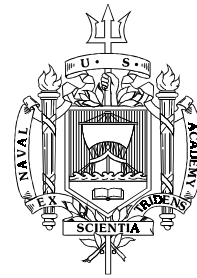


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**28TH ANNUAL LOBSTERFEST JUST AROUND THE
CORNER... GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!**

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

05/13	Army-Navy Golf Challenge
05/14	May Board Meeting
05/17	May Luncheon
06/08	LobsterFest
06/18	June Board Meeting
06/21	June Luncheon
07/16	July Board Meeting
07/19	July Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy belated "Tax Freedom Day!" Tax freedom day this year was on April 27th. Tax freedom day is the first day of the calendar year that you would actually get to keep any money from your income if you had to pay all of your taxes for the entire year first (federal, state, local, sales, etc.). But, don't feel bad, in 2000 the date actually crept into May! So, we're moving in the right direction. (For more info, crank up your web browser and go to www.taxfoundation.org/taxfreedomday.html). OK, now that I think of it, I'm sorry I brought that up! On to the happier topic of Chapter business and events.

The Navy-Army joint evening out at Dante's Down the Hatch was held on April 18th with little fanfare and a small crowd. In my humble opinion, the tactics of the event were lacking in a few areas. I think that most alumni spoke with their wallets (the pricing was not right) and decided not to attend. The idea for the event grew from the realization that many area alumni cannot join us at the Chapter monthly luncheons due to time constraints during the middle of a workday. We hoped that an early evening event would draw some of those folks out of the woodwork. We still think that informal evening events may be the answer to getting more people together. Any and all ideas on venue, pricing, etc. for another attempt are welcomed.

By the time you get his newsletter, it should only be a few days until Navy beats Army for the fourth year in a row at the sixth annual Army-Navy Golf Classic on May 13th at Fort McPherson. Navy has

won the golf tournament four out of the last five times, including the last three years in a row! If you've signed up to play this year, make sure to mark this date on your calendar and show up ready to compete.

With Summer approaching, the 28th Annual LobsterFest is coming up fast! This year the LobsterFest will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at the City of Atlanta Waterworks Recreation Facility where it has been held many times before. Look elsewhere in this month's newsletter for more information and a reservation form to fill out and mail in. As usual, dues-paying Chapter members get a price break on this event. So, if you haven't sent in your 2002 Chapter dues yet, the LobsterFest is a good reminder and great incentive to do so. Also, please remember that the LobsterFest is a large undertaking that requires a huge amount 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 '60 at his home phone, 770-973-1096.

The new Atlanta Chapter Membership and Georgia Alumni Rosters were mailed on Saturday, April 20th. If you paid Chapter dues in 2001, you rate your very own copy of the latest Roster as a benefit of membership. Watch for it in your snail-mail! Then look up your classmates and invite them to an event or a luncheon.

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

And... BEAT ARMY!

Bob Schultz '71

CHAPTER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LobsterFest Approaching Quickly

Sign up now for the LobsterFest that will be June 8th, from 4pm until we're finished at 655 Green Street, City of Atlanta water works recreation facility. The menu will include boiled Maine lobsters, steamers, melted butter, corn on the cob, salad rolls, and open bar with wine, beer, and soft drinks. See the flyer and reservation form enclosed in this newsletter for more information.

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!

Chapter May Luncheon

Our monthly luncheon will be held on the third Friday of the month, May 17th, 11:30, at Jocks & Jill's Sport Bar & Restaurant, 4046 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Phone: (404) 816-2801. Check in starts at 11:30, chow line opens at noon.

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.

CHAPTER NEWS

State Congressman Bob Snelling Addresses Chapter at April Luncheon

Bob Snelling, USNA '65, Representative to the Georgia Legislature from Douglasville, Georgia (District 99) addressed the Atlanta Chapter at our April luncheon.

Bob announced that after eight years in the Georgia Legislature he has decided to step down. While he enjoyed his experience in the Georgia State Congress, he said he was retiring from politics

because of the “three f’s...fun, family, and frustration.” Bob will spend a great deal of time with his six grandchildren and extended family. He will continue to fly for Delta Airlines for another 18 months.

Bob has served on the Douglas County Character Coalition for four years. While that was apparently a rewarding post, he said he was frustrated with Georgia politics. For example, he reminded the group that the State of Georgia ran a \$1.32 billion surplus in 2001, yet we added over \$1 billion in debt. As a State, our debt service alone is over \$130 million annually.

Bob also emphasized that deregulation of natural gas was not working in the best interest of consumers and citizens.

Bob brought redistricting maps for the Georgia House, Senate and Congressional districts and admitted that he couldn’t make sense of the

redistricting, except that it clearly favored select politicians at re-election time.

He did encourage the group, however, by saying that an interested and informed electorate could make a difference in Georgia politics. He encouraged those in attendance to get involved.

Present at the April 2002 luncheon were Jim Ravenel '45, Paul Wideman '35, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Leandro M. James '99, Charlie Hill '42, Zuben Sharma '00, Thowles Blake '49, Bill Rentz '55, C.M. Wood '65, Robert Schultz '71, Walt Sheffield '51, Joe Frazar '65, Don Thompson '59, Lorie Moore '64, Lee Whitfield '71, Vernon Wright '67, G.A. Ronnery '35, Mitch Rowland '71, Doug Metzger '65, Bob Snelling '65, Nick Ward '74, Harry Miller '41, Ples Bruce '77, Matthew Kirby '94, Bob Bush '65, Nancy Bush '65, Shaun Bradley '78, Bill Williams '65, Ron Sedgley '67, Walt Coakley '54, Carl McCallum '60, Jim Slemenda '66, Mary McElroy '87, Terry McElroy '86, Mario Maddox '85.

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