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**VADM SCOTT REDD '66 WILL SPEAK AT
APRIL LUNCHEON**

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

04/17 Chapter Board Meeting
04/20 April Luncheon - Admiral Scott Redd
05/04 Army-Navy Atlanta Golf Classic
05/15 Chapter Board Meeting
05/18 May Luncheon
06/02 Lobster Fest
06/12 Chapter Board Meeting
06/15 June Luncheon
07/17 Chapter Board Meeting
07/20 July Luncheon

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this letter a surveillance P-3 has been forced down in China after an encounter with a Chinese fighter. Although reports from the Chinese state that the flight crew is safe and being treated well, neither our military commanders nor our State Department have yet been allowed contact with crew members or access to the aircraft. Incidents such as these serve as constant reminders of the fact that there really are no truly "routine" exercises. So long as there are nations and peoples who bear ill will towards our allies, and us those who have chosen to accept the responsibilities of military service will remain at risk.

I am reminded of an incident that reflects this point even though the situation did not begin to compare in seriousness and, in retrospect, is even mildly humorous. While cruising the Med in John F. Kennedy, CVA-67 during the summer of 1969, we anchored off the coast of the Greek Island of Corfu for a few days. There wasn't much for the crew to do in Corfu, but a couple of our sailors elected to rent a boat and try their hand at sailing. By nightfall the two young men still had not returned. Apparently they had no trouble sailing on a run, but when it came time to turn around and tack home they discovered they had exceeded their skill level. They continued to drift into Albanian waters where they were intercepted and taken into custody by Albanian authorities. To complicate matters, they had left their uniforms and I.D. cards behind on the shore so they were being held as spies!

Fortunately it soon became apparent that these guys were neither a threat to Albanian security, nor a source of intelligence of any value, and their return to the ship was arranged through "official channels" the next day. They arrived sunburned and otherwise unharmed but very much believers that trouble can present itself suddenly and unexpectedly in even the most benign and pleasant environs.

Speaking of pleasant environs, last Sunday we had our first annual Members Appreciation Dinner in the Pavilion at the Lickskillet Farm Restaurant in Roswell. It was a most successful and enjoyable evening. There will be a write-up with photographs on the Chapter web site so I'll not say no more about that event except to express my appreciation to Jim Ravenel '45 and Carl McCallum '60 for putting it all together.

I recently received an email from Rick Coe USMA '93 asking that I notify the Chapter of a networking organization he and others have started. Called the Goizuta Veterans Association, many of the members are students at the Goizuta Business School of Georgia Tech, but that is not a prerequisite for participation. The goal is to develop a network of business people for the exchange of ideas and experience as well as to assist in the career transition of veterans from all of the services. To find out more give Rick a call at (770) 352-0417.

Speaking of networking with those folks from the Citadel of the North, don't forget the Navy-Army Golf Outing on May 4th. I regret that I will be in Annapolis that day and unable to play – but that does improve the chances for the Navy team to add another victory to our string. Details and application are available on the Chapter web site at www.usnaaaa.com.

For another wonderful cause, use the May 4th outing as a warm-up to the Spina Bifida Celebrity Golf Classic on Saturday, May 19 at the Georgian Resort. Steve Frederick '72 helps organize this event each year and can provide more information at (770) 419-9224.

Finally, it isn't too early to mark your calendar for the Umpteenth Annual Lobster Fest to be held this year on Saturday, June 2 in the Pavilion at the Red Top Mountain State

Park just north of Atlanta off I-75. In the meantime, make a commitment to come to lunch at Jocks & Jills in Brookhaven on April 20 and bring a classmate you haven't seen in a while. You'll both enjoy it.

BEAT ARMY!!!

BobBush'65

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section in our chapter newsletter will make Chapter member announcements such as accomplishments by family members, special occasions (50-year anniversary), illnesses, and other appropriate information of interest to our members. Call me or e-mail it to me at jsolv@excite.com. If it is time sensitive give me the dates. This is neither an advertisement nor a marketing opportunity.

- The 5th Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic is planned for May 04, 2001 at The Commons Fort McPherson. This is a Friday with an 11:00 am Shotgun Start! Details to follow.
- The Lobster Fest will be June 2 this year. It will also be at the Red Top Mountain pavilion. More to come soon.
- Dirk Mosis is moving to San Antonio. He put his business card in the mail. Info as follows: Dirk P.D. Mosis III Vice President Real Estate Investments USAA 9830 Cannonade Blvd, Suite 600 San Antonio, TX 78230-2239210 498 4078 / Fax: 210 498 9241 dirk.mosis@usaa.com

BOB HERRIOTT, USNA '64, CONGRESSMAN BARR'S FEDERAL ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS BOARD CHAIRMAN SPEAKS AT MARCH LUNCHEON

Bob Herriott gave an interesting, well delivered, presentation to the assembled alumni at the March Luncheon. He addressed some of the many issues a candidate must consider before and during running for public office. Some of the topics included: fund raising and political party money, bought and earned news

coverage, publicity and mailings, visibility to voters, and positions on issues and party platform. Bob also described the methods he and Representative Bob Barr use to select candidates for the "Federal Academies", including the United States Naval Academy. The Chapter, especially the following attendees appreciated Bob joining us: Bill Wideman '35, Bill Rentz '55, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Mike Herger '90, Duane Young '49, Charlie Hill '42, Jim Hatch '47 and Rob Hatch, Paul Smith '42, Pete Dabbieri '67, Jim Slemenda '66, Art Butler '61, Carl McCallum '60, Tom Blake '49, Ned Hunter '81, Tom Markley '61, Art Warner '42, Eric Busko '88, Mitch Rowland '71, Frank Roescher '59, Stan Anderson '51, Phillip Florence '49, Jack Cumberland '44, Tom Bowman '63, Lorie Moore '61, Gil McCullen '53, Jim Traa '61, Will Wood '66 Wally Wallace '70, Bob Herriott '64.

APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

The speaker for the April 20 Luncheon meeting will be John Scott Redd '66, Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Retired) Chairman, CEO & President of NetSchools Corporation, a high technology education company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. VADM Redd is one of the most recent CEOs to join the CEO Forum on Education and Technology. The Forum was founded in the fall of 1996 to help ensure that America's schools effectively prepare all students to be contributing citizens and productive workers in the 21st Century. He is also a member of the Georgia Tech Research Institute's External Advisory Council.

During his military career, he earned a reputation as an authority on defense policy, international affairs, strategic and operational planning and leadership. His last assignment on active duty was as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (DJ-5) on the Joint Staff. As the senior strategy and policy advisor for the U. S. military, he guided the development of a new National Military Strategy (NMS) and the military strategy portion of the Secretary of Defense's \$1.5 trillion Quadrennial Defense

Review (QDR). Additionally, as the military's "secretary of state," he was one of three military officers (with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) who regularly attended senior NSC meetings at the White House.

VADM Redd graduated second in 1966 from the United States Naval Academy where he studied as a Trident Scholar. Following graduation, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and conducted graduate studies in Uruguay. He was also awarded a Burke Scholarship and completed a Master of Science degree in Operations Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School.

VADM Redd and his wife Donna live in Marietta, Georgia. They have three children.

MEMBERS ONLY – DARK AGES PARTY

It is the Dark Ages, and in anticipation of springtime we had a party! Your chapter Officers and Board put together a party just for you, members of the USNAAA Atlanta Chapter and significant other. The Party was held at the Licksillet Farm restaurant in Roswell and all of us had a great time. The food was great and Atlanta's own Jerry Farber comedian and musician extraordinaire kept the evening light with his jokes. We, Jon Barton '66 and Jan Kelly, Tom and Kate Blake '49, Paul and Jody Borer '70, Bob and Nancy Bush '65, Walt and May Coakley '54, Pete and Nina Dabbieri '67, Mike Donohoo '65, Steve and Karen Frederick '72, Jim and Lynn Hatch '47, Mike and Helena Herger '90, Paul and Nancy Hurst '62, Pete and Sue Knoetgen '77, Mario and Barb Maddox '85, Carl and Marilyn McCallum '60, Lorie and Barb Moore '64, Mike and Bobbie Nassr '54, Jim and Carol sue Ravenel '45, Bill and Susan Rentz '55, Frank and Charlotte Roescher '59, Joe and Linda Solymossy '68, Don and Doodles Thompson '59, Keith and Karen Waldrop '64.

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, your Webmaster, can't add you to the list. The administrator can only invite you to join. Once invited, confirmation e-mail is sent to you, to which you must reply before your name will be added to the list!)

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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 members' 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.
