

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2006



USNA GOSPEL CHOIR AT EBENEZER CHURCH – 14 JANUARY FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION – 11 FEBRUARY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I recount the past year's activities, we had many successful and enjoyable events, starting with our **Founder's Day Party** in February. With the Superintendent as our guest speaker, it was a well attended and very enjoyable evening to lighten the Dark Ages. In June, we had our signature annual event, the **Lobster Fest**. Once again, we had great weather, a sizable crowd, and a great day of camaraderie and lobster. In the Fall, we enjoyed **Navy home games** via satellite at our monthly watering hole, Jock's and Jill's Sports Bar in Brookhaven. For the regular season finale against Army, we gathered with the West Point Society of Atlanta at TJ's Sports Bar in Alpharetta.

Our final event for the year was the Chapter **Christmas Party**, which my wife and I hosted at our home in Kennesaw. We had a great turnout this year, and Karen outdid herself with the spread of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and decorations. Attendees included Jim and Lynn Hatch '47, Duane and Barbara Young '49, Bill and Sue Rentz '55, Jack and Patricia Clay '56, Carl and Marilyn McCallum '60, Alan and June Miller '61, Harvey and Lois Cybul '62, Bruce and Helene Abel '64, Lorie and Barb Moore '64, Keith and Karen Waldrop '64, Stew and Ann Caldwell '65, Jon and Jan Barton '66, Paul and Jody Borer '70, Mitch and Carol Rowland '71, Bob and Linda Schultz '71, Mike and Lauren Wilson '71, Jerry and Barbara Schubert '72, Nick and Jean Ward '74, Pete and Susan Knoetgen '77, Jack and Kay McCourt '78.

Throughout the year we continued to meet for our **monthly luncheons** at Jock's and Jill's Sports Bar in Brookhaven here in Atlanta. In December, we had great attendance despite the holiday schedule competition and lack of a speaker (we normally go without a speaker for the December luncheon). Attendees that came strictly for the camaraderie were Charonton Barber '42, Jim Ravenel '45, Walt Sheffield '51, John Stark '51, Johns Jaudon '55, Bill Rentz '55, Paul Hurst '62, Lorie Moore '64, Stew Caldwell '65, Joe Frazer '65, Jim Slemenda '66, Lee Whitfield '71, Tom Galloway '71, Steve Frederick '72, John Fry '80, Mario Maddox '85, Mary McElroy '87, Scott Murray '90, Shannon Murray '92, and Tony Yannone '98. We had a great time discussing the results of the football season and plans for viewing the Poinsettia Bowl.

As we move into 2006 we again have big plans that are all spelled out on our website at www.usnaaaa.com. In the near term we are again helping out with the visit by the **Naval Academy Gospel Choir** and their participation in celebrations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. In addition to a number of high school recruiting visits, the **Choir will be performing at the Ebenezer Baptist Church at 407 Auburn Avenue in Atlanta on 14 January**. This has been a truly inspiring event in past years, and we are looking forward to it with great anticipation again. Please consider joining us – go to the website to check out the particulars.

To again lighten the dark ages, we are hosting **Chet Gladchuk, the Director of Athletics at the Naval Academy, as our guest speaker at our Founder's Day party on 11 February**. This "members only" event (only local chapter members will receive an invitation) will be held at the Cobb Galleria and has been very well attended in past years. With the AD as the guest speaker, we are anticipating increased attendance this year and are looking forward to a great time. If you are a member and do not receive an invitation by 15 January, please call me and we will find the problem. If you are not a member and wish to attend, please go to the website, sign up as a member, and then call to let me know you need an invitation. I hope to see you there.

Our 2006 schedule is filled with opportunities to renew old acquaintances and spend time with fellow alumni. Please, take the time to join us for any or all events. Take a look at our website and make plans to spend some time with other people who have been fortunate enough to have shared that truly defining experience at Navy. I look forward to seeing you soon, and of course, **BEAT ARMY!**

Steve Frederick '72
Chapter President

USNA Gospel Choir will Perform at MLK Celebration on 14 January

We are fortunate this year to have the USNA Gospel Choir return for another outstanding performance during the MLK weekend. USNA AAA members are invited to attend the USNA AAA sponsored luncheon at 11:30 prior to the 1 pm concert on Saturday 14 January . Please RSVP Cindy Miller cindymiller@1990.usna.com , by 12 January . If you can make any of the other performances listed below, please do, as they are an outstanding group of young mids!

Friday, 13 Jan 06:

USNA Gospel Choir performs at 1:00 PM
Stephenson High School
701 Stephenson Road
Stone Mountain, Ga

Saturday, 14 JAN 06

USNA Gospel Choir performs at 1:00 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site
407 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, GA
404-688-7263

Sunday, 15 JAN 06:

USNA Gospel Choir 10 am
Greenforest Community Baptist Church
3250 Rainbow Dr.
Decatur, GA

Founder's Day Celebration -11 February

Join us for the annual 'Black Tie Optional' event at the Cobb Galleria Center. The keynote speaker is Chet Gladchuk, USNA Athletic Director. Invitations were mailed in early January.

Blue & Gold Officer Update

Current applicants to USNA: As we begin a new year, the application cycle for USNA candidates is coming to a close. This year, we had 360 students request an application to USNA from Georgia. Of those, 303 had strong enough preliminary applications to receive an application and candidate number. The nomination process is also coming to a close. The lists of nominees from each senator and congressman are due to USNA at the end of January, so most have already held their interviews and determined their 10 candidates for each opening at USNA. Each senator and congressman is authorized 5 midshipmen at USNA at any one time so most have one spot open in which they are authorized to send a list of 10 names to fill the one spot. USNA will decide which student from the list gets into USNA, based on the method of submission from the senator/congressman and qualifications of the candidates.

In order to keep up with the growing trend of colleges offering exceptional students early offers of admission, USNA has continued this year with the "early offer" program. The program allows USNA to give a "conditional" offer to extremely strong candidates prior to the nominations being sent to USNA. Currently, USNA has given out 11 early offers to Georgia students. In addition, USNA has given 4 offers to Georgia students to attend Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS).

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

Georgia Blue & Gold Coordinator
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Event Calendar

Saturday, 14 January 2006-

USNA Gospel Choir –Ebenezer Baptist Church

Friday, 20 January 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon –Jocks and Jills

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

Friday, 17 March 2006 – noon

Monthly luncheon –Jocks and Jills

Saturday 18 March 2006

Vernal Equinox Party – hosted by Southside Alumni

Monthly Luncheon Details:

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

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

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