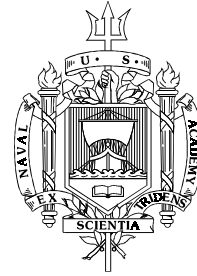


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EVENTS CALENDAR:

3/18	March Board Meeting
3/21	March Luncheon
4/15	April Board Meeting
4/18	April Luncheon
5/02	7 th Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic
6/07	29 th Annual Lobsterfest

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to Spring!

Our next major event is the 7th Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic on May 2nd at Fort McPherson. Please see the enclosed information flier and reservation form in this newsletter. The reservation form is also available on the Events page of the Chapter web site.

Next, in early June, is the nationally renowned Atlanta Chapter LobsterFest! Mark June 7th on your calendars for now. We'll confirm that date as time approaches. This will be the Chapter's 29th Annual LobsterFest! I think that must be a record of some sort for most longstanding Chapter event nationwide! I'm laying down the challenge. What other Chapter can beat that?!

As I pen this article I am looking at the calendar on my home office wall and staring at the square for March 17th, the latest deadline given to Iraq to completely disarm or face invasion by a coalition force led by the United States and Great Britain. I think that these most recent developments are met much differently by those among us who have served and those who have close friends or family who are serving, as opposed to the majority of folks in this country who have neither. To those first two categories of people, it's personal!

On September 11th, 2001, I lost a classmate in the attack on America that day. Chic Burlingame '71, was the pilot of the plane that the terrorists crashed into the Pentagon. I could have just as easily lost my Academy roommate of all four years, RADM Ron

Route, at the same time. Thank God he was in a different wing of the building at the time.

Now as we are possibly days away from war, my thoughts turn to an e-mail I received a few weeks ago from a shipmate and past Chapter Board member Ernie Maticotta '82. In February, Ernie was activated by his Marine unit. When I asked him if he knew where he was going, he said "First stop Bahrain, then hopefully Baghdad." Just like a Marine, just the facts, direct and right to the point. God speed, Ernie.

So, yes... it's personal! It's personal for everyone serving and for every friend and family member of someone who serves. We need to keep these service men and women in our hearts and prayers every day in the months ahead. And remember those American flags we all took down too soon. Well, get them back out, and get them hoisted again.

If you read my monthly column, you know that I usually close with the same sentence. As the next few weeks and months pass, it will take on even greater meaning...

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

Bob Schultz '71

CHAPTER NEWS

March Luncheon Speaker: Dan Struble '83, 5th Fleet Historian for Operation Enduring Freedom

CDR Dan Struble '83, the 5th Fleet Historian for Operation Enduring Freedom, will speak at the Chapter March luncheon.

Dan recently had a unique experience that he is going to share with us. After the events of 9-11, Dan was called-up to serve as 5th Fleet Historian during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His assignment was to document Navy combat operations through both oral history and pictures. His assignment lasted eight months, during which he spent six months at sea on 22 different ships. He flew on combat missions, visited eighty commands in

eight different countries, and interviewed 250 different people from Seaman to the 5th Fleet Commander.

This experience has provided Dan with a unique perspective on Operation Enduring Freedom. We are very fortunate to have him to share his experience with us.

Dan is presently Vice President for Principal Gifts at the United States Naval Academy Foundation where he was the founding staff member and one of the primary architects of its current \$175 million campaign on behalf of the Naval Academy.

Commander Struble is married to the former Karen Brown. They have two children, Amanda (1991) and Benjamin (1994).

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
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John E. Endicott, Ph.D., Director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy at Georgia Tech speaks at February Luncheon

Thanks to past Chapter President Paul Hurst '62, for making arrangements for John to speak to us at this month's luncheon.

In addition to his role as a college professor, John is a recognized expert on northeast Asian countries, particularly Japan and Korea. He is called upon frequently by agencies of the U.S. Government for advice and involvement in policy matters regarding those countries. In fact, John reported that he had just hosted a meeting at Georgia Tech with North Korea's second-highest United Nations official last week. He and four other local experts on Korea met with the official for private talks to try to defuse the current standoff with North Korea. The meeting was publicized in an article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Wednesday, February 26th.

John has had so many experiences on the international affairs front that I'm sure he had a hard time deciding what to cover in his presentation to us.

He started by explaining to us his efforts to form a committee of students at Georgia Tech to discuss and recommend security relations policy regarding North and South Korea. He said that it became obvious to him very early in the effort that the students who were interested in becoming involved first had to spend time learning about the history of the Koreans in order to understand the how's and where's of how they got to where they are now. As such, he held a series of 25 classes concentrating on Korean history. That done, a committee of about twenty graduate and post-graduate students was then formed.

John spent the next hour or so educating us on the Korean situation; the history, the current economic and military status of both North and South Korea, and his take on where U.S.-Korean relations are now and where they might be headed. He also covered current relations between North and South Korea, Japan, and China as well.

I wish that I could have taken notes faster, but I found myself so spellbound by the depth of information John presented, that I just sat and listened. What a great knowledgebase he has stored in his personal memory banks from which to draw upon! John was kind enough to stay after his presentation to field questions from the attending alumni.

Many thanks to John for taking the time to visit with us and educate us at the same time. It was a very interesting and informative presentation. Be sure to check our website for other job postings. Present for the luncheon were Jim Ravenel '45, Bill Wideman '35, Bill Rentz '55, Robert Schultz '71, Johns Jaudan '55, Jim Wood '65, Jack Johnson '55, Ted Bowman '63, Brad Jones '83, Paul Borer '70, Les Gable '70, Jim Hatch '47, Wade Deliberto '97, Brian Pilger '93, Vernon Wright '67, Joe Frazar '65, Bill Williams '65, Terry Anderson '65, George O'Connell '35, Bob Bush '65, Skip Gunther '65, Lorie A. Moore '64, Reggie Yachon '58, Eric Bush '88, Ed Brownlee '81, Cindy Miller '90, Matthew Kirby '94, Ples Bruce '77, Tim Trace '61, Mario Maddox '85, Thalia Maddox '85, Jim Slemenda '66, Carl McCallum '60.

7th Annual Army-Navy Golf Classic **Coming Soon**

The 7th annual ARMY - NAVY Golf Classic is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2 for golf against the Whoops and to help a good cause. Veterans and rookies alike are being sought to defend Navy's victory last year as well as our 5-1 overall record in this annual grudge match.

This year's event will again be held at Fort McPherson's Golf Club and will include range balls, 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, and dinner, all for \$70.

Our charity work again this year is aimed at sending less fortunate youngsters in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to the two-week Summerscape math and science camp at Georgia Tech. Proceeds from last year's event allowed us to send five young boys and girls to Summerscape, giving them a leg up on life and new ambitions for completing high school and going on to college. Our goal is to help these kids become good and productive citizens (and possibly attend one of the service academies).

We want to do better this year as we have with each successive year and are looking for a record turnout. So please come join us and fill out the attached form, enclose a check, and send it to the address appearing on the form. We would also appreciate any support you or your company or social organization might be able to provide in the form of prizes (goods, golf apparel, gift certificates, dinners, etc.). **BEAT ARMY!!!**

2003 Dark Ages Party - Founders Day **Celebration a Great Time!**

On Saturday evening, February 15, 2003 the third annual Atlanta Chapter Dark Ages Party was held at the Flight Line Club at NAS Atlanta. This year's party was in celebration of the founding of the United States Naval Academy on October 10, 1845, and in honor of the Brigade of Midshipmen.

On that date, through the efforts of then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft, the "Naval School" was established on a 10-acre tract of land that was previously an Army base named Fort Severn. (That should be recorded as one of Navy's first victories

over Army!) Just seven professors and 50 Midshipmen comprised the entire faculty and student body. Today the Brigade is over 4,000 strong with an academic staff of nearly 600.

The party was a formal, black tie optional, event for Atlanta Chapter members only. The event was catered by Jerry Dilts & Associates, who provided a great dinner, with a filet mignon main course. The majority of the men arrived dressed in tuxedos, with their escorted ladies in equally formal attire. It was a fine looking room full of alumni and friends!

The guest of honor for the celebration was Colonel David A. Vetter USMC (Ret), Dean of Admissions of the U.S. Naval Academy. Many thanks to Colonel Vetter, who came down from Annapolis just for our event.

This year the Russ Starrett Quartet was on hand to provide music during the cocktail hour and dancing after dinner. Just before dinner, event coordinator Carl McCallum '60, welcomed Colonel Vetter, the CO of NAS Atlanta Captain Bill Garrett, and all alumni and guests.

Carl then introduced Chapter President Bob Schultz '71. Bob thanked event coordinators Carl and

Marilyn McCallum and Jim Ravenel for their efforts to stage the event. Next, to get the competitive spirits flowing, Bob held a "Go Navy" cheer contest, by graduating class decades, to determine which decade of classes was best represented at the event this year. The call to compete was met with loud and enthusiastic "Go Navy" cheers that shook the walls! The fair and impartial judge determined that the decade of the 60's won the contest. BZ to the Classes of the 60's. Well done.

Bob also took the opportunity to talk about the crew of the space shuttle Columbia that was lost just two weeks prior to the event. Our shipmate, Willie McCool '83, the shuttle pilot was among those lost. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Willie and his shuttle crewmates.

After dinner, Chapter Trustee Bill Rentz '55, provided a colorful introduction of our guest of honor, Colonel Vetter. Colonel Vetter then addressed the alumni and guests providing details and highlights on what he termed his personal relationship with the Naval Academy. See our website for pictures.

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