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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**See articles in the newsletter for details!**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

This will be short to mainly invite your attention to our web site Events Schedule and our Monthly Luncheon Schedule. Thanks to the efforts by your Chapter mates to organize some great activities, we have some exciting news.

The next football game is Navy-Notre Dame at Jocks & Jills on Saturday, October 16. Kickoff is at 12 noon. No need to sign up, just show up and yell. This may be our chance to finally beat the Irish. We've been so close for several years. Again, thanks to Ples Bruce '77, for making that happen.

Navy Coach Paul Johnson will address the Atlanta Touchdown Club on Monday, November 8. The ATC meets at Cobb Galleria. You need to call Stew Caldwell '65 to make a reservation for that event and pay \$50 at the door.

The Army-Navy game telecast on December 4 will be watched in Atlanta at the ESPN Zone in Buckhead by Annapolis and West Point grads and families. More details to come on that event cost and sign up thanks to Matt Kirby '94. Watch the website.

Our next monthly luncheon speaker on Friday, October 15, is the new Managing Editor of Shipmate, Debbie Beck. She is looking for feedback on recent and future format changes to our magazine. The October issue has a great article about Home Depot, "Supporting the Armed

Forces”, written by Debbie Beck. We are trying to line up Bob Ravener ’81, featured in the article, and a member of the Atlanta Chapter, to come tell us more about his company and their involvement in Veterans issues. We can look forward to that after the first of the year.

The November 19 speaker is LGEN Robert Keller, USMC (Ret.), an F-4U Corsair pilot, author, and former CO of the Black Sheep Squadron. Thanks, Les Gable ’70, for setting that up.

There is a lot more to look forward to: the Chapter Christmas Party, the Navy Bowl Game, MLK weekend and the USNA Gospel Choir visit in January, Founders Day with the Supe, VADM Rempt ’68, as Guest of Honor in February. Lots of people are working out details of these events. Watch the website.

We need you all to support these efforts by encouraging your classmates, old shipmates, squadron mates, and neighbors to join us for our monthly luncheon meetings and other events found on our website. Spread the word. Support and pray for our troops.

**Beat Army! Bill Rentz ’55, Chapter President**

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## **Dr. James Bruns President and CEO Atlanta History Center Speaks at September Chapter Luncheon**

Our guest speaker for September was Dr. James Bruns, President and CEO of the Atlanta History Center.

The Atlanta History Center, founded in 1926 as the Atlanta Historical Society, is located at 130 West Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta. The Center includes four signature exhibitions and two changing exhibition galleries in the Atlanta History Museum, two historic houses (the Swan house and Tullie Smith farm), the James G. Kenan Research Center, and 33 acres of gardens. They also now own the Margaret Mitchell house. For more information see their web site at [www.atlantahistorycenter.com](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com).

Dr. Bruns was here to educate us about the Atlanta History Center and to inform us of the upcoming

“V for Victory: America Remembers World War II” exhibit coming in November. The exhibit is scheduled to start November 11<sup>th</sup>, and have about a ten-month run.

The exhibit will examine the individual stories and experiences of Georgians and others who lived through the WWII experience from 1941-1946, including snapshots into life just before and after the conflict. From patriotic activities on the home front to the establishment of military training bases throughout the state, the exhibit will examine life for Georgians within their families, in their neighborhoods, on the job, in the military and on the front lines.

Dr. Bruns enlightened us with several personal stories of veterans who participated in WW II, plus offered background stories on how the Atlanta History Center acquired a number of its interesting pieces of history.

A prize possession is the 600 pound ships bell from the USS Atlanta, a light cruiser that sank in action during the war. He related that Atlantans were so distraught over the loss of the ship bearing their name that they raised sixty million dollars to build a replacement, plus two destroyer escorts to protect her!

The AHC also has a piece of the USS Arizona, which sank during the Japanese attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He offered us a chance to hold that small piece of history in our very own hands if we contact him and let him and arrange a time. They will soon have one of the props from the Memphis Belle, a B-17 Flying Fortress that was retired from active service in the WW II European theater after 25 successful bombing missions.

Another interesting project at the AHC is the Veterans History Project. The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress is honoring America’s veterans through the Veterans History Project, a national initiative to collect individuals’ wartime experiences.

The Veterans History Project, with the assistance of its network of more than 670 partners, including AARP, the founding corporate sponsor, calls for all Americans to play a personal role in the

preservation of our nation's history by recording the first-person accounts of those who defended our country during wartime, as well as the civilians who supported them.

Each Wednesday, the Atlanta History Center, with the help of AARP and other volunteers, will conduct oral interviews with local veterans from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can sign up as a volunteer, or interviewee, by calling 404-814-4052.

A free instruction kit for veterans, volunteers and potential partners who would like to participate is available by calling 1-888-371-5848, or by visiting the Web site at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

Many thanks to Dr. Bruns for taking the time to educate us about the Atlanta History Center.

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## Upcoming Luncheon Speaker

**Friday, November 19 – Lieutenant General Robert Keller, USMC (Ret.), an F-4U Corsair pilot, author, and former CO of the Black Sheep Squadron.**

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## 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 \$14 cash. No checks, no plastic. Please bring exact change if you can.**

**NOTE: The luncheon price INCLUDES service charges (tips). Jock's & Jill's has been taking very good care of us for years. The food is always excellent; and they offer us three main dishes, plus salad, bread, and dessert.**

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## 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.

If you know of a student that is interested in USNA, no matter what age, have them log onto [www.USNA.edu](http://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](mailto: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, e-mail Cindy Miller at [cindymiller@1990.usna.com](mailto:cindymiller@1990.usna.com) or call 770-650-8921.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**WHEN:      WHAT:                      WHERE:**

**16 Oct 04      Football  
Time TBA      Navy vs. Notre Dame      Jock's & Jill's**

**23 Oct 04      Football  
at 1:30 PM      Navy vs. Rice                      Jock's & Jill's**

**11 Nov 04      Navy Coach                      Atlanta  
12 Noon      Paul Johnson                      Touchdown  
Club                      Speaks in Atlanta**

**2 Dec 04      Army vs. Navy                      GPTV  
Time TBA      Fundraiser**

**4 Dec 04      Football                      TJ's Sports Bar  
Time TBA      Army vs. Navy**

**12 Dec 04      Christmas Party                      Mike '74 and  
Time TBA                      Susan Lores'  
Residence**

**15 Jan 05      USNA Gospel Choir                      MLK Center  
at Noon      Holiday Concert                      Ebenezer  
Baptist Church**

**26 Feb 05      Founders Day                      Fernbank  
at 6:30 PM      USNA Supt                      Museum  
Guest of Honor**

**19 Mar 05      Vernal Equinox                      Tyrone, GA or  
Time TBA      Southside Event                      Peachtree City**

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