

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
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LOBSTERFEST 2002: GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN

**NEW DIRECTOR OF GEORGIA'S BLUE & GOLD
PROGRAM TO ADDRESS CHAPTER THIS FALL**

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

07/16	July Board Meeting
07/19	July Luncheon
08/13	August Board Meeting
08/16	August Luncheon
09/17	September Board Meeting
09/20	September Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I trust that everyone had a great 4th of July holiday and was able to celebrate and enjoy our Independence Day in a manner befitting our great nation!

I'm also sure everyone will agree that we had another great LobsterFest this year. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for a complete write-up on the event. Also look on our web site under "Current News & Info" for digital pictures of many of those in attendance, including the sure to be infamous "bobbing for tomatoes in ice water" pictures!

Now on to a more serious issue. Considering that we're past the mid-year point, I thought that this would be a good time for an update on Chapter membership.

According to our V.P. of Information Systems, Mike Herger '90, our database shows that 230 alumni have paid their 2002 Chapter dues to date. This means that over 70 people who were dues-paying Chapter members last year have not mailed in their 2002 dues yet for this year. That's not a good number for a mid-year count.

I know that I've preached this sermon before, but its worth repeating. We have to get our membership numbers back up over the next two years or we will lose our trustee's seat on the National Board of Trustees. Representation on the national board of trustees means that we have a voice. We get to participate in the formatting and setting of policy for our Alumni Association as a whole. Only the top

nine Chapters (by membership) are afforded a seat on the Board of Trustees. (This was changed a couple of years ago from the top twelve chapters.) Since we were not in the top nine, our current seat was won by competing for one of three "other chapter" seats. We cannot compete for an "other chapter" seat again next time (two in a row of this type are not allowed). So, we must get our Chapter membership numbers back up high enough to get into the top nine chapters in order to regain a trustee's seat on the board when our current trustee's (Bill Rentz '55) term expires.

In order to count you must be a dues-paying member of the Atlanta Chapter AND a member of the National U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association as well! In the past few years only about 85% of our dues paying Chapter members were also National members. We need to fix that ASAP! That alone drops us down a ranking or two on the top Chapter list. If you are not a member of National, sign up this year! We need your Atlanta Chapter membership to count toward our total membership tally for trusteeship. It looks like we need to target a minimum number of 300 alumni who are both Chapter members and National members to get us up into the top nine chapters for this year.

If you have been a Chapter member in past years, you know what the Atlanta Chapter has to offer and the fellowship and camaraderie that it provides. If you've been active, but haven't paid your annual dues this year, or just plain forgot to, re-up and pay your dues today! If your classmates aren't involved, look them up in the Chapter Roster, then pick up the phone and call them. Tell them what they are missing and invite them, or bring them, to an event or a luncheon.

In January you received a dues mailer via snail-mail. If you didn't get one, or have misplaced it, a 2002 Atlanta Chapter Dues form can be found on our web site at www.usnaaaa.com/2002dues.pdf. Or, go to the Member Services page on the web site and look under the "Become a Member" section for the dues form.

If you were a member last year, and none of your personal contact information has changed (address, phone, etc.), you don't even need to use the form. Just put a check in the mail made out to USNAAAA for your yearly dues (\$25.00 for on-line newsletter membership type, or \$35.00 for hard copy, snail-mailed newsletter membership type. If you have e-mail/web access, please sign up for the on-line

newsletter membership type. We are trying to phase out hard copy snail-mailed newsletters.) Mail your check to USNAAAA, P.O. Box 76684, Atlanta, GA 30358.

You, the Atlanta Chapter members, ARE the Chapter! Let's keep our Chapter going and growing!

God bless America. God bless our troops defending freedom around the world.

And... BEAT ARMY!

Bob Schultz '71

CHAPTER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOBSTERFEST 2002 A BIG HIT

Approximately 190 alumni, family, and friends attended the Chapter's 28th Annual LobsterFest on Saturday, June 8th, at the Atlanta Water Works Recreation Facility.

285 fresh Maine lobsters flown in direct from Cap Morrill's in Brewer Maine, plus 25 pounds of mussels, loads of fresh-made salad, hundreds of ears of corn, many pounds of melted butter, plus fresh breads (a last-minute addition from the Slemenda's) and more were consumed by day's end!

Volunteers started arriving at 12:00 noon to make preparations for the 4:00pm lobster dinner. Check-in setup (Bob Schultz and Nick Ward), open bar setup (Ravenel's and Slemenda's), cooking equipment setup (Matt Kirby, Eric Busko, & others), corn shucking (nearly everybody), salad making, picnic table area setup, decorations (Lorie Moore and Charlie Hill), and various other duties were handled by teams of dedicated folks who make the year's favorite event possible.

Many thanks to the McCallum's for coordinating the event yet again this year! And many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible again this year! Special thanks to our cooks (Carl McCallum, Mitch Rowland, Steve Fredericks, Al Jones, and their assistants the McElroy sons) who braved the extra heat around the propane-powered burners to cook the lobsters, mussels, and corn. And thanks to our burger and hot dog cook, Mike Donohoo.

There were many more volunteers, with whom we couldn't have done without. Bravo-Zulu to all! Musical entertainment was provided by Randy Wyton, our new DJ for this year's event. Please check our website for digital photos from the event. (www.usnaaaa.com)

New Director of Gerogia'a Blue & Gold Program to Address Chapter this Fall

Cindy Miller '90, has taken over from John Gates as the Area B&G Coordinator. Cindy (and husband Kurt '88) are both Chapter members and both B&G officers. We are very excited to have Cindy taking over this important function. She has hit the ground running. We look forward to much better coordination between the Atlanta Chapter and the area B&G organization as a result. Watch for future columns authored by Cindy in these newsletters and on the Chapter web site.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter Member Jerry Ashcroft '94 Speaks at June Luncheon

Chapter member Jerry Ashcroft spoke at the Chapter June luncheon and informed the assembled alumni and guests about the Refined Products Pipeline System that runs from Texas to New York Harbor. Colonial Pipeline Company, Jerry's employer, currently is the largest refined products system in the U.S. and fulfills over 20% of the U.S. demand. Jerry works on the Mergers & Acquisition team for Colonial in Alpharetta.

Jerry was nice enough to provide the following summary of his presentation for those who could not attend the luncheon.

Introduction to Pipelines:

A Special Presentation for U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Luncheon

Petroleum Products, like gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel fuel flow through pipelines from refineries to destinations throughout the U.S. While there are many refineries in the U.S., refineries in Canada, the Caribbean, Northwest Europe and Asia also supply some of what we consume in the U.S.

Cost of Transporting Gasoline 1,000 miles:

Method	Cents/Gallon
Pipeline	1.5 – 2.5
Barge	4 – 5
Truck	30 – 40

Colonial Pipeline:

- Transports refined petroleum products from 30 refineries in the Gulf Coast to Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.
- Delivers more than 2,100,000 barrels of fuel daily (over 88 million gallons per day).
- The gasoline you put in your automobile right here in Atlanta moved through one of two pipeline systems to get here from Texas.
- 20% of the products consumed in the U.S. is shipped on Colonial.
- Own and operate approximately 5,350 miles of pipe.
- Requires 20 million barrels just to fill the line.
- Has more than 25 million barrels of tank storage.
- Ships 62 different product grades.
- The average transit time from Houston to New York is 18 days.
- The average barrel of product travels more than 1,000 miles.
- After refining, products must be shipped from the refinery to terminals using pipelines, ships where it is loaded onto tanker trucks bound for gas stations or homes and businesses or directly to waiting aircraft, in the case of jet fuel.
- Refined products pipelines ship different grades of gasoline, diesel fuels, kerosenes and jet fuels, all through the same pipe.
- Different product batches are "pushed" through the system, one right behind the other. The product is kept in turbulent flow to minimize mixing.
- Pipelines use the best sequencing of product grades to reduce the chances of contamination and/or downgrading of the products transported.
- From a fuel quality and usability standpoint, it is very important to keep these grades of fuels separate in the pipeline.
- The amount of time required to move from product origination into the pipeline to the time it is delivered depends on the amount of products being shipped in a pipeline.

- Once a pipeline has filled its lines with inventory, it works on a barrel in, barrel out basis.
- To deliver a barrel to a customer at his/her desired destination, a new barrel must be introduced into the system at the origin.
- We have pump stations every 20 miles, that include large electric motors for driving the pumps.
- The pipeline runs 24 hours per day, 365 days per year
- Pipeline charges are based on meters that measure the product as it is being delivered.
- We have a price we charge for every destination. Generally, we charge more for transporting the products longer distances
- We charge 76 cents per barrel (1.8 cents per gallon) from Houston to Atlanta.
- The gasoline you buy here in Atlanta (for about \$1.19 today) includes a 1.8 cent transportation charge associated with the pipeline movement.
- Colonial earns around \$600 million per year for transporting petroleum products.
- World's largest-volume refined petroleum products pipeline system.
- It would take 10,500 tanker trucks to haul Colonial's average daily delivery of 2.1 million barrels of petroleum products. 10,500 tanker trucks bumper to bumper would be

100 miles in length. Imagine that on the road every day of the year!

- Liquid pipelines offer the safest mode of transport for petroleum products. In 2000, there were 632 fatalities involving medium and heavy trucks, 31 fatalities from marine cargo transport, and only 3 fatalities involving liquid pipelines.
- Liquid pipelines offer the most environmentally conscious mode of transport for petroleum products. Based on spill volumes and volumes transported, tankers and barges spill 53 gallons out of every million transported, while pipelines spill 16 gallons out of every million transported. This is a factor of three better performance for pipelines!

Present at the June luncheon: Jim Ravenel '45, Bill Wideman '35, Charlie Hill '42, Jerry Ashroft '94, Bob Schultz '71, Richard Wilson '64, George O'Connell '35 and his guest Helen Reid, Joe Frazar '65, Paul Burer '70, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Lee Whitfield '71, Seth Waller '93, Doug McDaniel '61, John Miles '93, Paul Hurst '62, Arif Cirtlik '98, Sende Solak '97, Bill Rentz '55, Art Butler '61, Daniel and Richard Petitti (guests), Arnold Galit '92, Matthew Kirby '94, Jim Slemenda '66, Mario Maddox '85.

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