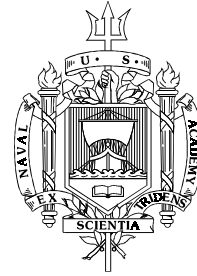


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**LOBSTERFEST 2003 A BIG HIT FOR NEARLY 200  
ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

<b>6/08</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lobsterfest</b>
<b>6/17</b>	<b>June Board Meeting</b>
<b>6/20</b>	<b>June Luncheon</b>
<b>7/15</b>	<b>July Board Meeting</b>
<b>7/18</b>	<b>July Luncheon</b>
<b>08/19</b>	<b>August Board Meeting</b>
<b>08/22</b>	<b>August Luncheon</b>

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This will be the last chance that I have to address the Chapter members as Chapter President. My two consecutive one-year terms end this June. Chapter by-laws provide that a maximum of two consecutive terms can be served in any one position on the Board.

I can truly say that I would not have traded this opportunity for the world. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve. I think the Atlanta Chapter is one of the finest, if not the finest, chapters in the country. I have been richly rewarded in ways that cannot be measured during my service over the past several years in various positions on the Board of Directors. I have come to know, on a personal level, more area USNA alumni than I can almost count. I have had a number of Chapter members make it a point to take me aside and tell me what a good job I was doing. Well, I can tell you this... to receive such a compliment, particularly from this special group of people, is perhaps the greatest compliment that I will ever receive. Thank you very much.

Even though I must move on, I won't be gone. Chapter by-laws also provide that past Presidents remain permanent members of the Board of Directors, as long as they still reside in the Chapter territory and are dues paying Chapter members. So, you're not rid of me yet! I plan to stay active in the Chapter and will continue to serve as the Webmaster for our Chapter web site at [WWW.USNAAAA.COM](http://WWW.USNAAAA.COM).

Now just a word on serving our Chapter. You'll remember from above that past Chapter Presidents are permanent members of the Chapter Board of

Directors. There is method in that madness! This practice ensures a higher degree of continuity within the Chapter leadership and thereby the long-term management of the Chapter. We can keep from having to relearn how best to do things over and over with each newly elected slate of officers. However, we also need a continuing supply of “new blood”. i.e. people willing to step up and serve the Chapter as a Board member. Over the last seven or eight years I have watched the same dozen or so Chapter members rotate in and out of various Board positions. It’s great that they want to continue to serve, but we can’t expect them to stay forever. We will inevitably lose some experienced people as they come and go from the Atlanta Chapter area, or simply retire from the Board. We must have a supply of new members who are willing step up and serve! So, step up! Serve! The “pay” is low, but the rewards are great! To that I can attest.

We’ve been through a lot during the last two years. We’ve seen the 9-11-2001 “Attack on America” come and go. We’ve seen the resultant Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. More recently, with our nation at war, we watched live coverage of Operation Iraqi Freedom every day on television. We all know what it means to serve our country. Too many of us know what it means to lose friends and comrades in armed conflict. All of us have known all along what many Americans have just learned in the past few years... that “Freedom is not Free”. So, I close one last time as Chapter President with the following:

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

And... BEAT ARMY!

Bob Schultz ‘71

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## **Trustee's Note**

At the May 2003 Board of Trustees meetings, I had the opportunity to sit in on the Admissions Standing Committee meeting. On the agenda was a briefing by the USNA Minority Admissions Outreach Coordinator, Don Montgomery, '74. He is an impressive graduate, and if you attended the USNA Gospel Choir concert at Ebenezer Baptist Church last March in Atlanta, you couldn't miss him. He stands about 6' 7" and looks like he could strap on

the pads and play today. He was a three year letterman at offensive tackle for Navy and was an All East selection his 1/c year.

Don heaped praise on the Atlanta Chapter's hosting of the Gospel Choir. That event turned up a number of highly qualified candidates who otherwise had never heard of USNA. After Don's SWO active duty stint, he has been an extremely successful sales executive. One of the bits of news that he provided was that David Robinson was going to become more involved in the USNA Admissions Outreach program after he retired this year from the NBA. As this is being written, David and the San Antonio Spurs are in the NBA finals vs. the New Jersey Nets. This article appeared in the AJC on May 28, 2003, under an Associated Press byline, no author listed. What particularly impressed me is what his coach had to say about him.

**ROBINSON'S FAREWELL UNLIKE JORDAN HOOPLA, ASSOCIATED PRESS – San Antonio –** Somebody tried to draw a comparison Tuesday between the atmosphere surrounding David Robinson's last few playing days and the hoopla from Michael Jordan's recent farewell tour.

Just putting those names in the same sentence triggered Spurs coach Gregg Popovich's temper. "I don't care about Michael Jordan. I care about David Robinson," Popovich said. "They're not comparable situations." They're not comparable farewells, either. There's hero worship at play here, but it's of a different variety than the iconoclastic adulation that surrounded Jordan.

Robinson will retire after these playoffs following a stellar 14-year career that included an NBA championship, an MVP season, a Rookie of the Year Award, 10 All-Star selections, a scoring title and two Olympic gold medals.

The last player to score 70 or more points in a game? No, it wasn't Jordan, whose career high was 69 in 1990. It was Robinson's 71 against the Clippers on April 24, 1994. Robinson's appeal always has been different than that of Jordan, whose fame, fortune and ego grew exponentially during his career. Robinson is more reserved, more religious and more committed to making a lasting difference in people's lives.

Jordan came out of North Carolina, elevated the entire NBA and sold millions of shoes. Robinson came out of the Naval Academy and became "The Admiral" – a tall trusted presence who leads by example. The crowning accomplishment of Robinson's career has nothing to do with basketball – except for the fact that the sport provided Robinson the financial means to do something extraordinary.

Robinson donated \$9 million to help create the Carver Academy, an all-scholarship school for underprivileged children from San Antonio's impoverished East side currently schooling grades pre-k through 3.

When the Spurs passed the hat in the locker room for a retirement gift for Robinson, his teammates came up with \$100,000 for the school.

Contrast that with what happened in Washington where Jordan's teammates on the Wizards reportedly refused to even give him a gift.

Robinson hasn't said what his future plans are, but Popovich doubts it'll be in NBA coaching.

"He's got much more sense than to stay involved in basketball. He's got a lot of interests that actually have impact on the world and have some value, unlike the rest of us," Popovich said.

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## **CHAPTER NEWS** **June Luncheon**

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

Jocks & Jills Sport Bar & Restaurant  
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## **LOBSTERFEST 2003!!**

Just shy of 200 alumni, family, and friends attended the Chapter's 29th Annual LobsterFest cookout on

Sunday, June 8th, at Red Top Mountain State Park in North Georgia.

We only messed up one person's schedule, that of national USNA Alumni Association President and CEO George Watt '73. He and his wife were planning to attend this year, but could not make it on Sunday. We did, however, have a representative from Annapolis in attendance, Ron Casey '75, and his wife Gerry. Ron is on the USNA admissions committee staff. Ron and Gerry looked to have had a great time. Ron could be seen running around snapping pictures, and later helped the combined classes of the decade of the 70s win the trivia contest.

This year it took 310 live Maine lobsters to feed the assembled crowd. As usual, the lobsters were flown in direct from Captain Morrill's in Brewer Maine a day before the event and "put up for the night" in a local Kroger reefer. Also along for the trip were 25 pounds of mussels! Got to have an appetizer you know. Marilyn McCallum provided her custom-made sauce for the mussels.

Also available on the serving line was a terrific homemade salad prepared by our "kitchen queens" from fresh vegetables they sliced and diced earlier in the day. Hundreds of ears of corn and fresh bread (brought by the Slemenda's) were also consumed by day's end! In addition, the kitchen queens sliced up so many cucumbers that they had to quickly conjure up a cucumber salad and add that to the menu. If you check out the digital pictures below, you'll see why these ladies were dubbed the "kitchen queens". They were all wearing matching tiaras on their heads. Three of the tiaras actually had flashing rhinestones mounted in them! (Courtesy of Linda Schultz).

Our kitchen queens were: Linda Schultz (wife of Bob '71), Sue Rentz (wife of Bill '55), Mary Lou Blair (friend of Sue Rentz), Karen Frederick (wife of Steve '72), Helena Herger (wife of Mike '90), Ann Caldwell (wife of Stewart '65), Carole Rowland (wife of Mitch '71), and the "leader of the pack" Marilyn McCallum (wife of Carl '60).

Volunteers started arriving shortly after 11:00 AM to make preparations for the 3:00pm lobster dinner. Check-in setup, bar set-up, cooking equipment setup, corn shucking, salad making, table setup, decorations, and various other duties were handled

by a team of dedicated folks who all put in a full day's work to put on the year's favorite event.

Our check-in crew was Chapter Treasurer Nick Ward '74 and his friend Jean Jacob, plus Nancy and Johns Jaudon '55. Our bar set-up and tenders were Pat and Jack Clay '56 and Susan and Jim Slemenda '66 . Helena Herger seemed to handle the decorations all by herself this year!

Our hard working lobster/mussel/corn cooks were Steve Frederick '72, Al Jones '67, Mitch Rowland '71, and Mike Herger '90. A very special mention goes to our four young cook's assistants, Will and Russell Cobble (sons of Anne and Alex Cobble '76), and Austin McElroy and #2 son (help – I need his name) (sons of Mary '87and Terry '86 McElroy). These four youngsters spent nearly the entire day unpacking and potting the lobsters, then stacking them into the aluminum serving trays and carrying them inside to the serving line. What a great help they were! See the pictures at usnaaaa.com for evidence of same.

Special thanks to Paul Hurst '62, for preparing the trivia contest questions for us again this year. Chapter VP Lorie Moore '64 was actually assigned the task of conducting the contest, which was not easy. People were quite happy to be eating and drinking, thank you! "You want to play what?"

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most shouted. However once the teams by decades of classes were assembled, the spirit of competition raged and the contest was on. The winners: classes of the 70s!!!

Musical entertainment was provided this year by the Hanson's, a local husband-and-wife DJ team. The kitchen queens and a few other brave volunteers performed the standard YMCA dance late in the day. Also, a spontaneous line dance broke out shortly thereafter!

Many thanks to the McCallum's for coordinating the event again this year, even while both being "on the mend". And many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible again this year! All those who carried/delivered food or supplies with their pick-up trucks and SUVs. (The McCallum sons with the lobsters and mussels. Jim Slemenda '66 was our beer/wine/soda man again this year!)

Bravo-Zulu to all! (If I've left anyone out, please e-mail me and let me know. You all deserve to be listed here for your tremendous efforts.)