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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

ATTENTION WORLD !

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The Dark Ages Party has been scheduled. Mark April 28,2007 on your calendar and plan to join us for a memorable evening. As I write this column we do not yet have a venue (although we're very close,) nor a menu nor event schedule. However, we do have a guest speaker. Paul Johnson (yes, that Paul Johnson) will be joining us for the evening, hopefully along with his wife. We were fortunate enough to get Navy's head football coach to join us for the evening in the April, and consequently decided to have the Dark Ages Party a little later than usual to accommodate his schedule. Invitations should be mailed out to our Chapter members in mid - March, so be looking for yours and RSVP as soon as you get it. Which brings me to another subject.

By now, you will have received your membership solicitation letter in the mail (unless you have already joined for 2007). Hopefully, you have responded already, but if not, do it now. Of significance here is that our Dark Ages Party is always a "members only" event. Only Chapter members in good standing will be invited to spend the evening with Coach Paul Johnson. If you are interested in getting the inside story on Navy Football, become a member of the local Chapter immediately by either sending in the membership

form that accompanied the solicitation letter, or going online and connecting to the appropriate link. Then, when you get the invitation, **RSVP ASAP**. There will be a finite number of seats and we expect attendance at this event to exceed that of any recent event. If we do not have enough seats, it will be first come first served - so respond as soon as you can.

Please note that the venue for our monthly luncheons has changed. As many of you know, the lease for the facility that Jock's and Jill's occupied on Peachtree Road ran out at the end of 2006. Consequently, our January luncheon was held at Frankie's at the Prado on Roswell Road. Craig Martin, who had been the manager at Jock's and Jill's, is now the manager at Frankie's. He takes great care of us and the food at Frankie's was just as good as we had grown accustomed to at Jock's and Jill's. Since we were in the process of getting accustomed to our new venue, we went without a speaker at the January meeting, but the attendance was good none the less. Joining their fellow alumni at Frankie's were Bill Rentz '55, John Stark '51, Perry Stephens '51, Walt Coakley '54, Johns Jaudon '55, Reggie Vachon '58, Clint Johnson '60, Carl McCallum '60, Ed Hux '61, Paul Hurst '62, Bill Holmes '64, Joe Frazar '65, Jim Slemenda '66, Paul Borer '70, Dick Click '70, Mitch Rowland '71, Steve Frederick '72, Michael Lores '74, Ples Bruce '77, Terry Hamilton '77, Gary Hoy '84, Mario Maddox '85, Greg Morrow '85, John Prendergast '90.

Our February luncheon will be Bob Barr, former congressman and now political observer. We will again meet at Frankie's at the Prado on Roswell Road. Please go to our website for directions and more information. Bob Barr should prove to be a great speaker and we expect a larger crowd than usual, so plan to arrive early. I hope to see you there.

I would like to mention again that we are in the process of putting together the Chapter officer slate for the 2007-2008 term. All Board members serve as volunteers and provide as much time as they are able and comfortable with. Please consider serving on the board of directors. The effort is more fun

than work, and the board members are all great people with a background similar to yours. We respect the fact that you may have a family and/or a job, and will not infringe on the time you need for both of them. If you are interested in finding out what the experience is like, please talk to one of the board members. Then consider joining us and making a difference for your fellow alumni.

Keep up with the developments within the Chapter at our website, and join us at any one or all of our events. Our Chapter is only good as the members we serve. I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

BEAT ARMY!
Steve Frederick '72
Chapter President

Blue and Gold Officer Update

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 and under Admissions, register for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS). It is an online registration that opens up on 1 Feb 07. 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 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.

The Naval Academy Summer Seminar program is the Academy's most successful marketing and recruiting program. Conducted and managed by the Office of Admissions, the Summer Seminar is scheduled annually during three weeks of June. Designed for top-performing, highly qualified rising high School seniors, a total of 600 students will attend each of the three sessions scheduled annually in June, coming from all 50 states of the U.S. 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 mentorship provided by the midshipman detail, all of who are volunteers and highly recommended by the Commandant of Midshipmen for this program. Summer Seminar attendees are selected for their well-rounded and versatile resumes that are competitive for USNA admissions criteria. Each year, more than 80% of the Summer Seminar attendees become candidates for admissions to USNA. Applications for the Summer Seminar program are found on the USNA web site, and are usually open and available after 1 February

The admissions process is going great this year for the state of Georgia. So far, we have 319 students applying to USNA from Georgia. To date, we have four students who have been offered and accepted appointments to USNA, 10 have been given full offers to USNA and have not responded back yet, and another 9 have been offered conditional offers (this means that they will be offered an appointment once they have been cleared medically and have a nomination). We have two students who have accepted NAPS and another that has been offered NAPS. The USNA Foundation has recently mailed out applications to two Georgia students for participation in the Foundation program. Both NAPS and Foundation guarantee admittance into USNA next year upon successful completion of their programs.

Congressmen and Senators are not required to submit their nominations to USNA until the end of January. After the deadline, we expect USNA to send out a lot of offers. The next few months are very exciting and sometimes disappointing for our BGOs and their students.

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 the past articles in the USNA Atlanta Alumni newsletter or contact Cindy Miller at (770) 650-8921 or cindymiller@1990.usna.com.

Monthly Luncheon Details

Frankie's at the Prado
5600 Roswell Road
(1/4 mi. inside I-285)
Atlanta, GA 30342
404-843-9444

Events Calendar

Friday, 16 February 2007 – noon
Monthly luncheon –
Bob Barr speaking

Friday, 16 March 2007 – noon
Monthly luncheon –

Friday, 20 April 2007 – noon
Monthly luncheon –

Saturday, 28 April 2007- 6:30 pm
Dark Ages Party

Monday, 7 May 2007 –9:30 am
Army-Navy Golf Challenge
Ft. McPherson

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