

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
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**OCTOBER LUNCHEON FEATURED USNA  
VIDEO "To Lead and To Serve"**

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

- 11/14 Chapter Board Meeting
- 11/17 Luncheon - Jack Fisher '47, Nat'l  
President of the Navy League
- 11/30 Army-Navy GPTV Challenge
- 12/03 Army-Navy Football Game
- 12/12 Chapter Board Meeting
- 12/15 Luncheon - Jim Maddox, Atlanta City  
Councilman.
- 01/17 Chapter Board Meeting
- 01/20 January Luncheon
- 02/13 Chapter Board Meeting
- 02/01 February Luncheon

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

There can be no more important topic for me to put at the top of this column than to honor the sacrifice of those sailors on the USS Cole (DDG 67) whose lives were suddenly ended by that terrorist attack in Aden, Yemen on October 12. It is equally important that we acknowledge the suffering of those survivors who were injured in that attack, and salute the bravery, skill and determination of their shipmates whose two-day battle with flooding in extremely hazardous conditions ultimately saved the ship.

Attacks such as this one, serve as grim reminders that the world remains a dangerous place; that we as a nation must never let our guard down; and that when our troops and sailors go to foreign shores and hostile lands, they do so as volunteer patriots, worthy of our deepest respect and appreciation. As a token of that appreciation, your Board of Directors has voted to send a contribution to Cole's Morale and Welfare Fund from the Chapter's treasury.

Of course nothing puts our troops more at risk than to be perceived by our real and would-be enemies as being weak or lacking resolve. I do not believe that any thinking individual would argue that we have seen a significant reduction in military strength and defense expenditures over the last several years. This trend must be reversed soon or there will be hell to pay down the road.

Around the date that this newsletter is published the American people will go to the polls to elect a new Commander in Chief. There are many issues being debated in this year's election, but absolutely none I think more

critical than that of our national security. I do not think it is appropriate for your Atlanta Chapter, or it's leadership, to endorse one candidate over the other.

I do think, however, that each of us has a vested interest in the status of our military and a better appreciation of the importance of that issue than do the vast majority of Americans. I also believe that we each have an obligation not just to vote, but to vote for the ticket that we honestly believe has the greatest knowledge, experience and commitment to that issue. Please make the welfare of those who serve with our armed forces the most important issue in your decision and then vote the ticket you believe best meets that criterion. Thanks.

On a lighter note, I have been challenged by one of our colleagues from West Point to put together a flag football team for a game later this fall. If anyone out there is interested in organizing a response to that challenge, please contact me and I'll help set it up. I'll also cheer, but that's about as close as I'll get to the action...

I'm off to Annapolis October 20th for Homecoming Weekend and the Class of '65's 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Maybe we can get Roger Staubach to dress out and whip up on Rutgers.

BEAT ARMY!!!

BobBush'65

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## CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are going to start a new section in our chapter newsletter. We will place announcements such as accomplishments by chapter family members, special occasions (50-year anniversary), illnesses, and other appropriate information of interest to our members. You can e-mail it to me at [jsolv@excite.com](mailto:jsolv@excite.com). If it is time sensitive give me the dates. This is neither an advertisement nor a marketing opportunity.

- The USNA AAA "On-Line Store" is now open for business on our web site! To find it, go to "Member Services", then click on the link for "On-Line Store - Shop 'til You Drop!" Our first items for sale are the

USNA tumblers and mugs sold at last June's LobsterFest.

- Jack Fisher '47, National President of the Navy League will be our luncheon speaker on November 17th.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND VOLUNTEER THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2000

Navy challenges Army to the annual *GPTV Pledge Drive fundraiser*.

Watch for full details on our web site

([www.usnaaaaa.com](http://www.usnaaaaa.com)) and in our next newsletter.

- We will answer the phones and take pledges
- Volunteers will get a special T-shirt
- We will feed you

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## ARMY – NAVY FOOTBALL - NAVY WILL DOMINATE

TV Party at TJ's Sports Bar  
Saturday, December 2, 2000

### Kickoff at 12am

Doors open at 11:00 am – Breakfast at 11:00

Lunch served at 12:15. The cost is \$15 per person payable at the door, children under 10 for \$10. Multiple TV's, Great Food with cash bar.

Join the FUN. Help celebrate...

### Directions:

TJ's is at 2880 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell; about 2.5 miles east of GA 400 on the north side of Holcomb Bridge Road. If Traveling east, look for the A&P sign on your left and a Pike's Nursery on your right. TJ's is in the Holcomb Center shopping center at the intersection of Holcomb Bridge and Nesbit Ferry.

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## OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Our scheduled guest speaker, Major General Rollings, President Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas, unfortunately had to cancel his speaking engagement with us this month. Due to unexpected events, he was not able to be in Atlanta as scheduled. Instead, we showed "To Lead and To Serve", the Naval Academy's latest and greatest promotional video. All had a good time.

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**JOHN R. FISHER, USNA '47**  
**NATIONAL PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE of the**  
**UNITED STATES is OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON**  
**SPEAKER**

John R. "Jack" Fisher was born in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946 (class of 1947), earned a bachelors and masters degree in civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, attended the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and is listed in Who's Who in America.

His 34 years of naval service included Atlantic Fleet sea duty on the aircraft carrier *Kearsarge* and the minesweeper *Plover*. As an engineering officer, he served in demanding assignments in all parts of the globe. Major construction projects under his supervision included the Atlantic Missile Range, modernization of the Naval Academy and the Corrigedor Memorial. He supervised construction of security facilities and was in charge of the operation of the Presidential retreat at Camp David. He commanded the 8,000 Seabees of the 30th Regiment in Vietnam in support of the Marines in I Corp and was responsible for the closeout of U.S. programs in Southeast Asia. He also commanded all Pacific Fleet Seabees and was responsible for construction of the U.S. Naval base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service

Medal and two Legions of Merit with Combat "V". He completed his Naval career at the rank of Rear Admiral (O-8).

After leaving the Navy, he joined Raymond International Inc., then the 4<sup>th</sup> largest engineering/ construction company in the U.S. and served as Executive Vice President overseeing their world wide construction operations for 10 years. He next served as President of CHAMA Inc., a corporation that owns and manages a chain of hospitals in California, Texas, Arizona and Missouri. He is a past National President of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After more than 20 years in positions of leadership with the Navy League of the U.S., he is now serving as the National President.

Mr. Fisher is married to the former Kitson Overmyer of Columbus, Ohio and they now reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. They have two children, Scott, an Episcopal priest in Fairbanks, Alaska and a daughter, Mrs. Lani Browning of Potomac, Maryland.

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**USS Cole (DDG 67)**

The Atlanta Chapter sent a check to the Captain of the USS Cole (DDG 67) for the ship's Morale and Welfare Fund to help improve the conditions the survivors are living in.

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