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**CHARLEY PLUMLY '55 ADDRESSES THE CHAPTER  
AT THE FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**

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This letter has started many times with references to our web site, events schedule, monthly luncheon, and other postings, at [www.usnaaaa.com](http://www.usnaaaa.com). This month I'd like to call attention to the guy who makes it happen, our grand web master, Bob Schultz '71. Bob puts in a lot of personal time keeping up with all the inputs that go into making this web site the envy of the entire Alumni Association. You would be amazed at the number of comments I get tossed my way about the fantastic amount of great material contained on our Atlanta Chapter electronic newspaper and beacon of things to come. It makes my job of communicating to the Chapter much easier and more successful.

Case in point, those of you who went to our February 26, 2005, Founder's Day/Dark Ages Party, featuring an inspiring and interesting speech and presentation by the Superintendent, VAdm. Rempt '66, must have noticed and appreciated the lengthy, lively, and comprehensive write up with 44 photos of the event that appeared on the web site the next day. That took a lot of work.

Bob has served the Atlanta Chapter in about every position available on the Chapter Board of Directors, including President, and he has always given unselfishly of his time and talent to make the system work. For example, every time I am at a Chapter event and have forgotten to get out the Chapter digital camera to record the festivities, a flash bulb goes off to remind me that I don't need

to. You guessed it, it's Bob with his own digital camera and he has beaten me to it and saved the day again.

Seriously, we owe Bob our gratitude every day for the work he does for this Chapter. I don't tell him near enough. But I do want to correct one thing he said about me losing my notebook with my notes for introducing the guest speaker on Founder's Day. Every thing he said about Sue rescuing it from the top of our car is true. But I was in more distress about the slips of paper that I had in my notebook with the two verses of Navy Blue and Gold on it than I was about my introductory speech notes. I could always wing it with my notes, since I wrote them. But I had told the Supe that we were going to sing the right words to verse one, the ones he had changed last year to recognize the fine contribution of women to the Naval Academy and that I agreed with his rationale. I knew that some of our old timers couldn't remember the new and right words without some prompting and the help of cheat sheets.

So check the web site for our upcoming events. Bob, or some other member of your Board of Directors has put in a lot of effort on your behalf to make these events worthwhile and to your liking. If not, we need to know so we can change them. I could say many more words about the great work of your other Board members, and I intend to before my term is up in June this year. In the meanwhile, I would ask for your support and vote in the currently ongoing election for Eastern Region Trustee.

Bill Rentz '55 Atlanta Chapter President

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### **Captain Charley Plumly '55, of Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, Speaks at Chapter February Luncheon**

Captain Charley Plumly '55, USN (Ret) classmate and good friend of Chapter President Bill Rentz '55, gave us an up close and personal look at history at the February Luncheon. Charley had four surface ship commands in his naval career and served for a year as Chief of Staff of CTF 115 in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. He was in LTjg John

Kerry's chain of command for the entire four months that Kerry was in Vietnam. When Senator Kerry announced his candidacy for Commander-in-Chief based on his military experience in Vietnam, Charley and other Swift Boat veterans decided that they needed to tell their side of that experience, particularly his post tour escapades with his medals, Vietnam Veterans against the War, his accusations of war crimes, and the condition of his discharge from the Navy. Charley is a member of "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth" and is quoted extensively in John O'Neil's book, "Unfit for Command". They declared their mission accomplished after the election last November in which George W. Bush was re-elected to a second term as President of the United States.

Present at the luncheon were: Our honored senior Chapter member George O'Connell '35; guest Peggy Lotte; Jim Ravenel '45; Jim Hatch '47; Mike Rose '48; Glenn Brewer '51; John Stark '51; Perry Stephens '51; Jack Wilson '53; Johns Jaudon '55; Charley Plumly '55; Sibyl Plumly; Chad Plumly; Bill Rentz '55; Jim Todd '55; Dale Herndon '56; Gary Pelphrey '57; Reggie Vachon '58; Mary Eleanor Vachon; Tom Ross; Carl McCallum '60; Charles Gardner '61; Dianne Gardner; Paul Hurst '62; Steve Wallin '62; Ann Wallin; Tony Womble '63; Stewart Caldwell '65; Joe Frazar '65; Bill Williams '65, C. M. Wood '65; Jon Barton '66, Will Wood '66; Paul Borer '70; Mitch Rowland '71; Bob Schultz '71; Lee Whitfield '71; Steve Frederick '72; Shaun Bradley '78; Mario Maddox '85; Rob Burger '86; Terry McElroy '86; Mary McElroy '87; Kevin Mulroney '87; Erin Mulroney; Kent Leka '90; and Chip Preston.

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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, which includes service charges (tips). Please bring exact change if you can.**

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## **2005 Dark Ages Party Was a Great Time!**

On Saturday evening, February 26, the fifth annual Atlanta Chapter Dark Ages/Founders Day Party was held at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Marietta. This year's party was again 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. 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 catered meal was the best, from the appetizer to the main course to the dessert. The majority of the men arrived dressed in tuxedos, with their escorted ladies in equally formal attire. It was a great looking room full of alumni, spouses, and friends!

Our guest of honor was VADM Rodney P. Rempt, USN (Class of '66) Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, accompanied by his wife Pam.

**See the chapter website for details and photographs**

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## **Blue & Gold Officers and Their Involvement with High School Juniors and the USNA Summer Seminar Program**

Blue & Gold Officers are volunteers that assist USNA by performing the face-to-face interviews of students that are applying to USNA. For more details on the program, please see past articles in the USNA Atlanta Alumni newsletter or contact Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or [cindymiller@1990.usna.com](mailto:cindymiller@1990.usna.com). We are in need of Blue & Gold officers in the Roswell/Alpharetta/Cumming area and in Macon. If you can help, please contact me at the above phone number or email address.

As the year is wrapping up for Blue & Gold Officers with respect to interviewing seniors, it is just beginning

for the junior class. If you know of any junior who is interested in USNA, please make sure that they go to the USNA web site at [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu) and under Admissions, register for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS). It is an online registration that opens up on 1 Feb 05. Admittance into the program is based on above average PSAT/SAT scores, good grades and a good record of sports and extra curricular activities. If a junior hasn't taken the PSAT/SAT yet, they need to before the end of January in order to competitive in obtaining a spot in the summer seminar program. The program fills up very quickly so it is imperative that juniors turn their applications in as soon as possible.

The Naval Academy Summer Seminar program is the Academy's most successful marketing and recruiting program. Conducted and managed by the Office of Admissions, the Summer Seminar is scheduled annually during the first three weeks of June. Designed for top-performing, highly qualified rising high School seniors, a total of 600 students will attend each of the three sessions scheduled annually in June, coming from all 50 states of the U.S. The purpose of the Naval Academy Summer Seminar is to introduce potential candidates to the total experience of the Naval Academy. Emphasis and events are designed to allow the students to experience, firsthand, the Naval Academy mission, highlighting the moral, mental and physical development of each midshipman. Summer Seminar events include eight academic workshops taught by members of USNA's Faculty, daily physical training sessions, intramural sports activities, seamanship and sailing opportunities, leadership training, drill competition, briefings on the character development program and the honor concept and a Plebe Indoctrination Session. Students live in Bancroft Hall and receive a firsthand introduction to midshipman life in the Yard. The mainstay of the Summer Seminar is the leadership and mentorship provided by the midshipman detail, all of who are volunteers and highly recommended by the Commandant of Midshipmen for this program. Summer Seminar attendees are selected for their well-rounded and versatile resumes that are competitive for USNA admissions criteria. Each year, more than 80% of the Summer Seminar attendees become candidates for admissions to USNA. Applications for the Summer Seminar program are found on the USNA web site, and are usually open and available after 1 February. The cost is approximately \$200. Applicants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Annapolis.

The admissions process is going great this year for the state of Georgia. So far, we have 361 students applying to USNA from Georgia. This is a little lower than 426

at this time last year. To date, we have 3 students who have been offered and accepted appointments to USNA, another 5 have been offered conditional offers (this means that they will be offered an appointment once they have been cleared medically and have a nomination). We have 2 students who have accepted NAPS and another that has been offered NAPS. The USNA Foundation has recently mailed out applications to 5 Georgia students for participation in the Foundation program. Both NAPS and Foundation guarantee admittance into USNA next year upon successful completion of their programs.

Congressmen and Senators are required to submit their nominations to USNA at the end of January. After the deadline, we expect USNA to send out a lot of offers. The next few months are very exciting and sometimes disappointing for our BGOs and their students.

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

**WHEN:      WHAT:      WHERE:**

<b>26 Feb 05 at 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Founders Day Guest of Honor: VADM Rodney Rempt, USNA Superintendent</b>	<b>Cobb Galleria</b>
<b>Formal attire</b>		

<b>19 Mar 05 Coffee's Time TBA</b>	<b>Vernal Equinox Southside Event</b>	<b>Wendell Golf Center Tyrone, GA</b>
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<b>30 Apr 05</b>	<b>Social Hour and Dinner</b>	<b>Jock's &amp; Jill's</b>
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<b>20 May 05 9:30 Registration</b>	<b>Army-Navy Golf Challenge 11:00 Start</b>	<b>Ft McPherson Army Base, Atlanta</b>
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<b>26 May 05 11 AM</b>	<b>AVVBA Dedication Square of Memorial for CDR C. W. Stoddard '49</b>	<b>Colony</b>
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<b>11 June 05 4 PM</b>	<b>Lobsterfest Mountain State Park</b>	<b>Red Top</b>
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