

# UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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## Milestone Reached as First Alumni Association Scholarship Awarded

by  
Laurd Lewis, Jr.  
President

April 19, 2001, marked a significant milestone for our alumni association. We awarded our first alumni association scholarship. One of our major goals has been to do more to support and award our midshipmen who distinguish themselves academically and militarily. The key elements here are leadership and service. As an organization we have set this goal in order to attract and keep the best possible naval officer candidates in the UNC NROTC unit. While this first award is a small step with the scholarship value of \$1000, it is a milestone. As the saying goes, "A journey of a 1000 miles starts with a single step." We hope that this award continues to grow and provide many blessings to our midshipmen, the NROTC unit, our alumni association, and our country.

The student who received this first award was Third Class Midshipman Benjamin Apple. Benjamin is from Birmingham, Alabama and is a Navy Option majoring in History. I would like to congratulate Benjamin and his parents. His name will always be first on our scholarship listing but not last.

I encourage all alumni association members to support this scholarship through their donations. As I have said before, together we will make a difference. We have stepped into our next decade as an association and continue to make progress.

Thank you.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! UNC NROTC ALUMNI REUNION

**October 6, 2001**

(Columbus Day weekend)

**UNC vs ECU**

Details of events will be  
published in the next  
newsletter.



### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

*The Association is looking for volunteers to support our organization as class representatives. Duties would include verifying the accuracy of our alumni database, providing ideas/feedback to the board of directors, and helping spread the word to classmates on upcoming events. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Dick Cashwell at 843-524-2387 or [cashwell@islc.net](mailto:cashwell@islc.net)*



## Battalion Update

by  
Captain Dennis Haines, USN  
NROTC Unit North Carolina Piedmont Region



Hello from Tarheel Land. It has been a great 9 months as the Commanding Officer of the North Carolina Piedmont Region.

This newsletter will be my first Alumni communiqué which will allow me to review the accomplishments and events of our academic year, which will culminate with the commissioning of 16 Naval Officers on 19 May 2001.

Leading off with commissioning, it was my pleasure to host RADM Alford as the commissioning officer for this year's ceremony. Admiral Alford is the Deputy Executive Assistant/Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, U.S. European Command located in Stuttgart, Germany. Admiral Alford will present the oath to 10 Navy Option and 5 Marine Option midshipmen, with the class including one MECEP. The Marines will all report to The Basic School. The Navy ensign breakout is as follows:

- Aviation - 2
- Surface Nuclear - 2
- Surface - 5
- Nurse - 1

As part of the SWO detailing process this year, NAVPERS instituted the first ever online ship selection process, with your selection standing being determined by your CNET ranking. Congratulations go out to the following midshipmen who already can read their "crystal ball":

MIDN Cox	USS RUSSELL (DDG 59), PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
MIDN Fritz	USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG 48), YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
MIDN Hahn	USS OBANNON (DD 987), MAYPORT, FL
MIDN Hess	USS VINCENNES (CG 49), YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
MIDN Love	USS MC CLUSKY (FFG 41), SAN DIEGO, CA
MIDN Norton	USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79), NORFOLK, VA
MIDN Ross	USS DEXTROUS (MCM 13), MANAMA, BAHRAIN

On the personnel side of the unit, we will be gaining a replacement for LCDR Shaulis in December. Lt Robert "Biff" Krause of VS24 will be joining the Tarheel staff. He has just deployed, being embarked in USS ENTERPRISE. LCDR Shaulis will remain at UNC and retire in August 2002. YN2 Weislocher has decided to pursue a civilian career of Nursing, and will commence her terminal leave 22 August. We wish her the best.

On a more "destructive note", it appears that the Armory is scheduled for demolition in 2005. I am in detailed discussions with various members of the University and the architects to determine a suitable site for our unit. Nothing has been decided as of yet about our future location. However, there is a funding issue related to the demolition of the current structure and Venable Hall and a funding issue related to moving, building, or locating us in a suitable location. To find out the latest information on what buildings will be torn down or renovated, and proposed new buildings, you can visit the Campus Master Plan site on the web at [www.unc.edu/planning/](http://www.unc.edu/planning/). Contact Don Ledford or LCDR Shaulis for further details.

In closing, I would like to invite you for a visit. Come by anytime, although the summer may find us enjoying some of the pleasures of North Carolina. Your efforts to support our midshipmen do make a difference. Thank you.

Very respectfully,  
Dennis

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**Additional Battalion Information of Note:**

- Fall 2000 saw 23 incoming freshmen enter the unit, 21 of whom are still in the program (2 scholarship DOR's).
- MIDN 4/C Charles Egli came in as a college program and picked up a 3-yr CNET scholarship in April.
- Fall 2001 incoming class: 21 so far (13 male, 8 female, 7 out-of-state).
- Fall 2000 NROTC Battalion semester GPA: 3.01. UNC Fall 2000 semester GPA: 2.96
- MIDN 3/C Benjamin Apple was the recipient of the first ever UNC NROTC Alumni scholarship. Much to the chagrin of his peers, MIDN Apple did not pay for dinner that evening.
- Had several VIP's speak at our Leadership Labs including: Chancellor Moeser, Mr. Brock, Ambassador Schoonover, Congressman McIntyre, Admiral Bowman, and representatives from the Joint Strike Fighter Program.
- Our Drill team competed in the Tulane Drill Competition in the Spring and placed 15th overall and our Color Guard placed 8th.
- Summer Cruise Information: As the semester ends we are busy solidifying the summer cruise schedule. To date we have two midshipman who will be on submarines in Subron 20 and one midshipman who is waiting for a surface Nuclear cruise. Three of our midshipmen will take part in the Foreign Exchange Cruise program and sail with Japan, Greece, and Poland. Nineteen of our new sophomores will be introduced to the Navy during CORTRAMID this summer with about 1/3 of them in Norfolk and 2/3 in San Diego. Three of our Marine Option midshipmen will be attending OCS this summer and our nurse option midshipmen are gearing up to experience "Navy Medicine" first hand.
- On a sad note we end the semester with the funeral of John Schopler. He was a member of the PWAD committee and a great friend to the NROTC Unit at UNC. The family asks any contributions go not for flowers but to the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center, 302 W. Weaver St., Carrboro, NC 27510.

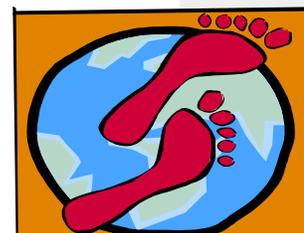
## Congratulations Class 2001!

### UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

Ensign Matthew B. Cox, USNR  
 Ensign Heidi L. Cregar, NC, USNR  
 Ensign Hunter E. Fritz, USNR  
 Ensign Katherine P. Hahn, USNR  
 Ensign Adam G. Hess, USNR  
 Ensign Matthew C. Love, USNR  
 Ensign Emily E. Norton, USNR  
 Ensign Robert B. Ross, USNR  
 Ensign Douglas M. Tempest, USNR  
 Ensign Helen L. Watson, USNR

### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Second Lieutenant Jason S. Brigadier, USMCR  
 Second Lieutenant Justin H. Johnson, USMCR  
 Second Lieutenant Jason B. Ladd, USMCR  
 Second Lieutenant Rye M. Schwartz-Barcott, USMCR  
 Second Lieutenant Chenoa D. Strickland, USMCR



## PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

by  
Vicki Stephens '82

As we move into the future, its important that we remember our past. One of the functions of our Association is to research and preserve the history of our unit. We have worked over the past decade to do this through creation of the alumni database, support of the battalion in the restoration of the NROTC Unit's Historical Scrapbook, and creation of a web page with unlimited capacity in documenting our history.

The web page has been particularly significant in that our history has now become available worldwide. Visitors to the web site have included those wanting to learn about our NROTC unit or those asking for our help in their search for an old friend. We have continued to add historical information to our web site in the form of the Alumni Focus page to spotlight alumni accomplishments; a Memorial Page to recognize members who died while serving on active duty; and most recently a photo archives.

There is a misconception that historical information can be easily retrieved at the NROTC armory including records of all graduates. Unfortunately, this is not true. The NROTC unit submits a command history each year to the Naval Historical Center in Washington, DC but past submissions have not always contained specific details such as the list of graduates each year. What is available is a historical scrapbook with pictures for specific years (faces in the photographs are not always identified); a few yearbooks for the classes that produced one; and a some memorial plaques in remembrance of several of our deceased alumni.

Nothing more profoundly illustrates the need for continued efforts in our history preservation than our experience with creating a Memorial. Two years ago we also began a project to identify and recognize all alumni and staff members who died while serving on duty or as a result of active duty. Our goal was that the Memorial go beyond just a list of names but include personal information on the members such as duty stations, awards, and contributions so that future generation could more fully appreciate the rich heritage of our alumni. The list of names on the Memorial Page of our website came strictly from word of mouth of our alumni. Where possible, we have provided details verified through official records. Written requests for information were also submitted for each deceased member from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. In some cases, information was provided, but in most cases NPRC refused to release information without written permission from the next of kin. Our research continues and we welcome your assistance in this area.

With the news that the NROTC armory will undergo demolition in 2005 to make way for the new Venable building, we will delay any planning for a physical monument at this time. However, you are still encouraged to contribute your ideas or your financial support toward the future Memorial.

## Webmaster Report

by Brant Burgiss '84

### Recent Web Site Updates

Spring has sprung, and we have dusted the cobwebs off the online classmate database. Thanks to all of you for submitting your address and job updates! If you've renewed your membership in the association this year (or you're a life member), you have no doubt noticed something neat regarding your login experience: You now only need ONE password to access both the newsletters and the "Find A Classmate" database!

What's more, we've streamlined the search results page, and even give you the option to search on two additional fields (maiden name and nickname).

We have sent passwords to all 2001 annual members and life members for whom we have e-mail addresses on file. If you are a current member but did not get your password, please send an e-mail to me at [webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org](mailto:webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org) and we'll take care of you right away.

As always, we ask that all members please check your own online record and let us know if the database needs updating.

### Enhancements

In the near future, we're hoping to bring you an automatic (instantaneous) e-mail service that will e-mail your password in case you've forgotten it. Watch our web site at <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org/> for news of this enhancement, or find out when it happens the easy way by subscribing to our ListBot e-mailing list (found on the home page).

### Photo Archives

We've had a lot of folks send in pictures to our photo archives recently... so if you haven't been there in a while, we recommend you do so at <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org/archives/>

We've still got a stack of photos to scan and include, so the page will grow by leaps and bounds over the next month or so. Keep sending in your photos from your midshipman days at Carolina, or your pictures from your time in the fleet, and we'll keep uploading them to the web site. Thanks for your participation! Send your photos to:

UNC NROTC Photo Archives  
c/o Brant Burgiss  
4153 Queens Grant Road  
Jamestown, NC 27282

If you'd like your photos returned, kindly include a postage-paid return envelope.

Suggestions? Please let us know if you have any suggestions to make our web site better. We're constantly on the lookout for new stuff to add, so dream away!

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTED

By Sam Gorham '65

On April 19, 2001, the Association awarded the first UNC NROTC Alumni Association Award. The recipient was Midshipman 3/C Benjamin Daniel Apple. Midshipmen Apple is a Drill Team squad leader, a PT coordinator, a platoon sergeant, and a Special Olympics volunteer, and has a high GPA. The award was presented at the final Naval Science lab of the year, which was attended by the entire battalion. Sam Gorham, Class of 1965, presented the check for \$1,000.00 and a certificate (designed by board member Don Ledford) on behalf of the Association.

Applicants were required to describe in 100 words or less new ways the NROTC Unit can contribute to the University (and improve the image of the Unit and the University). Midshipman Apple's thoughtful response is as follows:

*“Many UNC students do not understand the military - its role, ethos, and culture. Though there is little hostility between the University and the NROTC Unit, great difference exists between these two institutions whose goals are so similar: the personal development of a leader. Creating a forum for the exchange of ideas between midshipmen and other students can bridge this gap. Towards these ends I propose the establishment of a NROTC Leadership Conference whose centerpiece will be a roundtable discussion between midshipmen and Student Government leaders. This group could discuss leadership training, problem solving, and differences between civilian and military leadership.”*



Sam Gorham '65, Midn 3/C Apple, and CAPT Dennis Haines

The NROTC Alumni Association Award is awarded to a 3/C Midshipman who demonstrated during his or her freshman year a potential for strong leadership, who meets established academic standing (this year, a 3.2 average), who has exhibited strong military bearing, and who has contributed or is likely to contribute to the NROTC program and to the University. Currently, only one award is given. Hopefully, more awards can be given in the future, but any larger, sustaining program will require an endowment. Comments and donations are welcomed.

## Whispers & Gossip

**William Lee Kinney '45, James Alexander '45, and Sidney Alverson '45,** are planning to attend the Patrol Craft Sailors Association 2001 Reunion in Omaha, NE this summer. All three are residents of Charlotte, NC and all attend the same Presbyterian church.

*E-mail* for William Kinney: wkinney@carolina.rr.com

**Warren W. Webb '45** is Professor of Psychiatry (Psychology) Emeritus, Vanderbilt University. At 77, he is in moderately good health. With spouse of 53 years (Celia Rothgeb, UNC-Greensboro, '45), he is busy writing family history and enjoys lots of reading and travel.

*E-mail:* wwwebb@home.com

**Joseph B. Mirsky '47** is still writing letters to the editor of his local paper in Palm Beach, FL. He keeps up with several of his classmates. (He and his classmates were commissioned in Feb '45 which he claims is one of the major reasons we won the war.) His back is still a mess, but the pain disappears when we beat Duke. He wishes his best to everyone.

**W. Travis Porter '53** is with Maupin, Taylor & Ellis, P.A./Research Triangle office. He and his wife, Jane, have three sons: Gregroy, Daryl and Christopher. *E-mail:* tporter@maupintaylor.com

**Edmund M. Waller, SC USN (Ret.) '53** now has antiques shops in both the Antiquers' Mall and Shadwell Anitquaries in Charlottesville, VA. *E-mail:* ewseadog@aol.com

**Harvey D. Bradshaw '54** won first place in sports feature writing from North Carolina Press Association, 2000. (He writes sports for a local paper as a hobby.) He opened a new modular home section of Gren subdivision, a waterfront development in Sneads Ferry. His granddaughter, Helen Louise Bradshaw, was born January 03, 2001 in Tallahassee. Her mother, Sally Bradshaw, was governor Jeb Bush's Chief of Staff until going on maternity leave.

**Hugh McColl, Jr. '57,** retired in April as chairman and CEO of Bank of America. He recently received the University Award of the UNC System at a banquet in Chapel Hill. The award honored his longtime commitment to higher education.

**Walter Fitts '59** has retired again. Following 30 years with USMC (Col, Ret.) he has just completed 10 years with the N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) as Regional Director at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Walt is now the full time yard man at Emerald Isle.

**Michael Lanham '60** has been married 35 years to Diana. They have 3 children and 1 grandchild. He served 8 years active duty in the Navy, Naval Aviator, LCDR, USN disabled (5 years operational missions and 3 years Chief Instructor, Aerodynamics at Navy Flight Instructor School.) Worked 25 years at E. I. Dupont Company, National and International Marketing and Ventures Development. Made many trips to Japan. Worked 3 years with Houson PLC (British) as Managing Director Marketing and Technical Division. Worked 5 years with Aearo Corp., Director of Chemical Division. Currently medically retired. He enjoys friends, grandchildren, gardening, gym and traveling. Recently spent several weeks in China and the mountains of Tibet. Trying some art (drawing/painting) lessons now. Lives in Chadds Ford, PA south of West Chester. He has a beach home in Dewey Beach, DE. *E-mail:* MSLANHAM@bellatlantic.net

## Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

**S. Dillon Wooten, Jr. '61** attended Navy Supply School and served aboard the USS Topeka (CLG-8) 1961-1963. In 1995 he obtained his MBA from UNC. From 1963 to 2001 he was with Wooten Oil in Goldsboro, NC and was the President/owner. He has 3 daughters (2 UNC grads and 1 Duke grad). He is now a real estate developer, chain store operator, and apartment complex manager. *E-mail:* sdwooten@msn.com

**H. Gary Roser '64** is entering his 10th year employed by the Naval Postgraduate School, currently serving as the Assistant Dean of Students for International Affairs. He just completed a two year tour as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Marine's Memorial Association. (You can visit their website at: <http://www.marineclub.com>) The MMA has a membership of over 22,000 former, retired and active duty Marines and reps from all the other services. They own a 137 room hotel in downtown San Francisco, two blocks from Union Square. *E-mail:* groser@nps.navy.mil

**Charles J. Wolfe '65** is enjoying retirement after 30 years in the municipal bond business in New York. He and his wife, Sandy, have been pursuing interests in the non-profit area as well as expanded time for family, friends and travel. *E-mail:* cwolfe1@bellatlantic.net

**David T. Feher '66** left the Navy in June 1970 and went into computer sales. This job evolved into calculator and copier sales. He has sold copiers for various brands over the last 30 years. He is currently a sales manager with Carolina Office Equipment in Wilmington, NC. Last year he sold 180 Sharp Digital copiers to the Marines at Camp Lejeune. He reported it felt great being around the military after all these years. *Email:* DAVE1KON@aol.com

**Robert Gebeaux '66** retired from the Navy in 1986. He and his wife Bonnie spent 10 years cruising and living on their own sailboat, a Tayana 37, as they cruised the Bahamas and Caribbean. After returning to the real world, he worked in Marina Management for four years until he decided to take a less stressful path. He is now the bookkeeper for a small music store. He enjoys building and playing acoustic guitars. He and his wife currently live in Montross, VA. *E-mail:* bgebeaux@crosslink.net

**Charles E. Downton '66** has 2 daughters in sea service, Ensign Brooke Downton, Electrical Officer, USS Barry (DDG-52) and Midn 4/C Alison Downton, Marine Option NROTC at Boston University. He and his wife, Meredith are very proud of them. *E-mail:* downton.ce@pg.com

**Richard W. Van Leuvan '67** was awarded Senior Golfer of the Year (2000) by the Georgia Golf Association. He won the Georgia Senior Amateur title in 2000 and was 2nd place finisher in the National Senior Amateur event in Charlotte, NC in September 2000. *E-mail:* dickvl@mindspring.com

**Farrar O. Griggs, Jr, '70** has a son (Ethan) who is a freshman on an NROTC scholarship at Vanderbilt University. One of his daughters (Emily) is a sophomore at Carolina living in Cobb dorm. He currently resides in Kannapolis, NC.

**William R. "Bill" Hackney III '70** served as on active duty USMC as an infantry officer 1970-1974 and in the Marine Reserves 1975-1999. He retired with the rank of Colonel in Feb 1999. He has served on the Board of Directors, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Quantico, Virginia 1996 to present. He is currently Managing Partner, Atlanta Capital Management Co., a \$6.5 billion institutional investment manager. MBA The Citadel 1975. Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) 1978. *E-mail:* WRH@ATLCAP.com

## Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

**COL J. C. Hardee '70** will retire on 15 June 2001 in a ceremony at Camp Lejeune. He will have completed over 30 years and 11 months of total service in the Marine Corps. After retirement, he and his wife, Kathy, will reside in Jacksonville, NC. *E-mail:* hardees@wna-linknet.com

**RADM Mark Jackson Edwards '72** now leads the Navy's logistics command in Singapore.

**James C. Day '73** retired September 2000 after 27 years. His last military assignment was at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) as the Program Director for the Defense Message System. DMS is designed to replace Autodin with Cots-based email. After retirement he returned to DISA in the C4&I Program Directorate as a GS to assist with cross-program integration. He's currently working on a global directory service for DoD (name, email, phone #'s and DoD public key infrastructure (PKI) certificates). *E-mail:* dayjc@erols.com

**CDR Thomas "Hal" Barge '82** has been selected for promotion to Captain.

**Elizabeth (Dunne) Theismeyer '82** and her husband, David, have 3 children now: Jessica (10), Michael (6) and Alexander (9 months). They reside in Penn Yan, NY.

**Chuck Benfield '84** is the Materials Manager for Continental Teves in Morganton, NC. He is also President of the Foothills APICS Chapter and Vice-Chair of the deacon board at First Baptist Church of Morganton. He stills plays trumpet in the Morganton Community Band and played in the UNC Alumni band at Homecoming 2000 in Kenan stadium. He is married to Marjory, his high school sweetheart and they have two daughters, Allison (13) and Emily (10). Go Heels! *E-mail:* cdbenfield@abts.net

**CDR Mark Howard '84** is still working at Pfizer in Groton, CT as a computer network consultant. He's also the XO at NR Naval Air Systems Command 1393. *E-mail:* m\_howard@mbh-net.com

**LCDR Joseph Cannon, '85** is a computer specialist for the Navy's meteorology center in Rota, Spain. *E-mail:* cannnnonj@nemoc.navy.mil

**Chris Houser '85** is currently the XO of Combined Arms Battalion, 3 Mar Div, in Okinawa and has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

**George W. Smith, Jr. '85** was selected for Lieutenant Colonel.

**Major Michael Barry '86** got married in 1990, just before two deployments in/around Saudi Arabia. He and his wife now have five children (ages 9, 8, 6, 4, and 2). He left active duty in 1995 and spent a couple of years with Microsoft before starting his own company. He accepted an offer to work for BOPS, Inc. this year and is now living in Boone, NC. *E-mail:* mtbarry@onwardcc.com

**Eric Schneider '86** was selected as the OIC for the NCW Group II Intel detachment in 2000. He also accepted a promotion to become the Administrator for the Division of Digestive Diseases in UNC's School of Medicine. *E-mail:* eric\_schneider@med.unc.edu

**Burton H. Anderson '87** 1990-1992: Electronic Countermeasures Officer/NFO; VAQ-137; deployed aboard USS America, 32 combat missions, 8 HARM shots in Operation DESERT STORM. 1992-1994: Electronic Warfare Analyst/Special Operations Liaison, Joint Command and Control Warfare Center, Kelly AFB, TX including NATO tour in support of Operation DENY FLIGHT. 1995-1997: Media Sales/Internet Marketing, San Antonio, TX. 1997-2000: Electronic Commerce Consulting & Training, San Antonio, TX. 2000: MBA, graduate University of Texas at Austin. 2000-present: e-business consultant/project manager, IBM, Houston, TX. *E-mail:* burton@texas.net

## Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

**LCDR Charles "Chuck" Carroll '87** has big news! Alice is pregnant with an ETA of December! Old friends are welcome to stop in and share the excitement if you're going to be in Monterey before March, 2002. They have an extra room waiting for you.

*E-mail:* ChuckandAl@earthlink.net

**Wofford F. "Choots" Humphries IV '87** resigned his commission in 1994. He and his wife and their son Benjamin (9 months) are living in Cary, NC. *E-mail:* choots.humphries@irs.com

**Alison Getgood-Lee '88** was married to Jonathan Lee on September 19, 1988. Their first child, Kaitlyn Theresa Lee was born on 12 June 2000. Alison left the Navy in March 2000 and is now working at the same job as a civilian at Naval Air Station North Island . She is considering joining the reserves next year. *E-mail:* ALISONCLEE@cs.com

**Michael Richardson '88** and his family are returning to Camp Lejeune, NC after a very relaxing, fun-filled year at the Judge Advocate School for the Army. Mike will be working n the Eastern Area Council's Office and focusing on Labor Law for the Marine Corps. The children, Victoria, 7, Bailey, 5, and Nicholas, 3 are very excited to return to the only "home" they can remember. *E-mail:* uncheels@adelphia.net

**LCDR Wade H. "Hank" McSwain III '89** is assigned to EUCOMJAC 0167 (Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit drilling out of Ft. Gillem, GA) serving as Assistant Branch Chief of Naval Maritime branch. He joined Private Banking Group of Bank of America as Vice President on January 8, 2001. *E-mail:* hankmcswain@earthlink.net

**LT Amy T. Kingston '92** was transferred from sea duty in San Diego to shore duty at the Pentagon. She is working with SECDEF in the Cable Division. The job involves watch support for OSD as well as travel with the Secretary.

**LT Colin "Blackjack" McLean '92** was attached to the Black Eagles of VAW-113 at NAS Pt. Mugu, flying the E-2C Hawkeye for the past 3 1/2 years. He just returned from a Persian Gulf deployment aboard USS Abraham Lincoln this past February. In March he reported to Meridian, MS where he is now an instructor at VT-9. He was married to Elaine Hyatt on April 7th. Elaine is originally from the Atlanta area but they met in California. *E-mail:* cmmclean@aol.com

## In Memoriam

*Editor's note: The Association was recently informed of the deaths of the following alumni:*

**Robert J. Heiman '52** died in 1994.

**James Rex Daugherty '55** died 09/18/1999.

**Peter Franklin Smitherman '55**, of Boone, president of Periwinkle Corp., died on October 22, 2000. Smitherman, active in restoration and historic preservation, was founder of the West End Association..

## 2001 Alumni Registration Form

*You have already paid your dues for 2001. Use this form only if you wish to update personal information, make charitable donations, submit information for "Whispers & Gossip", purchase a membership directory or convert to life membership now.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ UNC Class \_\_\_\_\_ or Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military Rank (current, retired, or at the time of discharge) \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If still serving in the military:  
 Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billet Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tax Deductible Contributions or Life Membership:*

Memorial to honor UNC Alumni who died on active duty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
 LT Patrick K. Connor, USN Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
 Capt. David Dawson, USMC Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
 I desire to convert to life membership now:  
 One time payment \$350 or installments of \$125 for three years \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Directory*

2000 NROTC Alumni Association Directory @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Care to pay by credit card?*

Circle one: VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS MASTERCARD  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**

Make checks payable to "UNC NROTC Alumni Association" and mail to:

UNC NROTC Alumni Association  
 c/o Mark Whitson  
 2801 Welcome Drive  
 Durham, NC 27705

or you can make payment via our secure web site: <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>

**“Whispers and Gossip” input for the next newsletter:**

## **ALUMNI FOCUS**

UNC NROTC Alumni have a long tradition of achievement in all facets of life that we can all be proud of. Have you or a fellow alumni made the news recently? We're looking for additional alumni to profile in our Alumni Focus on our web page. Achievements can be through the military, civilian job, charitable work, etc. If you have suggestions, please contact Brant Burgiss.

Our association is growing along with our commitments in serving the midshipmen and our alumni. Additional help always greatly appreciated. Please contact us if you're willing to assist the Board of Directors in any of the following areas:

- ◆ Volunteer as an alumni class representative.
- ◆ Call classmates and encourage them to come to reunion this year.
- ◆ Join the Reunion Committee

### **UNC NROTC Alumni Association Board of Directors 2001 - 2002**

Laird Lewis '70 (*President*)  
Mark Whitson '87 (*Treasurer*)  
Vicki Stephens '82 (*Secretary*)  
Bill Foster '80  
Jim Bailer '85  
Harold Brown '72  
Richard Cashwell '59  
Pat Connelly '85  
Rob Gionfriddo '86  
Don Ledford - staff '80-87  
Wade Phillips '45  
Daniel Rabil '86  
Sam Richardson '92  
Jesse Tillman '86