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EVENTS CALENDAR:

09/18 Chapter Board Meeting

09/21 September Luncheon

10/16 Chapter Board Meeting

10/19 October Luncheon

11/13 Chapter Board Meeting

11/28 November Luncheon (Wednesday)

12/18 December Board Meeting

12/21 December Luncheon

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As some of you are aware, Joe Solymossy '68, our current Chapter Secretary has just retired from Inpo and moved out of state. That leaves the Chapter with a vacant Board of Directors position.

This is an important position that keeps the Chapter running smoothly. We need someone to step forward and assume the responsibilities of this position.

The primary job responsibilities are as follows:

1. As a Board officer with full voting privileges, the Chapter Secretary is involved in setting Chapter policy and helping determine and plan Chapter activities and events.
2. Attend monthly Board of Directors meetings and keep meeting minutes.
3. Assemble/publish the monthly newsletter using input from various authoring sources and submit to the printer and webmaster via e-mail.
4. Assemble the monthly Shipmate article from same sources and submit to USNAAA National via e-mail.

(Note that you do not need to be an "author" of sorts to handle tasks 3 and 4. Most of the input is authored by others, and there is a standard template that is used to create the newsletter.)

Board meetings are held the Tuesday evenings before the third Friday in each month. They are held at the home of Jim Ravenel '45 in Roswell (on Holcomb Bridge Road just a bit East of Highway 400).

The primary qualifications for the Secretary position, as I see them, are:

1. An interest in Chapter activities and a desire to serve.
2. Ability to regularly attend monthly Board meetings and keep accurate minutes.
3. E-mail capability to receive newsletter input from various sources and to send Newsletter and Shipmate articles to proper agencies as file attachments.
4. Experience using Microsoft Word (to assemble and publish above items).

A Chapter Board position carries with it some distinct advantages that become quite valuable over time. I have been officially involved with the Chapter for over 5 years now and can tell you that it is one of the best decisions that I have made since I have lived in Atlanta. It provides not only great personal satisfaction, but also pays great benefits from the standpoint of personal visibility among the hundreds of USNA alumni working in various industries throughout the Atlanta area.

Fellow alumni, this is an organization staffed and run by a handful of volunteers in their spare time. We need someone to step up to the plate and become one of the few, but critical, links in the chain.

If you have a desire to serve the Chapter in this capacity, or would like to discuss the position responsibilities in greater detail, please contact me directly via phone or e-mail. (Home: 770-448-4299, Work: 770-236-7891, E-mail: RobertS71@aol.com)

And... BEAT ARMY!

Bob Schultz '71
Chapter President

WOODY VAUGHAN '64 SPEAKS AT JULY LUNCHEON

Atlanta Chapter member Woodie Vaughan '64 was the featured speaker at the Atlanta Chapter August luncheon. Woodie related his second Mount Everest climb

adventure to the assembled alumni and guests. (See below for list of attendees)

On his second climb he had the same Sherpa guide as in 1998, Ang Seering. Woodie was also still called "Long Man" because of his height or "Ancient Man" because he is one of the "more senior" climbers. His other team members were three Argentinians and three Americans.

One of the "unexpected" events (you have to be prepared for anything) was when Woodie bit into a piece of hard caramel candy and pulled a tooth right out of his jaw! They tried all sorts of things to get the tooth back in place, and the final resolution was to superglue Woodie's tooth back into the socket. It never even wiggled for the rest of the trip.

After a harrowing flight to Base Camp at 19,000 feet, the team spent some time adjusting to the altitude and hydrating for the climb, drinking an average of ten liters of water per day (!). Then the real climb began. The team made two trips from Base Camp to Camp 1 with various pieces of gear. The next day they went on to Camp 2. The following day the long hard climb to Camp 3 was completed. Camp 3 was extremely steep and they had to literally cut a notch into the ice and snow forming the face of the mountain to put up tents. The Camp 3 to Camp 4 climb was very hard and required using clamp-ons (metal spikes on their boots) to traverse the ice and snow. After four hours on oxygen at Camp 4, he and two Sherpa guides left for the summit about 10:00 pm. The weather was decent and the night sky was ablaze with stars. The snow was thigh deep on Woodie.

As daylight broke and he could see the summit ahead of him, Woodie was energized by the sight, but not nearly enough. It was about 8:00 am, and he was no longer able to walk standing up, crawling forward on hands and knees. At about 10:30 am, Woodie's guide asked him what he was going to do. After some reflection, he reached into his vest and took out a small U.S. flag that his mother had given him, stuck it in the snow in front of him and announced "I am at the summit!" His guide said "Good choice!" Woodie estimates that his flag is planted at about 27,700 feet.

Woodie closed with a reading of a few portions of the commencement address given at Stanford University in 1991 by John Gardner. "Be interested", "Keep your curiosity", "Care", and "Risk" were extolled as those things that a person should strive for in their life. Woodie says that he didn't start climbing mountains until he was in his 50's. Looks like that's his way of being interested and keeping his curiosity. An extreme one for sure!

Chapter President Bob Schultz '71 presented Woodie with the most highly coveted luncheon speaker gift, a personalized Atlanta Chapter apron.

Woodie's attentive audience included Jim Ravenel '45, Bill Brewster '42, Bill Holmes '64, Bob Schultz '71, Bill Rentz '55, Johns Jaudon '55, Joe Canyon '46, John Stark '51, Hap Walker '46, Jim Hatch '47, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Don Thomason '59, Gil McCullen '53, Mitch Rowland '71, Matthew Kirby '94, Vernon Wright '67, Paul Smith '42, A. H. Warner '42, Ted Healy '65, Barb, Devon, Kendall and Lorie Moore '64 and Derek Porter, Nina and Peter Dabbieri '67, Brian Pilger '93, Reggie Vachon '58, Patrick Hamilton '87, Will Wood '66, Lee Whitfield '71, Allan Altera '86, Martha and Richard Wilson '64, Art Czerwonky '65, Michael Lores '74, Susan and Jim Slemenda '66.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2001 LUNCHEONS

The September and October luncheons currently have no guest speakers scheduled. If you have suggestions for luncheon speakers, please contact Chapter Vice President Lorie Moore '64 (LorieMoore@Mindspring.com or H: 770-475-8454). Lorie is the luncheon speaker coordinator for the Chapter.

NOVEMBER 2001 LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Tony Principi USNA '67, Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the Bush Administration, has agreed to be our guest speaker for the Chapter November luncheon. Since our standard venue will probably not hold the expected crowd, the luncheon will be held at the Cherokee Town Club in Buckhead.

Due to Secretary Principi's busy schedule, the luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 28th, rather than the third Friday on the month as usual. Reservations and advance payment will be required. Watch next month's newsletter and the web site for reservation information. Thanks to Jim Ravenel '45, for making arrangements to have Secretary Principi visit with us.

JANUARY 2002 LUNCHEON SPEAKER

The Academic Dean of the U.S. Naval Academy, Rear Admiral Bill Miller, Sr. (retired) has agreed to speak to the Atlanta Chapter at the January luncheon. The luncheon will be held on the third Friday of the month, January 18th, as usual.

Admiral Miller is the father of Bill Miller, Jr. '88, a member of our Chapter and one of our Chapter Career Transition Reps. Thanks to Bill Jr. for volunteering his dad to come to Atlanta and visit with us.

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