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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The “dog days of summer” are here at the end of July and in less than two weeks the kids will be back in school. It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over, but time marches on, and time, tide and noon meal formation wait for no one.

Our monthly luncheon in July was a well attended event, most probably because we had a great speaker, Fred Tollison, former CEO of the Institute of Nuclear Operators (INPO). Fred is a neighbor of Paul Hurst '62, and retired early this year. Paul asked him to come speak to our group, and Fred provided us with a comprehensive insider's look at the nuclear power industry, and his ideas of its future. Once again, Bob Schultz '71 has provided a complete and accurate synopsis of Fred's presentation on our website at www.usnaaaa.com.

Our July luncheon also saw the unanimous election of the 2006/2007 slate of officers for our Chapter. Elected were: President – Steve Frederick '72 (second term), Vice President – Mitch Rowland '71 (second term), Treasurer – Pete Knoetgen '77 (first term), Secretary – Paul Borer '70 (second term), Directors (General) Ples Bruce '77 (second term), Stew Caldwell '65 (second term), Terry McElroy '86 (second term), Mary McElroy '87 (second term), and Eric Busko '88 (first term). Once again, we have a great team of officers who are each committed to the Chapter and to providing quality service to the members. If you ever have a suggestion for improvement to the way we do business or how we conduct an event, please let

one of the officers know. We try very hard to provide our membership with what can arguably be called the best Chapter in the nation, and your feedback and suggestions are critical to our continued success.

Attendees at the July luncheon included: George O'Connell '35 (SOPA), James Ravenel '45, John Stark '51, Perry Stephens '51, Bill Rentz '55, Reggie Vachon '58, Frank Roescher '59, Clint Johnson '60, Ed Hux '61, Hal Morrison '61, Paul Hurst '62, Lorie Moore '64, Bill Holmes '64, Jon Barton '66, Paul Borer '70, Mitch Rowland '71, Bob Schulz '71, Lee Whitfield '71, Steve Frederick '72, Ples Bruce '77, Pete Knoetgen '77, Paul Wright '79,

By the time you read this you should have received your dues mailer for 2006. We know that it is a bit late but our printer threw us a curve this year, and we had to start from scratch a few months ago. Late or not, please take the time to respond, either on line or through the mail. Your payment of dues serves two critical purposes to our Chapter. First, the dues are our primary source of revenue, and allow us to fund events like the lobster fest and the Dark Ages Party prior to collecting fees from all attendees, and to keep event costs down. Secondly, dues paying members who are also members of the national association count in the membership count at the end of the year that determines the size of our Chapter, and subsequently, whether we are represented by our own Trustee. At the last count we were determined to be the seventh largest chapter, and the nine largest are currently represented by Trustees. Our Trustee is Carl McCallum '60 who does a great job representing us, and supporting the National Association. I worry sometimes that we take the privilege of direct representation for granted. It is an honor and an advantage to have our own rep onsite when the Board of Trustees discusses matters that affect our organization, from the national to the local level. Keep this in mind when you receive your dues mailer. (For those of you who have already paid online, if you received a dues mailer it is because of the lag time inherent in that system. Please be sure that you paid, and if so, ignore the mailer.)

Watch the website for information regarding football game viewing at Jocks and Jills in Brookhaven during the coming season. There are some very high expectations regarding the coming campaign, and a winning season is much more fun when witnessed while it unfolds rather than simply monitoring it via ESPN scores. And it's always more fun watching Navy football with a room of appreciative alumni.

We have some great speakers for our luncheons in the coming months, although admittedly, many are tentative at this point. However, Mary McElroy '87 has arranged for us to have Pete Hermann, the former Navy basketball coach speak at our September luncheon. Mark that one on your calendars, and watch the website for more information.

See you on the 18th at Jocks and Jills, and Beat Army.

BEAT ARMY!
Steve Frederick '72
Chapter President

Blue & Gold Update

We had an awesome year with the class of 2010. Forty-one students being given offers to USNA from Georgia and 32 accepted. We also had 11 go to NAPS and two received Foundation Scholarships. Both the NAPS and Foundation students will be accepted by USNA next year as long as they meet the grade and conduct requirements.

With the class of 2010 in the depths of their plebe summer, we are well into the admissions cycle for the class of 2011. In Atlanta alone, we currently have over 200 that have requested applications and of those 150 have met the requirements to receive an application. This is the second year that the applications are all online. If you know of a student who is applying, please make sure they know that the application is online and they just received a 2 page letter telling them how to apply instead of the 1 ½ pound application that most of us received in the mail. Their BGO's name, phone number, and e-mail are all available for them on

their online application.

One of the most frustrating things that we encounter as BGOs is Juniors that haven't taken their PSAT/SAT or ACT tests so they are not competitive for our summer program at USNA (called Naval Academy Summer Seminar). No test scores can also hinder Seniors from getting an application. If you know of an interested student, please tell them to take the PSAT/SAT or ACT the first semester of the Junior year so that they will be able to provide the score in February when the application for the Summer Seminar becomes available. Although students can take the tests through January of their Senior year, our state senators and most congressmen have their nomination interviews in Oct/Nov and those are the scores that they use to determine which applicants they nominate.

If you have been thinking of becoming a Blue & Gold Officer, now is a great time. One of my favorite quotes came from our BGO training last summer. "It is now our time to serve, to pay back USNA for everything that it has given us and to pass on to the next generation all the history, honor, and leadership that the Academy has to offer." Volunteering as a Blue and Gold officer is what he was referring to.

I get asked a lot about the Blue and Gold program and who can participate. 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.

Who can be a BGO? 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. We are always looking to add BGOs to our great team here in Georgia; we currently have about 80 BGOs in the state. We can use BGOs no matter where you live in Georgia.

How much time is involved? Within the first two 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.

If you are interested in being a BGO and helping USNA get the most qualified and motivated students, please contact Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or cindymiller@1990.USNA.com.

Monthly Luncheon Details:

We hold monthly luncheons at noon on the third Friday of each month at:

Jocks & Jills Sports Bar & Restaurant
4046 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA
Phone: (404) 816-2801

Events Calendar

Friday, 18 August 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon - Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 2 September 2006 – 5:30 pm

Navy vs E. Carolina -CSTV- Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 9 September 2006 – 1:30 pm

Navy vs UMass -CSTV- Jocks and Jills

Friday, 15 September 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon - Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 23 September 2006 – 1:30 pm

Navy vs Tulsa - CSTV-Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 7 October 2006 – 2:00 pm

Navy vs Air Force - CSTV-Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 14 October 2006 – 1:30 pm

Navy vs Rutgers -CSTV-Jocks and Jills

Friday, 20 October 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon - Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 28 October 2006 – TBA

Navy vs Notre Dame - CBS -Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 18 November 2006 – 12:30 pm

Navy vs Temple - CSTV -Jocks and Jills

Saturday, 12 December 2006 – 2:30 pm

Navy vs Army - CBS- TBA

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