom and many other parts of the world as well.

Congressman Barr also discussed his involvement in the impeachment proceedings. He said he was honored to participate in the impeachment hearings and that he took his responsibilities very seriously. However, he also believes that the rules surrounding impeachment are very vague.

Congressman Barr was gracious enough to stay on after his speech to fielded questions from the alumni. He fielded questions regarding gun control, block grants, Newt

Gingrich, illegal immigration, and a balanced budget.

Mike Herger '90, Treasurer

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## **NEW SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED**

The new slate of officers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Chapter for the next term was presented by the nominating committee to the Chapter members at the LobsterFest on June 3rd. At the June Chapter luncheon, that slate of officers was approved and elected to serve for the next one-year term.

### **Your newly elected Chapter officers are:**

- President  
    Bob Bush '65
- Vice President  
    Bob Schultz '71
- Vice President, Information Systems  
    Pete Dabbieri '67
- Secretary  
    Joe Solymossy '68
- Treasurer  
    Mike Herger '90
- Web Site Manager  
    Bob Schultz '71
- Chapter Trustee  
    Paul Hurst '62
- Board Members at Large  
    Ernie Maticotta '82  
    Lorie Moore '64  
    Dan Thompson '59

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**NOTE:** Past Chapter Presidents who still reside in the Atlanta Chapter area are permanent members of the Board of Directors.

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## **NAVY-GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL GAME**

Navy will play 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. More details to follow on the Atlanta Chapter's big pre-game tailgate party!

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## **JULY LUNCHEON**

### **Mr. Rusty Slider Director of Admissions Woodward Academy**

Mr. Slider will speak about the Woodward Academy in Atlanta (formerly the Georgia Military Academy), and about their program specifically for students entering the 11th grade who have a desire to attend one of the service academies.

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Our regular luncheons are held the third Friday of each month at Jocks & Jills Sports Bar in Brookhaven, except when a special guest speaker dictates a different location. (Special locations will be published here as well as on our Web site.) 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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## **USNA 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.

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.)

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. (In fact, you can't be added to the list by anyone except yourself. Even the list administrator, Bob Schultz-- your Webmaster, can't add you to the list. We can only invite you to join. Once invited, a confirmation e-mail is sent to you, to which you must reply before your name will be added to the list!)

**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 USNAAA Web Site for new information! Not everyone remembers to check it regularly.

In the past, if the Board of Directors needed to send an emergency communication to the Chapter members, it could only be done by someone manually maintaining a list of as many member's e-mail addresses as they could. We've tried that. It has proven to be both a lot of work and nearly impossible to keep current.

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

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