



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

October 2003

President's Corner

Starting off our season's activities with two very positive events; the August 15 luncheon with author Buzz Patterson's interesting talk, and the Navy football victories over VMI, Eastern Michigan and Air Force are most uplifting. However, we can't lose sight of the fact that we still have troops engaging an enemy and we have ships, sailors, and marines in harms way in the Middle East and throughout the world. Our thoughts, prayers, and solid support are with them every day.

As for the August luncheon, as previously reported, we had 61 attendees, sold 40 books and could have sold more. Thanks to all who helped out and made it possible. Buzz told me several times how good he felt in his exchange with this informed group and how welcome you made him feel. I think he made a lot of friends. He came across as a very sincere, conscientious young man and it made me appreciate how difficult for him that tour of duty must have been. Before anyone accuses me of playing partisan politics, let me say right now that I don't believe this was so much a matter of liberal vs. conservative or democrat vs. republican as it was an issue of character and integrity. There should be no question where we all stand on that.

In case you hadn't heard, Navy coach Paul Johnson's offense opened the season by racking up 598 yards total offense against VMI, 370 yards rushing, most by fullback Kyle Eckels (129 yards) and quarterback Craig Candeto (96 yards). The game was stopped for about 58 minutes in the third quarter by the referee due to lightning. TCU, a Top 25 team at the time, proved to be a tough match. But Navy beat Air Force to give the good guys a chance at the President's Trophy for the first time in six years—and it was our first victory over a Top 25 school since 1985. Look out ARMY! Here we come again!

Other news, USNA recently announced that the new Commandant of Midshipmen will be Captain Joseph C. Leidig, Jr., USN, Class of '78, now serving as Deputy Commandant since June 2003. He is scheduled to relieve BGen John R. Allen, USMC, '76, on September 17, 2003. Captain Leidig is a nuclear submariner, having commanded USS CAVALLA (SSN 684) and Submarine Development Squadron Five.

Some more news, in August the Chapter Board of Directors considered a request for financial support from Midshipman 1/c Neil Bryan Fletcher, Class of '04, from Roswell, GA, to help with his Habitat for Humanity project in Nicaragua this summer. Since there was not time to do a fundraiser in his behalf, the Board voted to use \$1500 of the Chapter's current budget surplus to assist him in this worthy project, to which he gave up his summer leave and much out of pocket money of his own.

BGen Joe Frazar's talk at the September luncheon was outstanding. We hope to see you this month when Bob Schultz '72 will describe how we can protect ourselves from identity theft.

Keep checking our Website and look for the Events Calendar and the Monthly Luncheon schedule. I will try to fill in those present at the monthly luncheons on updates, but if you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to call me or any member of the Board of Directors.

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EVENTS CALENDAR:
10/11 Navy at Vanderbilt
10/14 October Board Meeting
10/17 October Luncheon
Speaker: Bob Schultz '71
Subject - Identity Theft
10/25 Homecoming in Annapolis
11/18 November Board Meeting
11/21 November Luncheon
Speaker: CAPT Stephen Latta, USN, U.S.N.A. Director of Admissions

See Page 3 for detailed calendar.

Author "Buzz" Patterson Captures Attention of Luncheon Crowd

Colonel Robert "Buzz" Patterson, author of the best selling book "Dereliction of Duty: The Eyewitness Account of How Bill Clinton Endangered America's Long-Term National Security" spoke to a packed room at the August Chapter Luncheon.

We set an all-time record for Chapter luncheon attendance with 61 alumni and guests present at the event. Thanks to Sue Rentz, wife of Chapter President Bill Rentz '55, for her efforts to arrange for the sale of Buzz's book at the event. Chapter VP Steve Frederick '72 performed check-in duties for the lunch.

Lieutenant Colonel Patterson USAF (Ret.), was military aide to President Clinton from mid-1996 to mid-1998. He was one of a handful of aides that carried the "nuclear football", the briefcase that contained the nuclear weapons launch codes. This responsibility put him in close contact with the President and gave him a unique perspective on the Clinton administration. He said that though he arrived at his new assignment "filled with professional devotion and commitment to serve," he left believing that Clinton had "sown a whirlwind of destruction upon the integrity of our government, endangered our national security, and done enormous harm to the American military in which I served."

Buzz presented a picture of a White House and its occupants that had a complete lack of understanding of the U.

S. Armed Forces and their mission, plus a general disrespect for the men and women who filled its ranks.

Buzz listed many specific examples of circumstances that required both leadership and command decisions on the part of Bill Clinton. Unfortunately for this country, he either failed miserably or in many cases did nothing.

For example, on at least two occasions Bill Clinton had the opportunity to capture Osama Bin Laden. One of the two occasions was an offer by the country expelling Bin Laden to hand him over to the United States! Clinton chose not to take advantage of either opportunity! If he had done so, the 9-11-2001 attack on America may never have happened.

We won't steal anymore of the book's thunder here. It's a must read!

Many thanks to Colonel Patterson for making time to share this very eye-opening personal account of the Clinton White House with our Chapter, and for staying "late" to sign everyone's books.

BGEN Joe N. Frazar, USNA '65 Addressed Chapter at September Luncheon

Our guest speaker at the September Chapter luncheon was BGEN Joe N. Frazar, III, USA (Ret.) USNA '65. Brigadier General Frazar is an Atlanta Chapter member and serves on the Chapter Board of Directors.

Though a graduate of the Naval Academy, Joe spent his commissioned career in the Army. To make a long story short, Joe

would get sea sick standing on a YP tied to the seawall at the Academy. Out to sea was out of the question!

Having graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute, he was not without Army experience. During his exchange week at West Point as a Midshipman, he made that point clear by volunteering to



Chapter President Bill Rentz '55 serves Buzz Patterson with the coveted Chapter apron.

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Class of '60 at June luncheon (l-to-r): Mike Midas, Gene Chancy, Roy Buehler, Bill Callaway, Carl McCallum, Joe Peek, Clint Johnson.)

take a test in a tactics class that he sat in on. He got a 95 and set the curve for the grading of that exam! A result not well received by the Woops!

Joe's career saw 23 moves for himself and 17 moves for his family! All in 31 years! Gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "Join the Army and see the World"!

Joe did two tours of duty in Vietnam. His first tour was from June of '66 to June of '67 as Executive Officer, Company H, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. His second tour was from June of '69 to March of '70 as Commander, Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division and from March of '70 to July of '70 as Assistant S-3 (Operations & Plans), 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division.



Chapter President Bill Rentz '55 gives BGEN Joe Frazier '65 the Chapter Blue Apron

Joe said that Vietnam was a platoon leader's war. He also said that the disciplinary problems in the Army were cleaned up after Vietnam with the advent of the all-volunteer Army. The Abram's Doctrine came out of Vietnam as well, the basic tenant of which is that only fighting units were in the regular Army, while support units were in the Reserves.

After Vietnam, Joe was General's Aide to General George Pickett, Deputy Commanding General, 3d United States Army in Fort McPherson, Georgia. One of Joe's favorite stories about General Pickett was an incident that happened while shopping for gifts for their wives at Phipps Plaza in Atlanta. It seems that General Pickett was a frugal man and not prone to buying extravagant gifts for his wife. None the less, perfume was purchased for the wives during that shopping trip. After the purchase there was an opportunity to have a picture taken in various costumes in front of a suitable backdrop. Both were in civilian attire at the time, by the way. Somehow these two Army officers found themselves dressed and posed by a very young girl who was in charge of the photo shoot. The General selected an available old-time military outfit for his costume photo. The problem was that it was just a bit small for him and the buttons kept popping open on the front of the uniform. After unsuccessful attempts to take the photo because of button problems, the young girl in charge confronted the General and in a stern voice said "Come on, suck in your gut, throw your shoulders back, and try to look like a soldier!" The General, of course, instructed his aide not to whisper a word of this to anyone back at the base. Needless to say, it was only a matter of minutes before the story was "leaked" by a anonymous source. It was just too good not to share!

Joe was involved in the wars in Iraq. He called Operation Desert Storm a General's war, and by contrast, he called Operation Iraqi Freedom a civilian's/politician's war. Regarding both wars, Joe stressed that you can't win a war without soldiers and marines on the ground occupying land.

According to Joe, the mission of Operation Desert Storm was to defeat the Iraqi army, destroy the Republican Guard, and force the Iraqi troops out of Kuwait. As a General's war it was carried out with precision and skill, and the mission accomplished. Around 250,000 reservists were involved in Operation Desert Storm. Joe was the Chief of Staff of the 24th Division (now the 3rd Infantry). It took \$45 million just to deploy it!

Operation Iraqi Freedom, on the other hand, used a tactic of "exploitation" in which enemy units were bypassed or left in place once mostly defeated, while the troops then pushed forward toward the next front/battle toward the main objective. Joe called this a maneuver scheme. The problem with it was that this tactic requires support troops to be moved up under armed guard, but in many cases they were not. The result was that support troops were killed in action and taken prisoners-of-war, such as the support unit that Jessica Savage served in.

In the fall of 1997, General Frazier was inducted into the New Mexico Military Institute Hall of Fame. Joe and his father are the only father-son alumni of NMMI to gain flag rank.

Many thanks to Joe for sharing his interesting military career with us.

**October Luncheon:
Bob Schultz '71 Presents
“Identity Theft: Protection and
Prevention, Lessons from a Victim”**

Immediate past Chapter President Bob Schultz '71 will deliver a presentation on the subject of identity theft. Bob and his wife Linda both had their identities stolen in February of 2001, so they have up close and personal experience on this subject that can benefit everyone.

If you have not been affected by this issue, you are lucky... so far! If you think that you don't need to be concerned, you are very wrong. Identity theft is now, worldwide, one of the most widespread white collar crimes.

Bob will describe their experience in dealing with a stolen identity over the past few years, relate the story of what actually happened, how fast the thieves move, and specifically what they do... their MO!

Bob will provide handouts that explain the procedure for placing fraud alerts on your credit reports (the first thing you should do), plus a DO's and DON'Ts lists for prevention, and more.

Take the counsel of a victim and learn to do everything that you can to keep this from happening to you.

**Blue & Gold Officers' Corner: Status
for the class of 2008**

The admissions process for the class of 2008 is well underway. USNA has mailed out almost 9,000 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”.

In Georgia, there are currently 295 students that have requested applications to USNA. Of those, we have 15 that have completed their entire application and 33 that are over 50% complete. USNA has begun reviewing completed admissions records and has begun to offer “conditional offers of appointment” to students in the class of 2008. Conditional Offers of Appointment are only offered to a very small percentage of exceptionally qualified candidates and the offer stipulates that as long as a student is medically qualified and receives a nomination, they are guaranteed an offer of appointment to USNA. The program of issuing Conditional Offers to candidates is a result of past situations where some of our top students were offered acceptance at other non-academy schools and

accepted those offers before USNA even reviewed their records in March.

If there is a rising senior in high school that you are aware of who is interested in attending USNA, they are behind the power curve and need to get moving very fast in the application process. The student needs to go on-line to www.usna.edu and under the Admissions section, register for an application. 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.

One of our minority outreach programs at USNA Admissions is the Center of Influence Orientation Visits. This program pays for persons who are influential in the lives of minority students to come to USNA for a few days to learn about the opportunities available to all students at the Academy. The person attending does not have to be minority, they only need to be in a position to help direct qualified minority students to apply to USNA. If you know of a good candidate for this program, please contact Cindy Miller at the number/e-mail below.

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.



Chapter Major Events Calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes/Contact info:</u>
Fall 2003	Alumni Dinner	Jocks and Jill's	Bob Schultz/ Lee Whitfield
10/10/2003	NAVY Road Classic Golf Tournament	Hermitage Golf Club in Old Hickory, TN	Bill Rentz
10/11/2003	Navy at Vanderbilt Football	Nashville, TN	Bill Rentz
10/25/2003	Homecoming – Delaware at Navy	Annapolis, MD	
11/10/2003	Navy Coach Paul Johnson Speaks in Atlanta	Atlanta Touch-down Club	Stew Caldwell
12/6/2003	Army vs. Navy Football	TJ's Sports Bar in Roswell	Nick Ward
12/ 13/2003	Chapter Christmas Party	Chapter President Bill and Sue Rentz's house in Locust Grove, GA	Bill Rentz
Early 2004	Founders Day/ Dark Ages Party	TBD	Steve Frederick
Spring 2004	Vernal Equinox Dinner	Southside/ Peachtree City. Site TBA	Mitch Rowland
May 2004	Army Navy Golf	Ft. McPherson	Will Wood
6/5/2003	Lobster Fest	Red Top Mountain	Mike Herger

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Monthly 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.
See our website for directions:
USNAAAA.com**

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speak on the topic of identity fraud. Both
Bob and his wife Linda had their identities
stolen in 2001, and they will share with us
valuable lessons on how to protect our-
selves.**