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**\*\*\* NAVY 58 – ARMY 12 \*\*\***

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

1/14	January Board Meeting
1/17	January Luncheon
1/19	USNA Gospel Choir in Atlanta
2/15	Founder's Day Party
2/18	February Board Meeting
2/21	February Luncheon
5/02	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! If you thought that you had too much food or drink over the holidays and therefore somehow missed getting your December newsletter... you didn't. There was no December newsletter. There was so much going on with the holidays that we just decided to combine it with the January newsletter. (No excuse, sir!)

At any rate, unless you have already started hibernating for the winter, you know that Navy won the history making 103rd Army-Navy football game in Giant Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. The final score of Navy 58 - Army 12, represents the most total points scored in the history of the game, assuring this Navy team a place in the history books! What a great day for Navy football! With this win Navy has won three out of the last four games! The series now stands at Army 49, Navy 47, Ties 7, though Navy leads the series in total touchdowns and total yardage.

The Chapter Christmas/Holiday Party was held on Sunday December 22nd at the home of Michael and Susan Lores '74, in Roswell. Approximately 50 alumni and friends attended the catered event. The company, the food and spirits, and the Lores home were all just great. I managed to get a crop of digital pictures of some of those in attendance. Watch for them to show up on the Chapter web site. Many thanks to Mike and Susan for sharing their beautiful home with us.

The Chapter Luncheon on January 17th will be a business-networking luncheon. This will be our first

try at providing area alumni a forum for networking and exchange of information regarding job opportunities, those conducting job searches, business promotion, etc. We will learn as we go in this effort, and make changes accordingly as we learn what works.

### **Don't Miss the USNA Gospel Choir Concert!**

We have been informed that the Naval Academy Gospel Choir will visit Atlanta again during the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday weekend celebration, January 17th through the 19th, 2003. The choir will put on a public concert at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 18th, at the old Ebenezer Baptist Church across the street from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. The Chapter will provide a lunch for the choir members in the MLK Center at noon that day. If you missed their concert in previous years, you missed some really uplifting gospel singing. This is a very talented group of Mids. Don't miss it this year!

Now the Dark Ages are upon us! Our Chapter Dark Ages Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, at NAS, Atlanta. This will be a member's only, black tie optional, event in honor of Founder's Day to celebrate the founding of the United States Naval Academy. Our guest of honor is Colonel David Vetter, the Dean of Admissions of the U.S. Naval Academy. Formal invitations will be mailed to all year 2002 Chapter members. Alumni who join the Chapter this year are also invited to attend. Keep an eye on the newsletters and the web site for further information.

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

And... BEAT ARMY - AGAIN!

Bob Schultz '71

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## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Army & Navy Alumni watch together as the Mids bring home a victory**

Just over 70 Naval Academy Alumni and friends gathered at TJ's Sports Bar & Grill in Roswell on December 7th, 2002 to watch Navy win the 103rd meeting of Navy and Army on the gridiron. The final score of Navy 52 - Army 12, represents the

most total points scored in the history of the game, assuring this Navy team a place in the history books!

Thanks to Chapter Treasurer Nick Ward '74 for working check-in and to everyone else who helped make Saturday, December 7th another memorable day for Navy football.

See the website for digital pictures of the event. Present at the event were Jim and Carol Sue Ravenel '45 with their granddaughters Katie, Missy and Libby Kidd and friend Britney, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Steve McDonald '65, Bill Holmes '64, Ken Thomas '73, Nick Ward '74 and Jean Jacob, Stewart and Ann Caldwell '65, Jeff and Helen Lewis '70, Ed and Muriel Hux '61 and son Ned, Bennett Christman '01, Marc and Beryl Farris '70, Sue Knoetgen '77 and sons Pete and Philip, Doug Metzger '65, Teb and Linn Bowman '63, Paul and BJ Kellogg '65, Mike Donohoo '65, Paul Thorsen '65, Paul and Jody Borer '70, Peter and Nina Dabbieri '67 and Wanda Lee, Tim and Lissa Phillips '89 Dan Chiafar '02, Kurt Miller '88 and Cindy Miller '90 (plus 3 future Mids), Don Thompson '59, Martin Cade '88, Les and Debbie Gable '70, Matt and Allison Krause '96, Brigitte Fessele '97, Lee Whitfield '71 and Sharon Ealy, Paul Johnson '82 and son Taylor, Arif Cirtlik '98, Clint and Monty Johnson '60, Lorie Moore '64, Steve and Karen Frederick '72, Ron Hertwig '77, Hal and Stephanie Perdew '97, Brian and Michelle Pilger '93, Jim and Beverly Traa '61, Andy LaHaie '94, Paul Hurst '62, Bill and Ashley Bollwerk '91, Mike Herger '90, and Scott Brooks '83.

### **Announcing the January Luncheon: Business Networking Opportunity**

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 we will provide for our members a forum for business networking among area alumni. Alumni can interact before and during lunch, plus an opportunity will be afforded to a certain number of alumni to use the podium for perhaps five minutes each to address those in attendance. The

protocol and organization of these luncheons will change as we gain experience regarding what format works best. If you are looking for work, bring copies of your resume. If your company is hiring, bring information on the types and experience of people they are looking to hire. If you have a business that you want to promote, bring information to hand out on the service or product that you provide.

### **Jean Kirby from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce addresses Chapter at November Luncheon**

Jean Kirby, Vice President in the Chamber's Public Policy division addressed the Chapter at the November luncheon. In addition to keeping her husband, Chapter Secretary Matthew Kirby '94, out of trouble, Jean is the Executive Director of the Southeastern Economic Alliance ("SEA"). The SEA is a business alliance of 14 Chambers of Commerce from across the Southeast that have come together in a unique way to advocate for the formation of high-speed rail throughout the region.

Specifically, the Alliance seeks Federal funding to make the initial investment in the infrastructure while keeping the operations of the rail system open to competition. Their vision includes high-speed rail (average speed equal to 90 mph) connecting major "city pairs" in the Southeast. Those include Birmingham-Atlanta, Atlanta-Charlotte, Charlotte-Raleigh, Raleigh-Washington, DC. They are working with Congressman Johnny Isakson (R-GA), who plans to introduce legislation as early as next year in support of the plan.

High-speed rail would complement our existing air and highway infrastructure, completing the "third leg of the transportation stool". The proposed rail system is designed to serve time-sensitive business travelers. Most remarkably, preliminary studies show that it would cost \$5.5 billion to build the infrastructure (using freight's right-of-way) for high-speed rail tracks from Birmingham to Washington, D.C. (over 850 miles)...or roughly the equivalent to the cost of Atlanta's fifth runway!!

Present for the luncheon were Bill Rentz '55, Johns Jaudan '55, Dick Fitzgerald '62, Patrick Allen, Jack Johnson '55, Robert Schultz '71, Linda Schultz, Brian Canova '89, Todd Heyne '93, Jack Vandatta '93, Les Gable '70, Bill Brewster '42, Nick Ward '74, Jim Hatch '47, Jim Todd '55, Bill Holmes '64, Ben

McMillan '74, Marc Farris '70, Andy Aloisio '93, Scott Murray '90, Joe Frazar '65, Alex Cobble '76, Paul Smith '42, Vernon Wright '67, Clint Johnson '60, Arif Cirtlik '98, Jon Barton '66, Jim Traa '61, Brian Huey '90, Kenneth Graves '94, Jim Slemenda '66, Lorie Moore '64, Mario Maddox '85, Matthew Kirby '94, Jean Kirby (Speaker) '94.

### **Join us at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dark Ages Party**

**What:** Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual (members only) Dark Ages Party celebrating the founding of the Naval Academy. Our guest of honor will be Colonel David Vetter, USMC (Ret.), Dean of Admissions of the Naval Academy.

**When:** Saturday, February 15, 2003. Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.

**Who:** All 2002 Atlanta Chapter dues paying members will receive a formal invitation in the mail. If you'd like to join the Chapter this year, you can pay for your dues and the party at the same time.

**Where:** N.A.S. Atlanta.

See [www.nasatlanta.navy.mil](http://www.nasatlanta.navy.mil) for directions.

**Dress:** Black-tie optional.

**How:** Once you receive your invitation, call Marilyn McCallum at 770.973.1096 to RSVP, then send check to:

Mr. Carl McCallum  
295 Millbrook Farm Road  
Marietta, GA 30068

**Cost:** \$60 per couple or \$30 per person. Includes dinner, entertainment, wine, beer, coffee. Cocktails pay-as-you go.

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### **BGO Notes:**

Blue & Gold Officers are volunteers that assist USNA by performing the face-to-face interviews of students that are applying to USNA. For more details on the program, please see the past articles in the USNA Atlanta Alumni newsletter or contact Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or [cindymiller@1990.usna.com](mailto:cindymiller@1990.usna.com).

As the year is wrapping up for Blue & Gold Officers with respect to interviewing seniors, it is just beginning for the junior class. If you know of any junior who is interested in USNA, please make sure that they go to the USNA web site at [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu) and under Admissions, register. By doing this, USNA will automatically send them an application in January of their junior year to attend the USNA Summer Seminar program. Admittance into the program is based on above average PSAT/SAT scores, good grades and a good record of sports and extra curricular activities. If a junior hasn't taken the PSAT/SAT yet, they need to before the end of January in order to competitive in obtaining a spot in the summer seminar program. The program fills up very fast so it is imperative that juniors turn their applications in as soon as possible.

The Naval Academy Summer Seminar program is the Academy's most successful marketing and recruiting program. Conducted and managed by the Office of Admissions, the Summer Seminar is scheduled annually during the first three weeks of June. Designed for top-performing, highly qualified rising high School seniors, a total of 600 students will attend each of the three sessions scheduled annually in June, coming from all 50 states of the U.S.

The purpose of the Naval Academy Summer Seminar is to introduce the potential candidates to

the total experience of the Naval Academy. Emphasis and events are designed to allow the students to experience, first hand, the Naval Academy mission, highlighting the moral, mental and physical development of each midshipman. Summer Seminar events include eight academic workshops taught by members of USNA's Faculty, daily physical training sessions, intramural sports activities, seamanship and sailing opportunities, leadership training, drill competition, briefings on the character development program and the honor concept and a Plebe Indoctrination Session.

Students live in Bancroft Hall and receive a first hand introduction to midshipman life on the Yard. The mainstay of the Summer Seminar is the leadership and mentorship provided by the midshipman detail, all of who are volunteers and highly recommended by the Commandant of Midshipmen for this program. Summer Seminar attendees are selected for their well-rounded and versatile resumes that are competitive for USNA admissions criteria. Each year, more than 80% of the Summer Seminar attendees become candidates for admissions to USNA. Applications for the Summer Seminar program are found on the USNA web site, and are usually open and available after 1 February. The cost is approximately \$200. Applicants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Annapolis.

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