

UNC NROTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Report to the Association

Greetings from Chapel Hill! We have had a prosperous year on campus with the Armory receiving a facelift and the Battalion receiving its normal share of awards and praises. The next year holds much in store for us if we are willing to meet the challenges.

First, getting the word out and increasing the membership continues to be a primary commitment. Please do your share to contact those you think may be interested.

Another initiative described in this newsletter is the local sponsor program which I hope you will consider. I think we could reap a lot of benefit from this great idea.

Mac McGee has taken on the responsibility of Nominating Committee Chairman to prose this year's slate. The current officers were elected for a two year term, so there is no change there. Walt Fitts, Ed Baucom, Tal Talbert and Chuck Benfield will be leaving the Board. This year, the aim is to have all the input from the membership to the Nominating Committee before the slate is announced. So please contact Mac (704) 552-6352 or Mark Whitson (919) 933-7573 if you know members willing to fill one of the Board posts. We will have the slate published thirty days before the October 8 meeting. Any additional nominations after that will have to be in writing to the Board, per the bylaws, so try to submit your input before then.

I will have more to report at the Homecoming meeting when we will have a major presentation on timely aspects of the Naval service as in years past. I look forward to seeing you then.

Andy Bunch
Staff 1985-89



The Connor Fund

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, the Connor Fund has a current balance of \$4,951.40. The annual Connor Award, an aviator's watch and a plaque, is now nearly self-sustaining. A sincere thanks goes out to all who have contributed so far to help perpetuate the memory of this fine Naval Officer, killed in action over the Persian Gulf in 1991.

But, as all who knew Pat Connor ('87) will attest, he was more than a fine officer...he was fine student. He was active in university athletics, an NROTC Battalion Commander, and an outstanding scholar. Therefore, many feel that he should be memorialized on the University campus itself, not only by us through the Connor Award given at each Spring Awards Day. Preliminary research has shown that we can get a brass plaque, approximately 8" by 12" and inscribed as we wish, permanently affixed to a library study carrel for \$2000. It is currently impossible for us to make such an expenditure and continue to make an annual award to the midshipmen.

We need your input. Please let us know how you feel about a permanent memorial to a fallen comrade. Suggestions and gifts in any amount are more than welcome. Remember, your dues in NO WAY support the Connor fund. We need you to keep his memory alive.



Homecoming '94

Homecoming '93 was a smash! A win at Kenan Stadium, followed by a first-class pig pickin' at the Armory, which was sponsored jointly by the Midshipman Battalion and the Alumni Association, made it a weekend that could not be beat. Special thanks go to Will Stubbs ('86) for hosting the all-hands cocktail party that evening. If you missed it last year, don't make that mistake again...

Homecoming '94 is scheduled for October 8, 1994. The Board of Directors will meet at the Armory at 10:00. A short general Alumni Association meeting will follow at 10:30, and the pig pickin' will start at 11:30. Mack Brown's Tar Heels will take on Georgia Tech at 1:30 PM (although this time is subject to change depending on TV schedules). The Alumni Association has purchased a block of 75 seats for the game. There will be a cocktail party at the Research Triangle Park Marriott later that evening.

Will Stubbs ('85) thought far enough ahead to reserve a block of 30 rooms at the RTP Marriott just for his Alumni Association friends (Thanks, Will!). Contact him at 80 Rhode Island Ave, Newport, RI 02840, (401) 848-7085 (H) 841-0567 (FAX), or contact the RTP Marriott directly and mention Will's name to make arrangements to stay for the night or the weekend.

You will find a registration form for the Alumni weekend at the bottom of this page. Please mail it in as soon as you can so that we can get a pig big enough for all of us!

See you this Fall!!

cut out and send with your check...

Homecoming Registration Form

Check off the events you would like to attend, multiply by the number of folks you're bringing with you, and mail us a check. Your tickets will be waiting for you at the Armory on Saturday, October 8. If you would like your football tickets mailed to you, call me and I'll do so.

Event	# Attending	Per person	Total
Ball Game		\$20.00	
Pig Pickin'		\$10.00	
Cocktail Party		\$3.00	
		<i>Grand Total</i>	

Mail payment to: UNC NROTC Alumni Association, NROTC UNIT, CB #3325 UNC CHAPEL HILL, NC 27599-3325

We need your help...

The Battalion Library

The midshipmen are trying to establish a professional reading library at the Unit. To that end, they are soliciting contributions. Any books you have that you feel might benefit the establishment of such a valuable resource would be very much appreciated. The midshipmen would especially appreciate cover page inscriptions from the donors inside. Books can be sent either directly to the Armory or to your Alumni Association Secretary (Capt Mark Whitson, 107 Chaucer Ct., Carrboro, NC 27510), or you can bring them with you for collection at the Homecoming.

Local Sponsorship Program

Steve Fish ('85) made a suggestion at the last board meeting that we consider a local sponsor program for the battalion midshipmen. The idea would be to pair up a current active midshipman with an alumnus who lives in the mid's hometown. They could then meet socially, either when the alum visits the "Southern part of Heaven," or when the mid goes home on break or vacation. This would be a great way to enhance the mid's total ROTC experience, as well as provide a little support now and then. If you would be interested in participating in such a venture, let your Secretary know (Capt Mark Whitson, 107 Chaucer Ct., Carrboro, NC 27510). We will then check with the Unit to see if there is a current midshipman who hails from your locality and provide him or her with your name and address.

Memorabilia

In the last newsletter, a request from the midshipmen to the Alumni Association went out: they requested contributions of NROTC memorabilia to help preserve the Unit's sense of tradition and identity in the face of an impending merger of Air Force and Army ROTC operations into the Armory. To date, two of us have responded:

Russ Cowell ('54) was gracious enough to donate his Navy Officer's sword. The sword was made in Toledo, Spain, circa 1956. It's a beautiful antique with sharkskin pommel and gold inlay. Russ even had a souvenir letter opener fashioned after the Navy sword, also from Toledo, which he donated. The sword is mounted and hanging in the Armory. Thank you, Russ.

Mark Whitson ('87) donated a left-handed shooting jacket adorned with NROTC shooting competition patches dating back to 1963. (It's hard to say how he came into possession of it in the first place...!)

Photos of NROTC activities, trophies, uniforms, anything, would be welcomed. Please give generously in support of a vital effort to retain a sense of history at the Naval Armory. Contributions can be sent either directly to the Unit or to your Secretary (Capt Mark Whitson, 107 Chaucer Ct., Carrboro, NC 27510).

Class of '44 Reunion

In conjunction with a Class of 1944 Reunion sponsored by the General Alumni Association last May, Skip Awalt ('44) organized an NROTC Class of '44 Reunion. Skip managed to track down sixteen veterans from the class who had taken part in NROTC during their matriculation at Carolina. He even went so far as to convince several of them to join our little Alumni Association. Thanks for your efforts, Skip, and welcome aboard to W. S. Weatherford, John F. Miller, III, W. Mack Morris, D. Earl Pardue, John C. Paty, Jr., and our other new members from the Class of '44! Keep in mind: this coming Spring will be the reunion of the Class of 1945 (along with several more recent classes...). If any of you are planning to attend (John Williams, J.F. Fowler...?), consider contacting Skip (919-967-2029) to find out how to go about organizing a mini-NROTC reunion of your own.

<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Alumni Association General Fund \$3,960.15</p> <p>Connor Memorial Award Fund \$4,951.40</p>

Dues Confusion

Some folks who paid their dues at Homecoming in October of '93 were a little taken aback to be hit up again in the Spring newsletter. "Hey," they said, "since I paid for a year last October and now I'm paying for a year in the Spring, does that mean I'm paid up through Fall of 1995?"

Your \$10 dues is an annual fee, not a twelve-month membership. As your treasurer, I don't mind at what point during the year dues are paid. Once a year is all that is asked. You will find a dues form at the bottom of the page. If you've already sent in dues this year, you don't need to send them in again. If you haven't, please do. If you're unsure, call me (919-933-7573) and I can tell you what my records show. Thanks for your patience!

cut out and send with your check...

UNC NROTC Alumni Association Registration Form

If you haven't had the chance to mail us your annual dues yet, please take this opportunity to do so. Your \$10.00 will go a long way to helping us improve the level of service the Association can provide to you, as well as allowing us to better serve the current midshipmen.

Name: _____ Year Commissioned: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Service: _____ Still on active duty? _____

Any other comments (current unit, duty station, suggestions, etc.): _____

Please send your check for \$10.00 (plus any contribution you would care to make to the Lt. Pat Connor Memorial fund) to:

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