

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
March 2001**

**MEMBERS ONLY--DARK AGES  
APPRECIATION PARTY ON MARCH 25, 2001**

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**03/13 Chapter Board Meeting**  
**03/16 March Luncheon – Bob Herriott '64**  
**03/25 Dark Ages Members Only Party**  
**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/TBD Lobster Fest**  
**06/12 Chapter Board Meeting**  
**06/15 June Luncheon**

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As I write this column this month I am sitting in my room in a B&B a block from the waterfront in St. Petersburg, FL where it is currently 77 degrees and mostly sunny with a light breeze. I do not mention this because I wish to show how dedicated I am to this monthly newsletter, but rather to explain why I have had some difficulty concentrating on the Chapter's business and why I have been out of touch with those many great people on your Board who keep this thing going and who organize great events like the Member's Dinner coming up on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Since I've been gone for a while I can only trust that the dues mailers have all been returned in huge batches and that concurrently reservations are coming in droves for the dinner. Unfortunately, this first time out for this event we have had to limit the number of reservations we can take, so if you plan to come, don't delay in sending yours in to Jim Ravenel. I fear that we may have a few procrastinators who are going to miss out.

I visualize our Chapter as having three main functions in pursuit of its mission to support the Naval Academy and the Alumni Association as a whole. One of these functions is to provide the opportunity for social interaction and camaraderie among our members, and I think we do a good job at that with our monthly luncheons and numerous other functions like the Lobster Fest, Navy-Army events, the occasional tailgate party and now our Member's Dinner.

We are also asked to support the Academy in our community and to assist in finding good young men and women who could be candidates for admission. The Association is in the process of developing a new network of volunteers, known as Candidate Admission Representatives (aka CARS), whose job it will be to work with the Blue & Gold organization and the Admissions Department to promote the Academy through contact with schools, service clubs and other community organizations.

I advertised for volunteers to fulfill that role in Atlanta and I was gratified to have heard from a large number of folks who are interested in helping. We will probably end up with a network of CARS and associates throughout Georgia, with input and assistance from everyone welcomed as the program becomes more finalized. Stay tuned.

A third very important function, I feel, is to assist fellow alumni in their civilian careers. For some that could mean assisting with the transition from military to civilian life. For others it may mean helping with a job hunt or offering a referral. It can also mean networking in business in the sense that alumni are encouraged to do business with each other. I personally think that is a great idea. I understand that many of the clubs for graduates of Ivy League schools exist primarily (some suggest solely) for that purpose.

That raises a question regarding the Chapter Roster and Chapter By-Laws that has been asked of me a few times since taking over as president. Is it legal and/or proper to use the roster as a source of names and addresses to solicit business on a large scale?

Many believe that our by-laws prohibit the use of the roster for personal business, but actually they do not. It is a violation of the by-laws to sell or give away a roster to someone else for business purposes but nothing currently precludes anyone from using the information to advertise his or her own products or services.

I would like to avoid making any hard and fast rules on this subject, but that flexible approach has some distinct disadvantages. We depend on the information that our members provide us to produce as accurate and useful a

roster as possible. I know there are many fellow alumni who decline to provide personal email addresses, phone numbers, etc., or have failed to join the Chapter's Email Service because they are afraid it will result in a rash of unwanted phone calls or emails.

While I don't want to discourage legitimate business interaction among our members, I also want people to feel confident that their privacy will be protected and that people will use the roster with discretion. I am open to your input on this topic. In the meantime, I'd like to suggest one guideline regarding the use of roster information.

There are certainly exceptions to every rule but in general, I believe that impersonal or generic mass mailings are unappreciated whatever the medium: email, snail mail or telephone. I believe a personal, signed letter is almost always acceptable, as are tastefully printed announcements of professional affiliations, new business openings, etc.

Additionally, we each have the opportunity to respond. Let me know what you think. Thanks for your interest and for your participation in the Chapter.

**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](mailto: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 in June this year. We'll give you the date as soon as we have the place.
- Congratulations to Clint Johnson '60 for selection as chairman of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.
- Admiral J.L. Johnson '68, president Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society sent the Chapter a Thank You letter for our contribution to the USS Cole Memorial Fund.

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## **VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTED AT FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**

Two representatives from the Atlanta Area Veteran's Administration spoke at the February luncheon about the facilities in the Atlanta area and the benefits available to Veterans in North Georgia. The first to speak was Chuck Bedo, Head of the Dept. of Medical and Primary Care Services.

Bruce Rooney who heads several specific programs administered by the VA including an on-going POW Program, the Agent Orange Program and a Persian Gulf Program followed Chuck. These special programs have been created to provide benefits, information and research addressing problems that are specific or unique to situations encountered by veterans during their military service.

While it has been reported that several VA facilities in the Northeast U.S. have been closed due to a lack of patients, the facilities in Atlanta are very busy and their caseload is on the increase. Last year the Atlanta Area facilities saw more than 40,000 veterans and logged more than 385,000 outpatient visits.

The Atlanta facilities are closely aligned with Emory University Hospital and all the physicians working with the VA locally are board certified in their respective specialties. Upon admission into the program, a new patient is assigned to a specific team and provider. He or she may be treated at Emory, or at one of the

peripheral clinics located in Midtown, Oakwood, Lawrenceville or Marietta. As an alternative, individuals may choose to see their personal physician once the VA has approved the physician and treatment.

Any individual who has been honorably discharged is eligible for services. Those services can range from simple physicals and preventive medicine to treatment for injuries or illnesses including medications. Prescriptions are available through the VA but must be approved by a staff physician.

New patients are classified into seven different categories and each person's category determines his or her priority for services as well as the cost-sharing arrangement. A veteran who has a 100% service connected disability is classified Category 1. Category 7 consists of veterans who are eligible for benefits but have no service-connected disabilities.

To learn more about the VA medical services and to request an appointment, eligible persons can call the Intake Clinic Telephone Advice Program at (800) 224-4087. This number is available between 0700 and midnight, but for faster service Chuck recommends calling after 1800 as the service receives several hundred to more than 1,000 calls a day.

The Chapter, especially the following attendees appreciated Chuck and Bruce joining us: Jim Ravenel '45, Bill Wideman '35, Bill Rentz '55, Mike Nassr '54, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Harry Z. Miller '41, Bill Brewster '42, Bob Schultz '71, Mike Donohoo '65, Tob Bowman '63, Mike Herger '90, Marc Farris '70, Duane Young '49, Donald Thompson '59, Vernon Wright '67, Charlie Hill '42, Bill Carver '42, John Stark '51, Bob Bush '65, Glenn Brewer '51, Jim Hatch '47, Bob Ferrante '90, Paul Smith '42, Art Warner '42, George O'Connell '35, Reggie Vachon '58, Pete Dabbieri '67, Tom Marshall '42, Steve Frederick '72, Mario Maddox '85, Woodie Vaughan '64, Jim Slemenda '66, Art Butler '61, Carl McCallum '60, Eugene Wright '96, Mary McElroy '87, Wendell Ross '87.

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## **MARCH LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

The speaker for the March 16 Luncheon meeting will be Bob Herriott '64, Congressman Barr's Federal Academy appointments board Chairman. His real job is a Delta Airlines 767 Capt.

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## **MEMBERS ONLY – DARK AGES PARTY**

It is the Dark Ages, and in anticipation of spring, time to have a party! Your chapter Officers and Board have put together a party just for you, members of the USNAAA Atlanta Chapter and significant other. Sorry no Guests this time.

The Party will be held at the Lickskillet Farm restaurant in Roswell and will consist of a complimentary cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet-style dinner from the famous Lickskillet Farm menu at 7:00 pm. There will be entertainment – Atlanta's own Jerry Farber comedian and musician

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extraordinaire, and music throughout the night by one of Atlanta's best private DJ's.

You must be a 2001 dues paying member, or an honorary member, to attend – space is limited...deadline for all reservations is March 17<sup>th</sup> (all checks must be received by this date). Your check is your reservation.

**WHEN:** Sunday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00pm

**WHERE:** Lickskillet Farm Restaurant  
1380 Old Roswell Rd.  
Roswell, GA 30077  
(770) 475-6484

**DRESS:** Black tie optional

**PRICE:** \$60.00 per couple, \$30.00 for singles

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