

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2006**



**MONTHLY LUNCHEON – 21 JULY  
FRED TOLLISON – SPEAKER  
OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Last month I observed that “Finally, the hot weather is here in Georgia”. Well, since then, the “really hot weather” has arrived. The 4 July weekend has come and gone (along with my personal reminiscences about my first snow flake drill that began at 0530 on 4 July 1968) and the Peachtree Road Race for 2006 is history.

I ran my first Peachtree this year, and crossed paths with Scott Evans '88 who was also running his first with his 14 year old son. (My 16 year old daughter was running her third, but since she is in the wheel chair division, we don't get to run together.) There were a few other Navy grads that I saw and wheezed “Beat Army” at, along with a Woop who said that he was beginning his new life at West Point 50 years prior to the day we ran the race. The race was pretty challenging with the heat, but it occurred to me that we need to consider putting a Navy team together for next year, with appropriate attire to identify us to other runners and spectators. I plan to discuss such an effort with the BOD, so standby for further info. I think that with appropriately noticeable uniforms (bright T-shirts) we could get some great publicity for USNA.

By this time next year, there may be a lot more people here in the football centered south who appreciate the Academy. Several articles have been published recently in preparation for the upcoming football season, and each one is highly complimentary of the Navy program. Each of the

publications that I have read rate each team in the country, and all have Navy rated higher than all of our opponents except Notre Dame. I figure one upset per year is not too much to ask. I actually saw one on NavySports.com that listed Navy as one of four non-BSC schools that has a shot at a BCS bowl. This could be a season to remember. Keep an eye on our website for info about viewing Navy's home football games at Jock's and Jill's in Brookhaven, the same place that we meet for our monthly luncheons. I would venture a guess that our team will generate some major interest this year, and am looking forward to some great crowds on "home game" Saturdays.

I was unable to make it to the June luncheon, but was told that our speaker, RADM Casey Coane did a great job and that his presentation was informative and enjoyable. Unfortunately, I don't have the attendance list, so I can't list attendees. Our July speaker is Fred Tollison, former CEO at INPO. I would recommend attendance at that meeting, as the topic of nuclear power generation becomes a more significant one each day. I hope to see you at Jock's and Jill's in Brookhaven on 21 July.

Pay close attention to our website for the latest information on our events, particularly football season plans. The activity level for our Chapter tends to slow down after the Lobster Fest, as folks tend to hit the road for summer travel. However, things will be cranking up again shortly, and we would very much like to have your support at any of our events. I think that you in turn will find them worthwhile and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you again, or to meeting you at one of our future events.

**BEAT ARMY!**  
**Steve Frederick '72**  
**Chapter President**

## **Board of Director Election**

USNA AAA Officer elections will be held at the monthly meeting on July 21, 2006.

### **Proposed Officer Slate**

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### **RADM Casey Coane USNR (Ret) – Executive Director, Naval Reserve Assn. spoke at the June 16 luncheon**

RADM Casey Coane, USNR (Ret.) - National Executive Director – Naval Reserve Association, and Vice President Youth Activities, Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League United States, was our guest speaker at the Chapter June luncheon.

Though Admiral Coane could have provided current information on a number of topics, he focused on two things that he said are true today in Washington that were not true just a couple of years ago.

The first is that the GWOT (Global War on Terror) is now being referred to as the "long war". No one discusses this issue in short-term time frames anymore, but rather in terms of decades and longer.

The second is that what used to be called the "Strategic Reserves" and utilized as such (on a temporary fill-in-as-needed basis), is now being called the "Operational Reserves" and being utilized on a regular operational basis to supplement Army forces that are stretched way too thin.

Admiral Coane said that, after Vietnam, the reserve force gradually built back up to an acceptable level by the time Operation Desert Storm came to pass.

However, by the time Operation Iraqi Freedom started, that force had dwindled to 1/3 of its pre-Dessert Storm size!

The reserve force is currently being used at an operational level, with typical one-year deployments vs the usual 2 to 4 week per year temporary duty that a reserve commitment usually involved. This is causing great hardships on families and businesses. The bottom line is that this is causing reservists to leave the reserves and resulting in a shrinking of the reserve force and the loss of the military's relationship with society through the reserves.

Regarding the Navy specifically, we are currently meeting our recruiting goals today. However, the Navy Reserve is not. The Reserve has to offer thousands of dollars in incentive pay to get positions in certain critical rates filled.

The Navy is being asked to supplement the Army's efforts by being a brown, green, and blue-water Navy and perform all of the tasks associated with those specific missions. To do so, the Navy would need a greater variety of forces and more agile forces. Unfortunately, the Navy's budget simply won't support such a combined mission. (An interesting side note is that it is the Navy's budget that is being tapped to send reserve forces to guard our southern border!)

Many thanks to Admiral Coane for making time to visit with us and educate us as well!

Bob Schultz '71

### **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, 21 July 2006 – noon**

Monthly luncheon - Jocks and Jills

**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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