



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



Chapter News and Updates

September 2019

So Many Changes!

You may have noticed that the Chapter leadership seems to have changed. As with everything else in life, stuff happens. In this case, we have lost a couple of folks and gained a couple of folks. We are grateful for the people who have stepped up to filling the voids and making sure we have a great year to come.

With gratitude to each of you, for what you do

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Hail and Farewell

We have suffered the loss of Guy Walsh, '79, as Chapter President. He has moved to Texas to take a great (and important) job with the University of Texas San Antonio:

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has named U.S. Air Force (USAF) Brigadier General (Ret.) Guy M. Walsh as the founding executive director of its National Security Collaboration Center (NSCC).

The NSCC, an initiative in UTSA's Downtown Campus expansion, will advance research, education and workforce development in cybersecurity, data analytics and cloud computing while anchoring the creation of an emerging high-tech corridor to support San Antonio's future.

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/90508-utsa-names-brigadier-general-ret-guy-m-walsh-as-executive-director-of-national-security-collaboration-center>

Todd "Rhino" Raines, '85, has stepped up to be acting President. Since he was Vice President, that means we needed a new VP as well. Chris Jones, '03, has accepted that role. Chris didn't get much time to settle in to the role, either, before he was voluntold to represent the Chapter at the annual AOG Chapter Presidents Conference. Nothing like jumping right into the deep end.

Thanks to Rhino and Chris for their efforts on behalf of our Chapter!

We also lost Tim Collins, '82, who was a member of the Board of Directors. Tim also got an awesome job: he is now President of Walsh College. Something about those 82 grads and being presidents of colleges... Anyway, Walsh College is located in North Canton, Ohio and we wish Tim the best in his new job.

Report from the Chapter Presidents Conference

The full report from the Chapter Presidents Conference has already been distributed, but here are some highlights for those of you who prefer a TL/DR version.

25 Chapters were represented, some by more than one person.

Infrastructure Week. The Chapel is finally getting its facelift. The renovated and improved Planetarium and STEM Center has been opened. And the work on the North Gate mixed use area is finally underway.

The Endowment. Even though only 12% of grads give, an amazing amount of good is being done to improve and support Academy operations. In the past 12 years, about 191M has been raised by the Endowment. Some of the funded elements include the Institute for Future Conflict and the Center for Cyber Innovation.

Speaking of which, USAFA is adding a data science major.

ZoomieLink: the social media solution for those of you who would rather not use Facebook. Cleverly addressed at <https://zoomielink.usafa.org>.

There is lots more in the actual report, which you can find in the archives at <http://baltimore.usafachapters.org/newsletters-and-reports.html>.

Air Force - Navy Game Week Events

Lots of stuff going on for Air Force - Navy week. Looks like we're going to turn Annapolis into a block party for that week. Here's what's on tap as of 18 Sept:

Brews and Brainstorming: Wednesday, Oct 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm (1730).

This is an informal event sponsored by the AOG that brings grads together in order to interface directly with a representative of the AOG and also to socialize with other grads.

Location: Guinness Open Gate Brewery & Barrel House

5001 Washington Blvd, Halethorpe, MD 21227 (near the intersection of US Rt 1 and I-195)

<https://www.guinnessbrewerybaltimore.com>

Truce Networking Meeting: Friday, Oct 4, 2019 from 3 to 6 pm

Join Navy and Air Force grads for a casual get together on Friday afternoon before the big game. This networking event will feature **Jesse Iwuji**, Navy 2010, who decided to give up the sea in favor of NASCAR. Well, not totally: he's still in the Navy Reserves. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesse_Iwuji

Location: Union Jack's in Annapolis, near the Parole area. 2072 Somerville Rd, Annapolis, Md 21401 (Next To Annapolis Towne Centre) <http://www.unionjacksannapolis.com>

Navy vs. Air Force: October 5, 2019. Game and Tailgate. The game is at Navy; get tickets at this site:

<https://navysports.com/sports/2019/1/9/tickets-navy-tickets-m-footbl-html.aspx>

The AOG will be hosting a tailgate. Details are as follows; RSVP at

<http://www.cvent.com/events/air-force-navy-tailgate-2019/event-summary-c0a73644d24f4f22a2e3d82df4fee046.aspx>

Details from the AOG announcement:

Join the AOG, USAFA Endowment, and ARDI as we gather Air Force fans from around the country at our biggest tailgate of the season to cheer on the Falcons to beat Navy!

Kickoff is 3:30 ET ; **Tailgate Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 ET**

Cost: \$35 Adults, \$10 Children (4-12), Children under 4 Free!

Menu: Hickory Smoked Beef BBQ (Gluten Free), BBQ Chicken (Gluten Free, All Beef Ball Park Style Hot Dogs, All American Potato Salad (Gluten Free), Crispy Creamy Cole Slaw (Gluten Free), Fresh Vegetable Pasta Salad-Balsamic Vinaigrette, BBQ Baked Beans (Gluten

Free), Fresh baked Kaiser rolls and hot dog rolls; Dessert, Lemonade and Water, Cash Bar available for Beer and Wine!

Entertainment: DJ, Giveaways, Cheerleaders and Falconers (Live mascot and handlers)

Location: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, 550 Taylor Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401

An Evening with Chris Inglis, '76

Saturday, November 16, 5:30 pm (1730). Location: Harry Browne's.

<https://www.harrybrownes.com>

This year, Chris was honored as a Distinguished Graduate. We have asked him to speak on this honor, his experiences, and his long standing support of the Academy. As noted in his nomination letter, "Chris is not just an important thought leader in cyber, he is also a powerful advocate for our Academy. He is a member of both the Sabre and the 1954 Society and contributes to the academic and professional mission of both USAFA and USNA. He sees the future and is actively working to ensure the United States is prepared and competent to engage in that future." To learn more about the Distinguished Graduate award and Chris's contributions, go to https://www.usafa.org/Heritage/Distinguished_Graduates_2018. There's a great video as well, which can be found at <https://youtu.be/8Yd9uccG880>

Naturally, we also had to plaster the news all over our Chapter website as well. You can read more at <http://baltimore.usafachapters.org/distinguished-graduate.html>. It makes a body proud!

Changes to the Chapter By-Laws

Just a small one: we voted to change the operating year to match the USAFA AOG operating year. That just means that we will operate on a July to June schedule rather than a January to December schedule.

The impacts are a blip to our election schedule. There will be a call for nominations for officers and members of the Board of Directors in January, with the elections being held in the Spring, to take effect on July 1. Please think about nominating yourself or someone for these roles. You can read more about the positions at <http://baltimore.usafachapters.org/bcaog-election-information.html>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Founders Day 2020 Planning

We're trying to get started early on planning Founders Day 2020, but we need your input! Thanks to the 4 (four) people who have already filled out the survey: really appreciate it. Now if the rest of you would be so kind, please go to <http://baltimore.usafachapters.org/founders->

[day-2020.html](#) and take the minute to express your opinion on where we should have the dinner. Thanks in advance!

Founders Day Celebration

WHEN: Tentatively Saturday March 21, 2020 (or suggest a date)

TIME: 5 pm (1700 hrs) to 9 pm-ish (2100-ish)

WHERE: up for discussion! Please use this form to weigh in -->

COST: probably about \$55 per person (depending on location, sponsorships, acts of kindness, etc)

Cost includes food, tip, and taxes. So for example, if the food is priced at \$45 per person, the cost will be $(45 + 2.70 + 9) = \$56.70$. It adds up. Most places have a minimum spend requirement, which can be met through both the catering and the bar bill.

Places under consideration, including the ever popular "other", are:

Stanford Grill, Columbia:

Beautiful location, lots of parking, nearby hotels so you can stay overnight if you want. Kind of pricey. Known for prime rib. Private space available. Free and ample parking.

Exemplar entree cost off the regular menu: NY Strip (16 oz) \$ 36.50

<https://thestanfordgrill.com/columbia/>

Mezzanotte, Severna Park:

Nice location, lots of parking, great food. Private back room. Free and ample parking.

Exemplar entree cost off the regular menu: Filet Mignon (6 oz) \$ 28

<https://www.cafemezzanotte.com>

Olive Grove, 705 N Hammonds Ferry Rd, Linthicum Heights:

A nice restaurant with excellent crab cakes and a very accommodating staff. Free and ample parking. "Private" areas available, which are sectioned by curtains. Last time we had Founder's Day here, the raucous party in the next section was distracting.

Exemplar entree cost off the regular menu: NY Strip (16 oz) \$ 26

<https://www.oliveg.com>

Harry Browne's, next to the Maryland State Capital in Annapolis:

Parking can be horrible, although they do have valet parking available. Great ceasar salad!
Known for first rate food and a lovely environment. Very pricey.

Exemplar entree cost off the regular menu: NY Prime Steak Diane \$ 35

<http://www.harrybrownes.com>

Hemingway's, across the Bay Bridge on Kent Island:

Amazing views of the Bay Bridge, but you have to pay the toll to get there. Both semi-private and private spaces. Food is okay. Free and ample parking. Nearby hotel (<https://www.baybeachclub.com/the-inn>) to spend the night.

Exemplar entree cost off the regular menu: Ribeye (12 oz) \$ 36

<http://hemingwaysbaybridge.com>

Other: please suggest a place!

Miscellaneous

JSACS: Don't forget the Joint Service Academy Cyber Symposium will be held at the Air Force Academy in conjunction with the NSA Cyber Exercise.

SABP: The joint Service Academies Business Professionals group continues to have periodic meetings in various locations in our area. This is great for both professional networking and for getting exposed to what's going on in the community. Have you signed up to get the emails? The group was founded by Paul Fallace, USNA '91, and is hosted at <https://www.meetup.com/ServiceAcademyBusinessProfessionals/>. If you would like to host an event or sponsor a networking opportunity, let us know.

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.

President: **Todd Raines, '85**
 Vice-President: Chris Jones, '03
 Secretary: Steve Berger, '76
 Treasurer: Lou Nolan, '86
 Networking Coordinator: Jeff Kubik, '93
Chairman of the Board: **Jeff Kubik, '93**

Board Members

Mark Zablotny, '71
 Mike Cunningham, '76
 Steve Miller, '77
 Bill Barry, '79
vacant
 Kirk Hunigan, '82
 Julie Ryan, '82
 Todd Raines, '85
 Raul Cisneros, '86
 David Halla, '87
 Joe Morgan, '59, Emeritus

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

To submit material to the Newsletter:

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<http://baltimore.usafachapters.org>