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EVENTS CALENDAR:

08/19	August Board Meeting
08/22	August Luncheon
09/16	September Board Meeting
09/19	September Luncheon
10/11	Navy at Vanderbilt
10/25	Homecoming in Annapolis

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the new chapter officers get into their duties as the new chapter Board of Directors, I would like to strongly encourage you as members to know who the officers are and to freely communicate with them. Their names, duties, and phone numbers are published in the chapter newsletter and on the web site. One of our first tasks will be to firm up and flesh out the activities and social schedule for the upcoming year 2003 and 2004. We need your input and help. If you have ideas and thoughts about how these activities can be improved to appeal to more of the membership, please speak up and give us your input. Call any member of the Board that you feel comfortable communicating with no matter what his or her duties may be and that member will bring it up to the entire board for discussion at the next meeting; sooner if need be. The board meets each month on the Tuesday evening before the Chapter monthly luncheon.

The monthly luncheons and chapter meetings are the third Friday of each month at Jocks and Jill's in Brookhaven and will remain there until further notice. Speakers of interest are being sought constantly and we will happily take suggestions and help in that area.

Here is a rough list of other activities being noodled, some subject to change:

Sometime in the fall: Dinner at Jocks and Jill's on a Friday or Saturday night

October 11, 2003: Navy at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Caravan or Bus, tailgate with Knoxville/Oak Ridge Chapter at Vandy Stadium

October 25, 2003: Homecoming – Delaware at Navy followed on October 27 by USNA Ethics and Leadership Seminar. Chapter President invited to participate. Contact: Bill Rentz

November 10, 2003: Atlanta Touchdown Club – Navy Coach Paul Johnson guest speaker. Contact: Stew Caldwell

December 6, 2003: Army vs. Navy at TJ's Sports Bar in Roswell

December 13, 2003: Chapter Christmas Party at Bill & Sue Rentz home in Locust Grove, GA. Contact: Bill Rentz

Late Jan/early Feb 2004: Founders Day/Dark Ages Party, location to be announced

Late March/early April 2004: Vernal Equinox Dinner at Hampton House – Southside. Hampton, GA. Contact: Bill Rentz

May 2004: 8th Annual Army Navy Golf Classic at Ft. McPherson. Contact: Will Wood

June 5 or 6, 2004: LobsterFest! Red Top Mountain State Park or City of Atlanta Water Works facility. Contact: Mike Herger

As soon as more details are firmed up and a contact person is noted we will publish the news. In the meanwhile, please share with us your ideas and spread the word to your classmates, neighbors, shipmates, and old friends who you notice are not participating in chapter activities. We need and strongly want their participation, and besides - they will enjoy it. And if they don't enjoy it they can tell us how to make it better.

Bill Rentz '55

CHAPTER NEWS

"Buzz" Patterson to Address Chapter at August Luncheon

Lieutenant Colonel Robert "Buzz" Patterson, United States Air Force (Ret.), served 20 active years in the military with distinction and saw tours of duty as an Air Force pilot in Grenada, Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti, and Bosnia, as well as in the White House.

From 1996 to 1998, Colonel Patterson was the Senior Military Aide to President Bill Clinton. During that time he was responsible for the President's Emergency Satchel—otherwise known as the "nuclear football." In addition, Colonel Patterson was the operational commander for all military units assigned to the White House, to include Air Force One, Marine One, Camp David, White House Transportation Agency and White House Mess. While in the White House, Patterson accompanied President Clinton on 66 state-side and 7 overseas trips.

Patterson received the Defense Superior Service Medal for accomplishments while at the White House, and was awarded the Air Force Air Medal for flying fifteen combat support missions into then besieged Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was promoted below-the-zone (early) to Major and Lieutenant Colonel. From May of 1998 to 2001 he served as the Commander of Cadet Group 3 at the United States Air Force Academy and was the selected USAFA Cadet Group Commander of the Year in 1997.

In his twenty-year Air Force career, Colonel Patterson flew for more than 4000 hours before retiring in 2001.

Currently, Buzz Patterson works as a civilian contractor and manages the 8 million dollar operating budget for Dobbins Air Base in Atlanta, GA. He is married with two children.

Luncheon Details

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

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

The cost is \$12.

Present at the Chapter's July luncheon were:

Bill Wideman '35, George O'Connell '35, Paul Smelt '42, Jim Ravenel '45, Jim Hatch '47, Bill Rentz '55, Jack Johnson '55, Reggie Vachon '58, Clint Johnson '60, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Dee Fitzgerald (guest), Bill Brewster '62, Lorie Moore '64, Stu Caldwell '65,

Jim Slemenda '66, Jon Barton '66, Pete Dabbieri '67, Marc Farris '70, Paul Borer '70, Bob Schultz '71, Nina Dabbieri (guest), Lee Whitfield '71, Ron Hartwig '77, Patrick Allen (guest), Martha Allen (guest), Dave DeJarnette '82, and Wade Deliberto '97.

Blue & Gold Officers' Corner: **Admissions for the class of 2007** **and** **Applications for the class of 2008**

The class of 2007 reported for duty on 1 July 03. A total of 1228 students took the oath of office. There were 3 appointees from the class decided not to raise their right hand on I-day. As of 25 July 03, there were already 40 plebes in Tango company in the process of leaving USNA.

The admissions process for the class of 2008 is well underway. USNA has mailed out more than 6,000 applications to students that have met the profile for possible admission to USNA. There are a large number of students that have requested applications but will not be sent one until they become more "competitive".

If there is a rising senior in high school that you are aware of who is interested in attending USNA, the process has already started. The student needs to go on-line to www.usna.edu and under the Admissions section, register for an application. There is a lot involved in the application process, including essays, Physical Aptitude Exam, medical exam, and teacher recommendations, just to name a few. The senior also needs to start the process to obtain a nomination by contacting their Georgia senators (The honorable Chambliss and Miller) and their local U.S. congressman. Most congressmen and senators require that students submit information, such as transcripts, recommendations, and essays to their offices by the end of October so that they can hold interviews in November. With this in mind,

there are not too many opportunities left for seniors to take or retake the SAT or ACT.

If you are aware of a junior in high school that is interested in USNA, they need to also start the application process by going on line to www.usna.edu and registering. Juniors need to start taking the PSAT, SAT or ACT whenever it becomes available so that in January when USNA sends applications out to the juniors for the USNA Summer Seminar program, they will have a good score to submit with the application. Juniors can contact the Senators from Georgia and their local U.S. congressman in January of their junior year. If you know of a junior that would like to talk to their USNA Blue & Gold Officer, please have them contact LCDR Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or cindymiller@1990.usna.com.

A BGO is a USNA Blue and Gold Officer. BGOs perform counseling and interview students that are applying to USNA. A BGO performs a very important and needed service to the Academy Admissions office by providing a face-to-face interview with the candidate and evaluating the student for their true desire to attend USNA and serve in the Naval service. If you would like to know more about the program or if you would like to help by becoming a BGO, please contact Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or cindymiller@1990.usna.com. I am currently in need of another BGO in the Snellville or Conyers area. The program is very flexible and lends itself easily to almost any schedule, including pilots. For more details on the program, please see the past articles in the USNA Atlanta Alumni newsletter.

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