

**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
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**MONTHLY LUNCHEON – 16 MARCH
AT
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PATRIOTISM**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Finally, the great Atlanta weather has returned after a hiatus of a few months, and none too soon. As the warm, sunny weather returns, our thoughts of course turn to the Vernal Equinox, the Dark Ages and ultimately, golf. Coincidentally, Mitch Rowland '71, our intrepid Vice President, is feverishly working on our Vernal Equinox party, to be held sometime in the mid March to the mid April timeframe (our celestial nav has gotten a bit sloppy with all this new fangled electronic stuff available, so don't hold us to a specific date yet) somewhere on the south side of town. As soon as we nail down the particulars, word will go out via our website and email (one more reason to become a member and get on our email list). This annual event is specifically designed to be convenient to our south side brethren since most of our events tend to be held on the north side of town. Keep an eye out for the when and where and plan to join us. The usual fare is barbeque and suds, along with a great helping of camaraderie.

Additionally, we have the Dark Ages Party coming up on 28 April with Paul Johnson as our guest speaker. The event will be held at the Cobb Galleria once again, and invitations are expected to be mailed out in mid March. **REMEMBER, INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS ONLY.** If you do not have an invitation by the end of March and are currently a member, get in contact with one of the Board members, and we will make sure that you receive

one. If you want to receive an invitation and are not currently a member, go online to www.usnaaaa.com and sign up immediately – you will then receive an invitation in short order. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with Navy's head football coach, and talk about the future of Navy football.

On 8 May we will once again gird our loins and meet the Woops in mortal combat on the fairways of honor at Fort McPherson in Atlanta. For the past eleven years we have taken on the Woops in a golf match for local military bragging rights and have won nine of those events. Much to my dismay, last year, my first in the saddle as your President, was the second loss that we have suffered in the history of this event. Unless we win this year, I will go down in history as the only Chapter President to have failed to preside over a win over Army. Consequently, I am exhorting each of you to get to the driving ranges and courses in your area and PRACTICE. This year more than ever, we must BEAT ARMY. Will Wood '66 is once again in charge of the Navy side of the event production. Expect to see information regarding sign up etc. in the near term. Until then remember, practice, practice, practice.

In the midst of all this scrap and scrimmage, we are still having our monthly luncheons on the third Friday of the month. In February, we had our second meeting at Frankie's at the Prado. Bob Barr, former congressman and long time Georgia political figure, was our guest speaker and really did a great job of giving us his insider's view of the goings on inside the beltway. His observations were very interesting and the event was one of the best luncheons we have had in some time. Bob seemed to enjoy himself as well, and when I presented the much coveted apron along with his standing invitation to the World Famous Lobster Fest in June, he instructed me to make sure that his office knew when and where the event would take place. Hopefully, he will join us. Attendees at the luncheon included: Jim Ravenel '45 (who, by the way, arranged for Bob to join us), Jim Hatch '47, Mike Rose '48, Sam Smith '52, Bill Rentz '55, Mike Miller '56, Reggie Vachon '58, Donald Thompson '59, Harvey Cybul '61, Ed Hux '61,

Dick Fitzgerald '62, Dee Fitzgerald, Paul Hurst '62, Nancy Hurst, Tony Womble '63, Bruce Abel '64, John Andrews '64, Bill Holmes '64, Lorie Moore '64, Terry Anderson '65, Stewart Caldwell '65, Bob Snelling '65, Bill Williams '65, Jon Barton '66, Jim Slemenda '66, Paul Borer '70, Dick Click '70, Mitch Rowland '71, Steve Frederick '72, Pete Knoetgen '77, Mario Maddox '85, Jerry Tyner '87, Andy Guth '89, Jay Wicklund '97, John Chavos '00, and Bob Barr, our guest speaker.

ATTENTION WORLD, ATTENTION WORLD:

The guest speaker for our March luncheon is Dr. Lori Salierno, the President and CEO of Celebrate Life International, an organization dedicated to transforming at-risk youth into responsible citizens. The luncheon itself will be held on 16 March at the National Museum of Patriotism in midtown Atlanta, at the corner of 18th Street and Spring Street (1405 Spring Street). It is a terrific venue that is exactly what it sounds like, a tribute to this country and people that make it great. It is full of inspiring and educational displays and presentations, and is a place that you ought to be aware of. I was introduced to the Museum several months ago and we have actually held a Board of Directors meeting there. I know of no one who has not been very favorably impressed after their visit, so plan to join us at the usual time: 1130 doors open, and 1200 the chow line opens. See the website for more information about our guest speaker and directions to the venue.

As always, stay in touch with our organization through our website, and sign up for membership immediately. Your participation is critical to our long term success, and frankly, you are the only reason we exist as an organization. Join us at any and all of our events for an opportunity to rub elbows and network with some of the people who shared your experiences of four years together by the bay. It really doesn't get any better than this. See you soon at one of our events, and of course:

BEAT ARMY!
Steve Frederick '72
Chapter President

A message from your Chapter Secretary

Since I had some room this month to editorialize – I thought I'd take a few minutes to encourage the general membership to become more involved with the behind-the-scenes chapter organization. While I feel we are fortunate to have always had great chapter leadership, our Board of Directors can always use some “new blood” and new ideas.

The following are some of our recurring yearly events:

1. Founders Day Party – (Dark Ages Party)
This year's will be the 7th Annual party and our speaker will be Navy Football Coach Paul Johnson. The party will be held at the Cobb Galleria Conference Center at 6:30 on 28 April 2007.
2. Army-Navy Golf Challenge – The 11th Annual challenge will be held 7 May 2007. The proceeds go to help fund Georgia Tech SummerScape science and math program camps for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
3. LobsterFest – the 33rd Annual event will be held 9 June 2007 at the Red Top Mountain State Park. This is a great event to attend or work
4. Navy football games– for several recent football seasons, we have made arrangements with a sports bar to view almost all the Navy games. This is a great opportunity to cheer Navy on in the company of fellow chapter members. Our venue for this closed in December, but the manager is now at Frankie's at the Prado in Sandy Springs, so I would guess we will work something out with him for this season.

If you could take a leadership role to help organize or staff the events above, please contact one of the board members listed on the front page of this newsletter.

In addition to helping the Board with our key events, please help us identify great luncheon speakers. **When you become aware of a good speaker that you think the chapter would enjoy, please contact one of the board members.**

Currently we have the following speakers scheduled:

1. 16 March 2007 – Dr. Lori Salierno CEO Celebrate Life Intl
2. 18 May 2007 – Bruce Latta '78 USNA Dean of Admissions
3. 19 October 2007 – Ron Terwilliger '63 CEO Trammel Crow Residential

Please encourage your fellow classmates and friends to join the chapter. Currently, an Atlanta chapter member serves on the USNA Board of Trustees because we are one of the largest nine chapters, in order to maintain this privilege, we must continually encourage new membership.

Lastly, if you would like to be a candidate for a board position starting in 2008, contact Mitch Rowland. We are especially in need of a member(s) from the 1990's and/or 2000's. classes.

BEAT ARMY!

Paul Borer '70

Chapter Secretary

March Luncheon Details

Friday, 16 March 2007 – noon

Monthly luncheon - National Museum of Patriotism - 18th and Spring Streets

The National Museum of Patriotism is located at 1405 Spring Street in Midtown at the corner of 18th and Spring Streets The parking lot is at the end of the building. Overflow parking will be at the Atlanta Ballet. Telephone 404-875-0691

Events Calendar

Friday, 16 March 2007 – noon

Monthly luncheon - National Museum of
Patriotism - 18th and Spring Streets
Dr. Lori Salierno Speaking

Friday, 20 April 2007 – noon

Monthly luncheon –

Saturday, 28 April 2007- 6:30 pm

Dark Ages Party – Coach Paul Johnson will
speak.

Monday, 7 May 2007 –9:30 am

Army-Navy Golf Challenge
Ft. McPherson

Friday, 18 May 2007 – noon

Monthly luncheon – Bruce Latta '78
USNA Dean of Admissions speaking

Saturday 9 June 2007 4 pm

Lobsterfest – Red Top Mountain Park

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