

provided us a contemporary USNA perspective. On July 9 we had another good alumni turnout: **Carl Groneman '45, Jim Conn '67, Dick Bottenberg '70, Bob Bruce '72, Sal Mondelli '73, Mark Salmen '73, John Ginn '75, Alex Plechash '75, Chris Bentley '79, Dave Priddy '80, Brad Gawboy '81, Dan Quattrini '81 and Craig Benson '91.**

Looking to the future, the USNA Men's Glee Club will be visiting Minnesota NOV 11-15. We have secured a public concert to be held at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis for the evening of NOV 11 ~ 1930, details TBD.

By now the scores have been tallied for the 9th Annual Twin Cities All-Academy Golf Open held on August 6. Although Navy won the inaugural in 2002, Army won the next 7 years; stay tuned for the next issue to find out if Navy broke the string this year!

Another chapter member has decided to pursue public office, **Ernie Leidiger '76** is a candidate for a MN State House seat.

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Chapter News

Our Jefferson Barracks Memorial Ceremony with our Pres. RADM Marc Purcell USN Retd in whites one more time brought a good crowd and loads of compliments. Willing cooperation by the

three service academies in a serious event like this sets us up for fun sports parties during the year. We had a watch game party with Air Force last year. Let me tell you they are lusting shamelessly for the President's Trophy. And Army wants a piece of us, too. With the broad representation of all the services at Scott AFB we have the makings of a fine Fall. If your chapter hasn't reached out to the other guys for a while, try it! It really adds to our activities. Maybe it will for you.

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The New Jersey Chapter recently had a Change of Command. After leading the Chapter from its inception, Pat Hurley ('87) decided to step aside and hand the chapter reigns over to Michael Lupton ('86) this past May. Although Pat's enthusiasm for, and dedication to, the success of the chapter on a daily basis will be missed, consistent with chapter policy we are pleased to have Pat join our Board of Directors and look forward to his continued support. Joining Mike in the leadership of the chapter as the Vice President is Rich Vaill ('88), marking the first time in its brief history that the chapter will be led by Marines! Continuing is his role as Secretary will be Bob Moran ('83).

Going forward, local alumni and their families can look forward to the chapter

continuing to provide them both an avenue to connect with the Academy, their classmates and their fellow graduates as well as a useful business and networking resource. It is the shared vision of the new leadership team to be proactive and responsive to the needs of the local alumni given the challenging environment. The goal is to be a valuable resource on both a personal and professional basis.

For information on upcoming events please check our website at <http://njusna.clubexpress.com>. Additionally, you can contact either Mike (michaellupton86@yahoo.com) or Rich (rcvaill@comcast.net) with any questions that you may have.

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Candidates

The Western New York Chapter held its annual candidate recognition dinner on Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Irondequoit Country Club. This year, for the first time,

the recognition dinner was held jointly with the West Point Society. Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks gave the keynote address and congratulated each of the candidates individually. In the photograph, from right to left, Maggie Brooks, Colin Bogdan USNA '14, Lauren Schmiegel USNA '14, Jack Hinderland USNA '14, Lindsey Darling USNA '14, and Craig Carlisle USMA '14.



Grads

The event was well attended by Naval Academy graduates, West Point graduates, and parents of the candidates. In the second photograph, from left to right, **Nelson Blish '69**, **Jack Ewing '03**, **Dick Kievit '61**, **Joe Vaccarella '92** (Chapter President), **John Worman '86**, and **Bob Ferraro '64**. Bob gave a rousing speech on tradition and noted that the class of 1964 would be with the class of 2014 from the day of their induction to the day of their graduation. Nancy Stevens and Ian Cunningham, both USMA '81, welcomed the West Point candidate.

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The SECNAV has selected Wilmington, NC for the commissioning of the USS GRAVELY which will be 20 November 2010. **Capt Dave Scheu '67** is a member of the commissioning committee. The GRAVELY has just completed her first sea trial. Plans are ongoing for chapter involvement in the ceremonies as we were in the commissioning of SSN 777 USS NORTH CAROLINA

The chapter continues to support the Ashley Center by collecting items which can be used by the veterans who are in residence and by presenting graduates with a gift certificate to commend him on his

accomplishment. The Ashley Center director was very appreciative of the Chapter's support of the program through volunteer efforts and donations to help the residents.

One Wilmington resident with whom we have been working, Andrew Nesselrode has entered the class of 2014.

The Chapter continues its practice of holding bi-monthly luncheon meetings at Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington. The last meeting was June 24th and meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the year. For information contact Walt Flippin email: walt75@bellsouth.net

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The June meeting convened at the Officers Club at MCB Camp Lejeune on Wednesday, 16 June 2010 at 1200. Following a buffet lunch, Mr. Rob Skrotsky, '67, President, called the 15 members and guests to order.

Mr. Skrotsky asked for a moment of silence for our deployed men and women, for those recovering from wounds, and for the loved ones of those awaiting the return of their partners.

Mr. Jim St. John, '53, reported on the bank balance. He noted that dues are due.

Mr. Rick Hine, the senior Blue and Gold officer for the area, reported that 11 appointees are scheduled to swear in on 1 July in Annapolis. He thanked the membership for the financial support provided by the chapter for the pizza party he has planned for the new appointees and their parents on 19 June.

Mr. Skrotsky updated the assembled group concerning the ECU-Navy football game on 6 November. Eastern North Carolina University is making this game a military appreciation event. Tickets will be available from ECU on 9 August or from USNA.

He then introduced the speaker, Rick

Kunkel, '67, the chapter vice-president. LtCol. Kunkel had served in Viet Nam shortly after receiving his Wings of Gold as a helicopter pilot. He gave a very motivating account of a CH46 crew attached to HMM263, noting especially the crew chief. The crew was involved in the successful extraction of a USMC unit that had been pinned down in a minefield and under attack from the NVA. For the crew's heroism numerous medals were awarded. The crew chief, Raymond "Mike" Clausen, Jr., PFC, received the Medal Of Honor. He noted that the same helicopter also saw action in Iraq.

Col. Kunkel served as a battalion officer at USNA in the 1980's. He talked about his association with John Ripley, '62, another hero of Viet Nam, and a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame, who was active at USNA and VMI after retirement. He won the Navy Cross for the destruction of the bridge at Dong Ha on Easter Sunday 1972.

The next meeting will be at New Bern on Wednesday, 21 July 2010.

Submitted, Tim Marvin, '59, Secretary

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Greeting from the heart of Carolina. Our Chapter celebrated the 4th holiday with a rare opportunity to hear from one of veterans of WWII, Keith Allen. Mr. Allen served with the Sino-American Cooperative Organization behind Japanese lines under the command of Admiral Milton E. 'Mary' Miles and in many respects represented the fore-bearers of today's Navy SEALs. Only recently, has the full story of the SACO Navy been fully declassified (www.saco-navy.com). Guests included friends from West Point, Coast Guard Alums and Navy SEAL and former recent speaker, Garth Weintraub.



Our upcoming summer luncheon