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IMPENDING ELECTION DAY REMINDS US OF OUR FREEDOMS

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EVENTS CALENDAR:

See articles in the newsletter for details!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This time of the year when the media coverage of the Party Presidential Nominating Conventions fills our senses with speeches, oratory, and other dramatics, whether you believe it or agree with it or not, you have to be keenly aware of the open society and system we live under. Can you imagine criticism directed toward a head of state by any candidate from the "loyal" opposition the likes of which we hear, in any other country in the world which claims to be law abiding and stable that would not foment a revolution? Our union will survive it all and be stronger as an outcome. Although it isn't perfect, it is the most open in the world, and it highlights and emphasizes the freedom and liberty under which we in America live.

My father was a college History professor and coach (when he wasn't being a Naval Aviator), and my mother was a journalist and college journalism professor. They met in 1921 while both worked on the Macon Telegraph newspaper. He wrote Sports and she wrote for the Society pages. They both taught me to listen to politicians with a cocked ear, ask questions, and determine the truth for myself. It's a good thing in this day and time. But the most important thing any of us must do is get out and vote – in the primaries and general elections.

Speaking of elections, your newly elected Chapter Officers and Board of Directors are

working diligently on 2004/2005 Social Events and monthly luncheon speakers. We are trying to represent your interests and provide activities that will interest you and encourage you to bring along your old classmates, shipmates, and squadron mates to join our fun and camaraderie. Take a look at our web site and open the Events Calendar. After marveling at the magnificent job that our webmaster Bob Schultz does, think about your ideas on how to improve the events and make them more appealing to potential future members. Call any member of the Board and let us know your thoughts.

Beat Army! Bill Rentz '55, Chapter President

C. M. Wood, '65 Speaks on Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Radiological Terrorism

C. M. spent 22 years in nuclear submarines. His career included service on 3 attack submarines and 2 Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines, plus command of the USS CASIMIR PULASKI and USS DANIEL BOONE. He retired as a Commander in 1987 and spent 5 years with the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, where he was responsible for the computers and communications equipment for a statewide data network for monitoring the 7 nuclear power plants in that state. He has been employed as a health physicist by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 1992. He has an MS in Operations Research and Statistics and an MA in Information Resources Management.

C. M. gave a very informative and information-packed presentation at the luncheon. So much so, that your trusty webmaster could not keep up with taking notes. C. M. provided his slide presentation, which is posted on our web site.

CAPT Michael Walsh, USNR (Ret) to Speak at the August Luncheon

Friday, August 20 - CAPT Michael Walsh, USNR (Ret) - Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. He wants to give us an update on the memorials installed around Atlanta, ask for support, especially for one upcoming for CDR Clarence William Stoddard, USN, USNA '49, CO of VA-25, KIA 9/66 Gulf of Tonkin, native Atlantan.

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Friday, September 17 - Dr. James Bruns, Atlanta Historical Society.

Friday, October 15 - Ms. Debbie Beck, Managing Editor, SHIPMATE.

Friday, November 19 - LCol (Dr.) Wayne Moseley, US Army Medical Corp Reserve.

Monthly Luncheon Details:

We hold monthly luncheons 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; please bring exact change if you can.

2004 Membership Drive

We are looking forward to a great response in 2004! If you would like to pay your dues online, please go to the following web page and following the directions.

<http://usna.com/Communities/Chapters.asp>

Blue & Gold Officer's Update

The class of 2009 is well on their way with their applications to USNA. Currently, Georgia has 256 kids that are applying for the class of 2009. We expect the admissions boards to start up soon and hopefully, we will get some candidates offered an early acceptance to USNA.

If you know of a student that is interested in USNA, no matter what age, have them log onto www.USNA.edu and under "admissions" they can fill out a registration card or preliminary application. The entire USNA catalog is online at the web site as well as almost any information that a student would need with respect to applying or learning more about USNA. If a student is applying for 2009 and has not been in touch with their Blue and Gold Officer (BGO), they can email cindymiller@1990.usna.com and to get the information on their BGO. Each student that is applying gets a BGO assigned to them.

If you are interested in becoming a Blue and Gold Officer, I would love to talk to you about the program. 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. A BGO can be an active duty or reserve officer, retired military, a civilian who was an Academy graduate, or civilians who are parents of midshipmen or graduates. The program can be tailored to meet anyone's schedule. By working as a BGO, we ensure that the high standards of leadership, morals, athletic ability, and academics are maintained at USNA. It is a wonderful way to help young students and ensure the future of America.

If interested, please e-mail or call Cindy Miller at cindymiller@1990.usna.com or 770-650-8921.

EVENT CALENDAR

| WHEN: | WHAT: | WHERE: |
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| 4 Sep 04 at 6 PM | Football Navy vs Duke | Jock's & Jill's |
| TBD at 6 PM | Social Hour/Dinner | Babette's Cafe |
| 25 Sep 04 at 1:30 PM | Football Navy vs. Vanderbilt | Jock's & Jill's |
| 30 Sep 04 at 1:30 PM | Football Navy vs. Air Force | Jock's & Jill's |
| 16 Oct 04 Time TBA | Football Navy vs. Notre Dame | Jock's & Jill's |
| 23 Oct 04 at 1:30 PM | Football Navy vs. Rice | Jock's & Jill's |
| 8 Nov 04 12 Noon Club | Navy Coach Paul Johnson Speaks in Atlanta | Atlanta Touchdown Club |

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