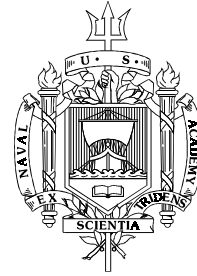


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March 2002**



NAVY-ARMY EVENING OUT AT DANTE'S, APRIL 18TH

**ARMY-NAVY GOLF CHALLENGE
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13TH**

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

03/12	March Board Meeting
03/15	March Luncheon
04/16	April Board Meeting
04/18	Navy-Army Evening at Dante's
04/19	April Luncheon
05/13	Army-Navy Golf Challenge
05/14	May Board Meeting
05/17	May Luncheon
06/08	LobsterFest

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the time this month's newsletter hits the streets it will nearly be Spring. (The vernal equinox is on March 20th this year.) And then Easter comes early this year, on March 31st. Why is that, you ask? Well, Easter actually falls on the same day every year! Yes, it's on a Sunday! We all know that. But it doesn't always fall on the same date, i.e. March Nth or April Nth. It does in fact, however, fall on the same DAY every year. What day is that? What determines what day Easter actually is each year?

OK, on to Chapter business. So, do you still have your year 2002 Chapter dues mailer sitting on your desk waiting to be filled out and mailed in? Well, what are you waiting for? For the price of dinner out one night you can have a year's worth of fun and friendship through the alumni association.

The Chapter Dark Ages Party was held on February 23rd at the Licksillet Farm Restaurant in Alpharetta. This year's party turned into a really good time. Vice Admiral Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, was our guest of honor to help us celebrate the founding of the Academy. Look in this month's newsletter and on the Chapter web site for a complete write-up of the event and pictures (web site only) of the party goers.

Our next major event is the sixth annual Army-Navy Golf Classic, to be held on May 13th at Fort McPherson. We have won the golf tournament four out of the last five times, including the last three years in a row! Be sure to get your reservations in

early and come out again this year to help us beat the Woops again on their home course. Look elsewhere in this month's newsletter for more information and a reservation form to fill out and mail in.

In conjunction with the West Point Society of Atlanta, we have scheduled an evening of fun and fellowship. The joint Navy-Army evening is scheduled for April 18th, 2002. Current plans call for an evening event, with a preliminary cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres beforehand, during which those in attendance can mingle and get to know one another. This would be followed by an optional dinner afterwards, i.e. those who want to stay for dinner could get together in groups and do so on an individual basis. See the article in later in this newsletter for details.

A little further down the road is the Atlanta Chapter's world famous Annual LobsterFest! This year the LobsterFest will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at the City of Atlanta Waterworks facility where it has been held many times before. More information will be published about this event as the time approaches. For now, mark your calendars, and please remember that the LobsterFest is a huge undertaking that requires a lot of work to carry out. We need volunteers to help with setup, check in, food preparation, cooking, serving, clean up, supply pick up and delivery, and more. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Carl McCallum at his home phone, 770-973-1096.

God bless America, and God bless our troops deployed in the Middle East.

And... BEAT ARMY!

Bob Schultz '71

CHAPTER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Evening Out with USNAAA and WPSA (West Point Society of Atlanta)

We are excited to announce an evening of fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to get to know our comrades in the West Point Society of Atlanta.

Where: Dante's Down the Hatch
3380 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta, GA
404-266-1600
(across from the Lenox Mall)

When: Thursday April 18th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Menu: Heavy hors d'oeuvres:
Warm Shrimp dish
Warm Chicken dish
Warm Beef dish
Fondue with Veggies for dipping
Assorted Cheeses

Cocktails: Cash bar

Cost: \$50.00/couple, \$25.00/person
(includes tip/tax) free parking
(This is normally a \$45.00/person menu at Dante's)

Reservations: Required! Make checks out to "Dante's" and mail to:

Robert Schultz
5219 Meadowdale Court
Norcross, GA 30092

Please mail early! To be received no later than April 10th.

Army-Navy Golf Challenge **Coming Soon**

See the separate flyer in this newsletter for details. Make your reservations today!

WHEN: Monday, May 13, 2002

WHERE: The Commons, Fort McPherson

Chapter Membership Drive **Underway, Making Way**

Our 2002 Membership Drive is underway under the leadership of Geoff Anderson '87 and Bill Rentz '55. If you have not already, join us and reap the rewards of the camaraderie and friendship that only a special organization like the Naval Academy and Alumni Association can provide!

March 2002 Luncheon & Speaker

Our monthly luncheon will be held on the third Friday of the month, March 15th, 11:30, at Jocks & Jill's Sport Bar & Restaurant, 4046 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Phone: (404) 816-2801. We are excited to have Mr. Paul Ohme, Director of CEISMC at Georgia Tech as our speaker. (Thanks to Chapter Member Will Wood '66 for arranging for Mr. Ohme to speak to the Chapter.)

CEISMC stands for Center for Education in Science, Mathematics, and Computers. Navy's proceeds from the Army - Navy Golf Classic have gone toward tuition for needy middle school kids to attend CEISMC's two-week SummerScape camp, an opportunity they would not otherwise receive. Our hope is, of course, that such an experience will promote the chances of these kids completing high school and going on to college, even perhaps one of the military academies. If the latter does not occur, one can still expect these kids to become better citizens who can contribute to our nation in many different ways.

Chapter Welcomes CACO Officer

Carl McCallum's wife, Marilyn, volunteered to serve as the Atlanta Chapter's CACO officer (Casualty Assistance Call Officer). In this position, she will send get well or sympathy cards, etc. to Chapter alumni and family members who are seriously ill or have passed away. This is an extremely important job, and we appreciate Marilyn's commitment to the Chapter. If you know of an alumnus or family member who has passed or is ill please contact Marilyn and let her know who that person is. She can be contacted at (770) 973-1096.

2002 Dark Ages Party - Founders Day Celebration a Great Time!

On Saturday evening, February 23, 2002 the second annual Atlanta Chapter Dark Ages Party was held at the Lickskillet Farm Restaurant in Alpharetta. This year's party was in celebration of the founding of the United States Naval Academy on October 10, 1845.

On that date, through the efforts of then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft, the "Naval School" was established on a 10-acre tract of land that was previously an Army base named Fort Severn. (That must certainly be one of Navy's first victories over Army!) Just seven professors and 50 Midshipmen comprised the entire faculty and student body.

The party was a black tie optional event for Atlanta Chapter members only. The majority of the men arrived dressed in tuxedos, with their escorted ladies in equally formal attire. The pavilion full of attendees looked just great. (As I mentioned, we clean up pretty good!)

The guest of honor for the celebration was Vice Admiral John R. Ryan, USN, Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. Admiral Ryan actually had to fly in at 1630 that afternoon and fly back out at 2330 that same night after attending the party and giving a terrific presentation about the Naval Academy.

This year a three-piece band was on hand to provide music during the cocktail hour and during dinner. Immediately after dinner, Chapter President Bob Schultz '71 welcomed Admiral Ryan and the Atlanta alumni and guests to the event. He noted that alumni representing seven decades of classes were present at the dinner. The junior alumnus in attendance was Jerry Ashcroft '94. His wife Anne '93, was also present and missed the junior alumni present status by only a year. (However, since she is ranking member of that family, that didn't seem to upset her all that much!) The senior alumnus in attendance was CAPT George O'Connell, USN (retired), class of 1935! Upholding the fine tradition of a former Midshipman and Naval Officer never showing up unescorted, George was escorting Ms. Aline Cofield for the evening.

Bob Schultz then thanked event coordinator Bob Bush '65, and wife Nancy, for making all the arrangements for the party, which turned out to be a great success. Bob Bush was unaware that he was going to receive a letter of appreciation for his service as Chapter Trustee that evening. Admiral Ryan did the honors of reading the letter and presenting it to Bob. The letter was signed by George P. Watt, President and CEO of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.

Next Bob Bush formally introduced our guest of honor, Admiral Ryan, The Admiral, with assistance from his Flag Lieutenant Mick Brons, gave a well-

received, high-tech PowerPoint presentation on the state of Naval Academy, including many statistics and comparisons between the Academy of today vs. the Academy of decades past when many of those present walked the halls of “Mother B”. Much renovation and modernization has taken place since many of us have last visited the yard.

Since Admiral Ryan had to leave early, we saved dessert (baked Alaska) and dancing until after his presentation. Once we had dessert under our belts, the band cranked back up and the dancing started. However, Bob Schultz’s wife Linda, deciding that the music selections and resultant dancing were just a bit too mild for her taste, asked husband Bob to request that “Mustang Sally” be played. Well folks, that did the trick. If you left before Mustang Sally, you missed the real party! With the playing of Mustang Sally came a rally of spirited dancing, partying, and revelry, the likes of which a group of young Midshipmen would have been hard pressed to match! Hey, we can still get down! Circle dances, line dances, and gyrations of all manner broke out!

What a night! What a party! What a terrific crowd of alumni! I am happy to report that the level of participation and enthusiasm displayed at this event upheld the finest traditions of the Naval Service.

In attendance at the event were:

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Jerry Ashcroft '94 & wife Anne '93, Geoff Anderson '87 & wife Stephanie, Terry Anderson '65 & wife Anne, Jon Barton '66 & wife Jan, Ben Bennett '66 & wife Mary Jane, Paul Borer '70 & wife Jodi, Bob Bush '65 & wife Nancy, Art Butler '61 & wife Dee, Pete Dabierri '67 & wife Nina, Dave DeJarnette '82 & wife Julie, Steve Frederick '72 & wife Karen, Pat Hamilton '87 & wife Lisa, Jim Hatch '47 & wife Lynn, Mike Herger '90 & wife Helena, Dale Herndon '56 & wife Elaine, Paul Hurst '62 & wife Nancy, Mario Maddox '85 & wife Thalila, Carl McCallum '60 & wife Marilyn, Alan Miller '61 & wife June, Lorie Moore '64 & wife Barb, George O'Connell '35 and guest Ms. Aline Cofield, Dave Parsons '69 & wife Donna, Jim Ravenel '45 & wife Carol Sue, VADM John Scott Redd '66 & wife Donna, Bill Rentz '55 & wife Sue, Mike Riley '65 & wife Marie, Mitch Rowland '71 & wife Carole, Bob Schultz '71 & wife Linda, Bob Snelling '65 & wife Paula, Jim Traa '61 & wife Beverly, Reggie Vachon '58 & wife Mary, Nick Ward '74 & guest Rose.

Answer to President's Trivia Question

When is Easter? Easter falls on the same day every year! When is that, you ask? Easter is always the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the first day of Spring (vernal equinox).