

Donald R. Ledford – Staff Alumnus – YNCM, USN (Ret.)

Donald R. Ledford for more than two decades of service to the NROTC Unit at the University of North Carolina, later the NROTC North Carolina Piedmont Consortium and the UNC NROTC Alumni Association.

Among his many accomplishments:

- Two decades of distinguished service to the Naval ROTC program serving first as Navy's Administrative Officer for the unit, later transitioning to the University of North Carolina's Naval Science Department Civilian Administrator from 1981 through 2004.
- Liaison between the NROTC Unit and the UNC NROTC Alumni Association from the Association's inception in 1990 through 1998.
- Elected as a Director of the UNC NROTC Alumni Association from 1998-2001.
- Provided "boots on the ground" administrative support for the Association's transition from an unincorporated entity, to a non-profit incorporated under the laws of North Carolina and recognized under IRS code section 501[c](3) as a charitable and educational non-profit, 1997-1998.
- Served as the UNC NROTC Alumni Association's Registered Agent with the North Carolina Secretary of State from 1998-2016.
- Represented the Unit Commanding Officer with the University and served as an effective advocate for renovation during the evaluation period during which the University was deciding whether to demolish or renovate the Naval Armory – which was ultimately renovated and spared the wrecking ball.
- Mentored 23 annual classes of Midshipmen through the NROTC program and had a positive influence on the careers of hundreds of Navy and Marine Officers throughout the fleet and the Corps.