

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2005**



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**BILL RENTZ CONCLUDES HIS FOURTH  
TERM AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

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**BILL RENTZ AND CARL MCCALLUM  
APPOINTED AS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors voted unanimously to send the name of Carl P. McCallum '60 to the USNA Alumni Association to serve as the Atlanta Chapter member of the Board of Trustees starting in May 2005 to run until May 2008. In the same week we learned that yours truly, Bill Rentz '55, had been elected to serve as the Eastern Region representative on the USNA Alumni Association Board of Trustees. That term also running from May 2005 until May 2008.

Carl and I have both served as Atlanta Chapter President, have both had a term as Atlanta Chapter Trustee, and have both remained active participants on the Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors. My current term as Atlanta Chapter President ends next month and a new slate of Chapter Officers will be approved and submitted for your information at the May monthly luncheon meeting on May 20 and for vote by the Chapter members present at the June 17, 2005, monthly meeting. Chapter Vice President Steve Frederick headed a nominating committee last month of three Chapter Board of Directors members who recommended the new slate for approval. If the names are available by the time this newsletter goes to press, we will publish it here also.

This is an appropriate time for me to remind all alumni in the Atlanta area, Chapter members

and non-members, to become active participants in the Atlanta Chapter and the USNA Alumni Association. We need for you to communicate your ideas, inputs, and complaints to the Chapter Officers who can get you an answer and address your concerns.

The May monthly luncheon meeting on May 20 does not have a speaker scheduled, but we will meet at our regular place at Jocks & Jills Brookhaven to have an open discussion of Chapter business or anything you want to bring up. All the golfers will be at the Army-Navy Golf challenge at Ft. McPherson on that day so we may have a small turnout for lunch, but we will be there as usual.

As I finish my fourth term as Chapter President I would like to reflect on the gratitude I have for the Chapter Officers and Directors with whom I have been privileged to serve. You all know their names and you can read them on the Chapter web site and at the front of the Directory of Members. What makes this job such a pleasure and easy is the caliber of people I deal with. I know they all come from an institution that instilled in them the same foundation of honor, integrity, trust, and good moral behavior that you all were exposed to. I never have to worry that if I ask a question or get an answer from one of them whether or not it will be the unvarnished truth. Also that if they are tasked with something, it will be addressed with a conscientious approach to getting the task done properly. Now that may sound simple and corny to some of you, but if you have had experiences in business or with other shady characters, you appreciate the qualities of people with ethics and morality as the cornerstone of their education and experiences. We may not always agree on what is the ethical approach to how to do something, but I always know that ethics were strongly considered by all involved in the decision.

We close out our Events this year with Army-Navy Golf on Friday, May 20, at Fort McPherson, and the world famous Atlanta Lobster Fest on Saturday, June 11, at Red Top Mountain. We'll start the fall with a new cycle of events and a new set of Chapter Officers and Directors elected at the June 2005 monthly meeting.

Bill Rentz '55, Atlanta Chapter President

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## **Bob Ravener '81, of Home Depot, Speaks at Chapter April Luncheon**

Bob Ravener '81 was our guest speaker at the Chapter April luncheon. Bob is currently the Vice President of Human Resources for Home Depot. Bob has been at Home Depot for about two years now. About a year and a half ago, Bob lead Home Depot's efforts to work directly with the Department of Defense in hiring veterans. Bob is also a member of the President's Hire Veterans Committee.

Home Depot is an approximately \$70 billion company with about 320,000 associates. Their corporate personnel policy is to take care of their people and to treat people with respect. They hire about 150,000 associates per year and create about 20,000 new jobs each year. Last year Home Depot hired over 15,000 veterans, including military spouses.

Operation Career Front is Home Depot's program for hiring veterans. Through this program, Home Depot works directly with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs to provide career opportunities for current and former members of America's military community. This includes all veterans (including those with service related disabilities), separating active duty service members, National Guardsmen and Reservists, and military spouses. See

<http://careers.homedepot.com> on the Internet for more information and to apply for employment.

Home Depot's Store Leadership Program is a 2-year business leadership program for officers transitioning to civilian life. See

<http://careers.homedepot.com/slp> on the Internet for more information.

In addition to employment opportunities, Home Depot also has many programs to support veterans and their families. Project Home Front, and similar projects, provided over one million dollars and one million volunteer hours to support the families of service men and women. This included those recently on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This support helped the families keep up their home lives and their homes while their loved ones were away serving our country.

In addition, Home Depot spends about \$10 million per year on their Olympic Jobs Program. This program is designed to support our Olympic athletes throughout their training and competition.

Many thanks to Bob for sharing this important information with us, and for championing the cause of supporting and hiring veterans in Corporate America.

(Summary written by Bob Schultz '71)

### The May 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon will be a Networking Luncheon

For those who do not wish to participate in the Army/Navy Golf outing, the May luncheon will be held at Jock's and Jill's for networking purposes.

### 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.



## Blue & Gold Officers Update

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.

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 be 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.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

**WHEN:            WHAT:            WHERE:**

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| <b>20 May 05<br/>9:30<br/>Registration</b> | <b>Army-Navy Golf<br/>Challenge<br/>11:00 Start</b> | <b>Ft McPherson<br/>Army Base,<br/>Atlanta</b> |
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| <b>26 May 05<br/><br/>11 AM</b> | <b>AVVBA Dedication<br/>Square<br/>of Memorial for CDR<br/>C. W. Stoddard '49</b> | <b>Colony</b> |
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| <b>11 June 05<br/>4 PM</b> | <b>Lobsterfest<br/>Mountain State Park</b> | <b>Red Top</b> |
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