



Baltimore Chapter Association of Graduates U.S. Air Force Academy



Chapter News and Updates

July 2018

Welcome!

A few months back, it didn't seem like summer would ever get here. Hah! First we got baked and now we are swimming. And speaking of changes, the Baltimore Chapter is in the midst of a friendly power shift. For a while, we were afraid that we were going to be losing long-time Chapter officer Guy Walsh, '79, due to a move across country. To our great relief, he has decided to stay in the area and to take on an increased level of activity for the Chapter. You may remember his many past efforts on behalf of the Chapter, most notably organizing interactions with the summer interns from USAFA. The great news is that he has agreed to take over the role of Acting President of the Chapter, effective July 2018 (when we meet for our annual business meeting, we can formally remove the "acting" part of the title). Feel free to drop him an email to congratulate him on his accession to this position!

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BCAOG Goes International

Raul Cisneros, '86 and BCAOG Board Member, took the activities of the Chapter international recently. In his own words:

"I was in Panama in late May and met up with cadets down there doing a Spanish immersion trip. I arranged a couple of VIP tours of the Panama Canal. Here is an image of one of the

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things we did. We are down in one of the 1,000 foot by 110 foot lock chambers where they were doing maintenance. This particular chamber was built in 1911 and still works pretty well considering the concrete is more than 100 years old. Anyway, it was cool to interact with the cadets and I thought you would enjoy seeing this pic.”



Recent Activities

July started off with a bang, literally. C1C Taglieri, one of the cadet interns at Ft. Meade this summer, kindly invited the Chapter to join the cadets and his family for a picnic and shoot-out at his family residence.

This was just one of the finale events for the cadet interns. Guy Walsh, '79, and Lou Nolan, '86, led the organizational efforts to wrap up the interns' experience in the best way possible. The cadets began their end-of-tour activities on June 29th by out-briefing their summer projects to the Chief of Staff for CyberCommand. Following that, the Chapter hosted the cadets to an Orioles baseball game in Baltimore. The 17 attendees enjoyed a typical 2018 Oriole performance on the field (a loss), but had great seats. In all, 11 cadets, a 2018 grad, and 5 BCAOG members attended and each had the chance to mingle and talk to most of the cadets at some point during the game. The picnic was held on Sunday, July 1. As a fitting conclusion, Guy organized a tour of the NSA Crypto Museum on Monday, July 2. This event was open to all service academy interns, as has been our practice, and many attended.

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Side note: for those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to tour either the NSA Crypto Museum or the National Electronics Museum, both are really worth the time. You can find out more about these hidden treasures at their websites, copied here for your convenience.

NSA Cryptologic Museum, located just by Ft. Meade in the old Colony Seven Motel

<https://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic-heritage/museum/>

National Electronics Museum, located on West Nursery Road in Linthicum

<http://www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org>

Also during July, we discovered that our own Bill Barry, '79, who serves as NASA Historian, was working on an article about NASA history for Checkpoints. We put out a call for input to the Chapter — you might remember getting the email. As a result, several people responded asking for Bill's contact information. I'm sure they provided unique information to Bill, most of which we will all have to wait until Checkpoints is published to read. As a teaser, here's an example of what some of our members are up to, from Paul Ostdiek, '79:

"I work with, and for, NASA over the past 17 years. Employed by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in its Space Exploration Sector. Our work for NASA includes the Pluto mission, the Van Allen Probes that live in the radiation belts of Earth, the NEAR mission that was first to land on an asteroid, MESSENGER that orbited Mercury, STEREO to study the sun, the upcoming launch of Parker Solar Probe mission to the sun Lots of instruments and other work. Ours was the proposal to put a boat on Saturn's moon Titan, into one of its alcohol seas. Now we are funded by NASA to develop a concept to fly a nuclear powered quadcopter on that moon - Called Dragonfly."

Upcoming Events

Summer is typically a time when families go on vacations, take their older children to college, or permanently change duty station. One of the other things that occurs is that the USAFA-USNA exchange cadets show up to spend some time with their nautically minded colleagues. The BCAOG serves as a sponsor and safety net for these cadets. Jeff Kubik started and continues to host one of our better events: a potluck picnic welcoming the cadets to the Annapolis area. This will be held in late summer, so keep an eye on your email for an announcement.

In late August, the AOG hosts a meeting in Colorado Springs for all the Chapters. Last year, Guy Walsh represented the Chapter at this meeting. This year, Julie Ryan will attend on behalf of the Chapter. The Chapter Conference is an opportunity for representatives from the various USAFA AOG Chapters across the country to meet, exchange ideas, and get to know each other.

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The multi-day Conference enables attendees to exchange ideas and hear from Academy and AOG Leadership.

Each Fall, the Chapter meets to review the year and to nominate and elect officers and Board members. This last year, we had a wonderful dinner at Clyde's in Columbia, Maryland, during which we dispensed with the needed business. It was a cold evening, but the warmth and hospitality afforded by Clyde's was welcoming. Please make a mental note and be on the lookout for an invite to participate in this year's Fall Business meeting. It will be held in October or November (haven't nailed down a date yet).

Contributing Material to the Newsletter

Do you have news to share? Looking for some collaboration? Want to host a party or get together? Let me know and I'll publish it here! You can email me at julieryan@julieryan.com.

BCAOG Organizational Structure

The BCAOG is incorporated as a **tax-exempt** nonstock corporation. The stated purpose of the corporation is:

“To further the principles and welfare of the USAF Academy and its graduates through service to the community, country, and to fellow graduates.”

The official address of the organization is 821 West Benfield Road, Suite One, Severna Park, MD 21146. The official name of the corporation is Baltimore Chapter of the USAFA Association of Graduates, Inc. The registered agent of the corporation is Steven Berger, '76, who also serves as Secretary. The following individuals currently hold leadership positions in the corporation.

Acting President: Guy Walsh, '79
Vice-President: Todd Raines, '85
Secretary: Steve Berger, '76
Treasurer: Lou Nolan, '86
Networking Coordinator: Jeff Kubik, '93

Chairman of the Board: Jeff Kubik, '93

Board Members

Julie Ryan, '82
Bill Barry, '79
Joe Morgan, '59
Kirk Hunigan, '82
Raul Cisneros, '86
Mike Cunningham, '76
Steve Miller, '77
Mark Zlabotny, '71
Tim Collins, '82

Officers serve yearly. Members of the Board serve terms of three years.