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FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION – 11 FEBRUARY ALAN PRICE TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON – 17 FEBRUARY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this article in early February, the skies are dark, it's windy, there is no rain but there might as well be. The quintessential dark ages - but, as we used to say back at the boat school - what a great time for a party! And party we shall, as in our **annual Founder's Day Party on 11 February 2006!**

We are looking forward to a great time as we host Chet Gladchuk, the Director of Athletics at USNA. For those of you who remember, Chet visited our monthly luncheon almost two years ago and gave a great presentation on the state of athletics at the Academy, covering everything from the facilities, to participation rates, to academics. Frankly, I found the information mind blowing from the perspective of the quality of midshipmen currently attending the Academy. Their athletic prowess and success on teams ranging from rifle to volleyball to wrestling to football spoke clearly of the quality of the members of the current brigade. For that reason alone, I am really anticipating a great presentation by Chet. But beyond that, our current Director of Athletics is a very enthusiastic cheerleader for Navy athletics. His energy is apparent and infectious, and after hearing him speak I think you will be extremely impressed and excited about the future of Navy athletics, and the Naval Academy as an institution.

If you read this before the event and have not signed up but want to attend, call my office at 770

423-9298 and we will get you taken care of. We still have room at the time that I am writing this article, but our participation rate is up significantly this year and we do have a maximum, so don't hesitate.

Our luncheon in January was attended by many of our regulars, with a couple of fresh faces to add to the camaraderie. Attendees included George O'Connell '35 (SOPA), John Stark '51, Bill Rentz '55, Dale Herndon '56, Reggie Vachon '58, Ed Hux '61, Paul Hurst '62, Bill Holmes '64, Bill Williams '65, Jim Slemenda '66, Jon Barton '66, Paul Borer '70, Mitch Rowland '71, Bob Schultz '71, Steve Frederick '72, Ples Bruce '77, Mike Hill '77, Lidden Pate '82, and Mario Maddox '85. We did not have a speaker but had a great time reliving our experiences at Navy and during our careers, did a little business for the Chapter, and even conducted some quality business networking. If you want to spend a couple of quality hours with a great group of people who have experienced the same life changing events as young men and women that you experienced, consider joining us on the third Friday of the month at Jock's and Jill's in Brookhaven.

If you can join us in February, expect to hear Alan Price, who was the Chief Pilot for Delta Airlines on 9/11. He will give us his perspective of what it was like for commercial aviation on that watershed day with some stories that you have probably not heard. I have heard him speak at my Rotary club, and he is very entertaining. Interestingly, he is a USAFA grad and attended the Air Force game at Navy this past year. So there may be some questions from the attendees that are off subject.

As always, we are active and have much going on as a Chapter. If you are not participating in some of our events I truly believe you are missing a great opportunity for some great social and professional relationships.

BEAT ARMY!

Steve Frederick '72

Chapter President

USNA Gospel Choir in Atlanta for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration

The U.S. Naval Academy Gospel Choir was in Atlanta for three days for recruiting purposes, visiting local high schools and churches, and to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebration by giving a concert at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

On Saturday, January 14th, just before the concert, the Atlanta Chapter, with help from the Georgia Parents Club, sponsored a lunch for the choir members in the basement of the church.

It was a nice chance to see the caliber of the young people who make up the Brigade today. The program and concert was held from 1300 to 1430 in the Ebenezer Baptist Church. It's a beautiful old church and the choir had the walls shakin'!

The choir's singing was energetic, uplifting, and terrific, as usual. What a talented group of Mids and what a great showcase for the Academy. (Kind of humbles those of us who can't carry a tune in a bucket, however.)

Thanks to **Stewart Caldwell '65**, our Chapter Director for Brigade Support, for coordinating this event for us, along with **Cindy Miller '90**, our area Blue & Gold Coordinator. Thanks also to the Georgia Parents Club and their members.

Blue & Gold Officer Update

Naval Academy Summer Seminar for Juniors.

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/admissions and fill out a Request for Information form. On 1 Feb 06, juniors will be able to register for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS). Admittance into the program is based on PSAT, SAT or ACT scores, good grades and a good record of sports and extra curricular activities. If a junior hasn't taken the PSAT, SAT or ACT yet, they need to do so before the end of January in order to be competitive to obtain a spot in the summer seminar program. The program fills

up very quickly so it is imperative that juniors turn in their applications as soon as possible.

The Naval Academy Summer Seminar program is the Academy's most successful marketing and recruiting program. A total of 600 students will attend each of the three sessions scheduled annually during the first three weeks in June. The purpose of the Naval Academy Summer Seminar is to introduce the potential candidates to the total experience of the Naval Academy. Emphasis and events are designed to allow the students to experience, first hand, 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 first hand introduction to midshipman life in the Yard. The mainstay of the Summer Seminar is the leadership and mentoring provided by the midshipman detail, all of whom are volunteers and highly recommended by the Commandant of Midshipmen for this program. The cost is approximately \$300. Applicants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Annapolis.

If you know of a current junior that is not familiar with the Blue & Gold officer assigned to their school, please send me an e-mail with the name of the student, their school and the e-mail address of the student.

Cindy Miller '90

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Event Calendar

Saturday 11 February 2006 – 6:30 pm

Founders Day/Dark Ages Party - the guest speaker is Chet Gladchuck, USNA Athletic Director.

Friday, 17 February 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon –Jocks and Jills

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Saturday 25 March 2006

Vernal Equinox Party – hosted by Southside Alumni

Saturday 15 April 2006 - 7 pm

Social Hour/Dinner – Babbette's Café Virginia Highlands

Monday 22 May 2006 - 9:30 am

10th Annual Army-Navy Golf Challenge Ft. McPherson

Saturday 3 June 2006

LobsterFest – Red Top Mountain

Monthly Luncheon Details:

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

Jocks & Jills Sport Bar & Restaurant
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