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ARMY-NAVY FOOTBALL JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

11/12	November Board Meeting
11/15	November Luncheon
12/7	Army/Navy Football
12/17	December Board Meeting
12/20	December Luncheon
12/22	Holiday Party

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Veterans Day!

Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th, 2002. A Veterans Day message from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff states, in part, "Veterans day is always a solemn occasion to reflect on and to show our gratitude for those who have fought to preserve the freedoms all Americans enjoy today. Today we find ourselves in the midst of a non-traditional war against a very elusive enemy. Like those before us, we serve in demanding conditions, and our mission requires courage, vision, and selflessness. Today's men and women in uniform seek to build upon the strong foundation laid by America's veterans. The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in paying tribute to our veterans. They have created a legacy that all of us in uniform strive to uphold. May god continue to bless America, and the veterans who so valiantly served her."

An very interesting competition takes place each year on Veterans Day. Each year, high school students from around the country design posters and submit them to the Department of Veterans Affairs to compete with other State's winning entries in the National Veterans Day Poster Competition. For more information, and to download a copy of the winning 2002 Veterans Day poster to display at home or at work, go to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Day web page at WWW.VA.GOV/VETSDAY/. There is also a link on that page to a 16-page Teachers Guide about Veterans Day in PDF format to download and use.

Among other things, it contains a two-page summary of veterans' statistics for every war all the way back to the Revolutionary War! There is also a link to an interesting page about the history of Veterans Day. The following is a partial history of Veterans Day from the site.

Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, came into being at the close of the First World War -- November 11, 1918. One of the bloodiest conflicts of the 20th century, World War I was hoped to be the "War to End All Wars" -- that is, people earnestly believed and prayed that we would never again engage in a conflict that would engulf so much of the world. Underscoring this hope, it was also the time when a league of nations was first proposed by a world figure of prominence -- then U.S. President Woodrow Wilson -- in answer to a dream that in future nations could settle differences by discussing them and coming to an amicable agreement without bloodshed. Sadly, the hoped for lasting peace and the dream of a world congress were not to endure.

Official recognition of Armistice Day was made in a concurrent resolution (44 Stat. 1982) enacted by Congress on June 4, 1926. It was a recognition of the already existing celebrations taking place in the country and existed as a suggestion to the president rather than a declaration of a legal holiday.

In 1938, on the eve of World War II, the U.S. Congress finally voted Armistice Day as a legal holiday. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November of each year a legal holiday -- "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". The following year, war again broke out in Europe and while a celebration of a peace that no longer existed may seem a futile endeavor, the holiday continued to be observed.

"Armistice Day" was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but after World War II and the Korean Conflict many realized that recognition was due those who had served this country in those conflicts as well. In 1953, the townspeople of Emporia, Kansas renamed the day "Veterans' Day" and celebrated it in recognition not of the transitory peace won but of the men and women who fought and struggled to win it.

In 1954, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans' service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and

inserting in lieu thereof the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation".

The Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to insure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays-- Washington's Birthday (later renamed "Presidents' Day"), Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities, and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates. The first Veterans' Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971.

It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479) which would return the annual observance of Veterans' Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the express will of the overwhelming majority of the State legislatures, all major service organizations and the American people.

While much of the martial aspects of the celebration -- parades and exuberant ceremonies of nationalistic pride--have been in decline in recent years, Americans still give thanks for peace on Veterans' Day. There are ceremonies and speeches, and at 11:00 in the morning, most Americans observe a moment of silence, remembering those who fought for peace.

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

And... BEAT ARMY on December 7th!

Robert R. Schultz '71

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Army-Navy Football 2002: Join us to watch the Game!

- What:** Army-Navy Football Game Party. Army is hosting this year's annual event. Come help cheer the Navy team to victory over the woops!
- When:** Saturday, December 7th. Doors open at 11:30; kick-off is at noon.
- Where:** TJ's Sports Bar & Grill
2880 Holcomb Bridge Rd
Alpharetta, GA
- How much:** \$15/person for lunch, \$10 for children 10 and under. Pay at the door, no advanced reservations. Cash bar.
- Benefits:** The VORCI (Veterans Opportunity & Resource Center) needs gifts for their 10th Annual Christmas Party. Please bring them with you to the Army-Navy Football Game Party.

Jean Kirby of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce to Address the Chapter in November

Regular monthly luncheons are held at noon on the third Friday of each month at:

Jocks & Jills Sport Bar & Restaurant
4046 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA
Phone: (404) 816-2801

This month, Jean Kirby, Vice-President at the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce will address the Chapter. Jean serves as the Executive Director of the Southeastern Economic Alliance (SEA). The mission of the SEA is to secure funding for High-Speed rail to the Southeastern United States. Her responsibilities include managing the coalition of fourteen chambers of commerce, coordinating the lobbying effort on behalf of the Alliance, and providing consulting services to the Alliance. Jean

will talk to us about the successes and challenges of the Metro Chamber and the SEA as they promote economic development while having a positive impact on quality-of-life and public policy issues like transportation, education and the environment.

Prior to the Metro Atlanta Chamber, Jean Kirby worked for the international strategy-consulting firm, Boston Consulting Group (BCG). At BCG, she assessed strategic options and identified new business ventures for clients including the Southern Company, International Paper, and Michelin.

In addition, while at BCG she provided consulting services to the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for the Clean Water Initiative, an effort co-chaired by Atlanta business leaders A.W. "Bill" Dahlberg (former CEO of the Southern Company) and Ray Weeks (formerly with Duke Weeks) to address Atlanta's water quality issues. The recommendations BCG developed for the Clean Water Initiative became Georgia State Law in the 2001 session in the form of the North Georgia Metropolitan Water Planning District.

Before working for The Boston Consulting Group, Jean Kirby worked in the New York and London offices of Merrill Lynch. While at Merrill Lynch, she worked in derivatives finance, assessing risk for the Commodity Swap Desk and the Foreign Currency Swap Desk. She also served as an internal consultant for the Capital Markets Group developing, implementing, and supporting a financial tracking system for 500 marketers worldwide.

Jean has an MBA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science in business from Wake Forest University. While at UVA, she was tapped for the leadership honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa. Jean's husband, Matthew Kirby '94, is the Chapter's Secretary and a Board Member.

RADM Marfiak '66 Addressed Chapter at October Luncheon

Rear Admiral Thomas Marfiak, CEO and Publisher of U.S. Naval Institute, and his staff member Eve Nolan (ardent supporter of the Atlanta Chapter) visited us from Annapolis for the Chapter October Luncheon.

Our private room at Jock's & Jill's was nearly filled with area alumni and guests who were treated to an interesting and entertaining presentation from Admiral Marfiak.

The Admiral informed us that the U.S. Naval Institute was founded in 1873 and publishes two periodical magazines: Proceedings and Naval History. In addition he stated that they produce about 100 books per year, including "Reef Points", every Midshipman's favorite by far!

Admiral Marfiak then gave us an enlightening comparison between the hardware of yesterday's Navy vs. that of today's Navy. The days of "kick the tires, light the fires, and go" are long over, he said. The ships and aircraft of today's Navy are chocked full of computer controls that monitor and control every phase of their operation. As a result of having to keep keep pace with this technology, today's Naval Officer is a different breed as well.

Admiral Marfiak's view of the future Navy is "smaller" and more efficient. Along with the increased technology comes the associated increase in cost of building ships and planes. The average cost of a Navy surface ship today is around \$700 to \$800 million.

A brief Q&A session was held before the luncheon was closed with the singing of Navy Blue and Gold.

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Address Correction Requested.

Present at the October 2002 luncheon were Charlie Hill '42, Dick Fitzgerald '62, John Stark '51, Bob Schultz '71, Nick Ward '74, Bill Rentz '55, Wayne Millsap (guest), Gerald Mackey '54, Tom Marfiak '66, Eve Nolan, Bill Holmes '64, Joe Wallis '86, Joe Frazar '65, Mike Riley '65, Bob Wittenberg '61, Erne Schealin '87, Stan Anderson '51, Stuckey McIntosh, Bob Olsen '54, Jim Hatch '47, Paul Smith '42, Bill Williams '65, Mike Miller '56, Lee Whitfield '71, Shaun Bradley '78, Wes Reel (guest), Arif Cirtlik '98, Lorie Moore '64, C M Wood '65, Steve Frederick '72, Kenneth Graves '94, Tom Marshall '42, Don Thompson '59, Mike Nassr '54, Hal Morrison '61, Michael Gebhardt '92, Doug Abernathy '95, Mario Maddox '85, Tony Womble '63, and Walt Coakley '54,

BGO Notes:

BGO Notes to resume next month. Cindy Miller '90, our regional Blue & Gold coordinator and her husband Kurt '89 are the proud parents of a baby boy born October 30, 2002. Ronald Wilson Miller (USNA Class of 2024??), and his Mother are doing great!