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EVENTS CALENDAR:

See articles in the newsletter for details!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Allow me to invite your attention to our BGO's article in this newsletter. Cindy Miller is looking for a few good men and women. I also understand that Carl McCallum and Mike Herger are looking for volunteers for the Lobster Fest work crew. Volunteers are what make this Chapter engine go.

Sad news to report about the passing of our honored Chapter mate, CAPT Paul B. Smith, USN (Ret.) Class of '42, on April 16, 2004. Paul was a true member of the "Greatest Generation" and was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions off Okinawa in April 1945 on board the destroyer USS Laffey under multiple kamikaze attacks. There was a great article about Paul in the April 23 Atlanta Journal-Constitution. I have a copy if anyone missed it. Paul will be missed and we appreciate his leadership with the great class of '42 contingent, which set the pace for alumni fellowship in the Atlanta Chapter.

News from another Chapter member: We received the following e-mail on April 22 from VADM Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), '66, from Baghdad. "Life moves on. Tomorrow I will turn over duties as Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Coalition Provisional Authority and return to Washington to assume duties as Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on Intelligence Capabilities relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction in early May. I leave Baghdad with mixed emotions. While the press of daily challenges

is strong and persistent, I believe that the strategic course we are pursuing is right and enduring. The history of this region will be positively affected by what we are doing. It has been a high privilege to serve with a superb group of people in a significant and noble undertaking. Teddy Roosevelt is reported to have said, "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." By that measure, we have been greatly blessed."

I have exchanged mail with Scott, congratulating him on completion of an historic assignment and eliciting from him a promise to give the Chapter some sea stories at a future monthly luncheon when his schedule permits.

As a follow on to Chet Gladchuks rousing speech to us about Navy athletics last March, the following article appeared on Navy Sports. NAVY WINS SEASON SERIES AGAINST ARMY FOR THE 12TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Navy athletic teams posted a 16-13 (.568) record against Army during the 2003-04 season, marking the 12th straight year that the Midshipmen have won the season series against the Black Knights. Navy's varsity sports teams were 13-9 (.591) against Army in N-star competitions this year with wins in golf, women's soccer, men's soccer, women's swimming, men's swimming, football, men's basketball, men's indoor track, women's indoor track, wrestling, rifle, lacrosse, and men's outdoor track. Navy has now won the season series against Army 31 of the last 33 years (the two tied in 1972-73 and Army won the season series in 1991-92). Dating back to the first Army-Navy competition in 1890, Navy has won the season series 56 times compared to 38 by Army and there have been 12 ties."

What can I say, but Beat Army! and do you suppose Bobby Ross knows what he's getting into?

Bill Rentz '55, Atlanta Chapter President

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>

April 24th Social Hour a Hit

On April 24th, the Chapter held our second Social Hour & Evening Meal at Jock's & Jill's. The event was designed to give area alumni an opportunity to get together if they are not able to get away from work long enough to attend the Chapter monthly luncheons on the third Friday of each month.

In attendance were: Jan & Jon Barton '66, Jody & Paul Borer '70, Mike Donohoo '65, Karen & Steve Frederick '72, Marilyn & Carl McCallum '60, Lissa & Tim Phillips '89, Susan & Bill Rentz '55, Linda & Bob Schultz '71, Susan & Eric Shewbridge '77, Rebecca Szurovy (Parent's Club), Ann & Jim Todd '55, Jean Jacob & Nick Ward '74, Barbara & Charles "CM" Wood '65 with their guest Amber Jackson (prospective Class of 2009), and Barbara & Duane Young '49.

Skid Heyworth '70, USNA Alumni Association VP of Communications Spoke at April Luncheon

Skid Heyworth '70, Vice President of Communications for the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association visited Atlanta for the Chapter April luncheon.

Skid took some time explaining the state of the Alumni Association's three main communications vehicles, Shipmate Magazine, the USNA.COM web site, and ;the group e-mail server database.

There is now an enterprise wide goal of obtaining a consistent look and feel throughout all communication media, and a clear trend toward "webifying" everything (putting content on the web site). The trend toward electronic communications media such as web sites and e-mail is based on the overwhelming benefit of the increased speed of communication. Whereas Shipmate Magazine has a six-week time delay, the web site is real-time. The second something is posted, it is immediately available to everyone.

Though much is moving toward electronic media, don't be worried about Shipmate Magazine! A survey was conducted which indicated that over 75% of alumni still prefer to receive a printed hard-copy Shipmate. As such, that's the way it will

remain. Noteworthy is the fact that the Naval Academy is the only college in the country that has ten issues a year of their alumni magazine! That will also remain the same. Most other colleges have around four to six issues a year.

In coming months Shipmate Magazine will undergo some changes. When these changes are in effect, future Shipmate issues will have themes. Each feature article in the front portion of the magazine will support that main theme. Class notes, still the most popular portion of Shipmate, will remain the same.

Skid closed by saying that the communications infrastructure that is currently in place at the Alumni Association is now a space shuttle as compared to the battleship that he found when he first got there.

Many thanks to Skid for making time in his schedule to visit the Atlanta Chapter and keep us up to date.

The following alumni attended the luncheon: George O'Connell '35, Charles Hill '42, Jim Ravenel '45, Jim Hatch '47, Meyer Rose '48, Duff Young '49, John Stark '51, Perry Stephens '51, Mike Nassr '54, Bill Rentz '55, Jim Todd '55, Dale Herndon '56, Mike Miller '56, Hal Morrison '61, Alex Daunis '63, Tony Womble '63, Joe Frazar '65, Bob Snelling '65, Jim Slemenda '66, Paul Borer '70, Skid Heyworth '70, Mitch Rowland '71, Bob Schultz '71, Lee Whitfield '71, Steve Frederick '72, Mike Lores '74, Ben McMillan '74, Mario Maddox '85.

Blue & Gold Officer's Update

The class of 2008 is almost set!! This year, Georgia had 460 students apply to USNA (this is the highest number in years from Georgia). In Georgia, we currently have 23 students that have accepted offers to USNA, 6 students coming to USNA from NAPS, 8 students have offers and have not yet responded as to whether they are going to accept them, and one student on the waiting list. We have 3 students that have accepted NAPS, 6 have been offered NAPS and are either completing their paperwork or have yet to decide whether to accept the offer, and 3 students on the NAPS waiting list. We have 2 students accepted into the USNA Foundation program that guarantees them entry into USNA next year upon successful completion of a year of preparatory school.

Now is a great time to join the BGO program. We are beginning to work with the Junior class and preparing them for the application process. The following is a simple summary of what a BGO does. If you are interested, please e-mail or call me at cindymiller@1990.usna.com or 770-650-8921 and I can give you more information. I am in need of Blue & Gold Officers in the Macon area (2 of my BGOs are moving)!!

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. 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. Within the first few years of being involved in the program, BGOs are required once to attend a one-week training course in Annapolis during the summer. USNA pays for your transportation, lodging at Bancroft Hall, and food at King Hall. BGO work can accommodate almost anyone's schedule. We have airline pilots, drilling reservists, active duty, retirees and those that work "normal" jobs in a lot of different job fields the program.

As a BGO, you can determine how many schools and students you want under your area of responsibility. Since it is all on the computer system now, it is requested that all BGOs have a computer with access to the web. In some cases, you can receive drill credits toward retirement (without pay) but in most cases, BGOs do it because of their love of USNA and the values it instills in the midshipmen. By working as a BGO, we insure that the high standards in 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.

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.

Chapter Events Calendar

May 7, 2004 – 9:30am

Army-Navy Golf Championship, Ft. McPherson, GA
Contact Will Wood at (770) 673-2746.

May 21, 2004

Chapter Luncheon

June 5, 2004 – 4pm

Lobsterfest at Red Top Mountain
Contact Mike Herger and Carl McCallum.

June 18, 2004

Chapter Luncheon

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