

UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome Aboard

By Dan Rabil '86, Secretary

Dear fellow Alumnus:

This year has been a good one for the Association, although it's been a bit of a quiet period as far as high-profile accomplishments go. Three of our 14 board members were called up for active duty, and health problems slowed down a couple of others. Board meetings in February and June were successful, although a couple of projects had to be put on hold pending decisions by the university. And the Armory still looks doomed to be sacrificed for the Venable Hall expansion.

On the positive side, the Association has made good contacts with the NROTC unit staff, helping bridge the gap caused by the retirement of the legendary Don Ledford. The group is fiscally sound. We've also had a good response to this year's reunion and football game (sign up for the pig if you haven't already--it's only \$13/person). A number of new members have also been recruited and are eager to renew old friendships.

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Battalion Update

NROTC Unit North Carolina Piedmont Region

The unit has 16 new freshmen this year, of whom 14 are on scholarship. Orientation this year was done in conjunction with Duke University and took place on the Duke campus, rather than at a military facility as in years past. CAPT Puryear relieved CAPT Haines as CO on 22 August, and the same day LTCOL Paulsen took over from LTCOL Thompson as the XO.

Excerpts from the Midshipmen newspaper:

From Midn 1/C Ross Fearon (BNCO): "Midshipmen, OCs, and MECEPs: Welcome back to one of the best ROTC programs at one of the greatest universities in the nation. I hope you all had relaxing summers (at least I know you Navy options did) and are ready for another semester filled with motivation. This year got off to an awesome start with a highly successful Orientation. Just ask the new 4/C how much they enjoyed being subjected to the wrath of MIDN 2/C Nicholson and the rest of the staff. Although among the 4/C, common sense was an uncommon virtue they all did an outstanding job."

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Tar Heel SecNav Nominee Commits Suicide

Colin McMillan, UNC NROTC '57, took his own life July 24 while awaiting Senate confirmation of his nomination to become Secretary of the Navy. McMillan by all accounts led an exciting and successful life in the oil and ranching businesses and in state politics in New Mexico . He served in the Marine Corps on active duty from 1957-1960 and in the Reserve until 1972. He also was head of the Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Commissary Agency in the early 1990s. News reports offered no explanation for his suicide, other than comments by some that he had suffered oral cancer in previous years and may have had a recurrence. We send condolences to his family.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

Who would have thought an Arizona State game would draw such enthusiasm on the East Coast? We quickly sold out on our block of 50 seats for the game Oct 18. If you still want seats, we may be able to get additional seats near—but not in—the main block. Let me know as soon as possible, and I will try to get more. Tickets are normally \$35.00 each, but the 50-seat block was sold to us for only \$20/ each, so additional tickets might be discounted as well. Please e-mail me at patrius@patriot.net or call at (202) 966-6226 to get on the list for possible tickets.

Dan Rabil

For those who have already ordered tickets: I have received them and mailed them to those who requested it and will distribute the rest at the annual meeting/pig pickin'.



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Scuttlebutt

David Wood '88 is in Atlanta with his wife Regina and two year-old son Dave ("Tripp"). Dave works for Cognos Corp. and is a drilling reservist. He was promoted to commander Sep 13 and wanted to "pass along a Tar Heel Navy moment":

Mark Fava '85 is the XO at VP-62, where Dave was also drilling for six years, and pinned on Dave's O-5 oak leaves. "Mark assumes command of the unit next July," said Dave, while Dave has joined a Sea Bee Unit in Norfolk (CO Shore Activity, which is for personnel who are not combat-engineers).

George R "Bob" Oldham '62 retired from the staff of St. Alban's School in DC in January, after retiring from the Navy in 1982. Bob lives in Chantilly, VA and enjoys golfing and gardening.

Bogomir Glavin '97 was "still in Hawaii soaking up the sun" with VP-4 earlier this year and "deploying quite a bit but looking forward to shore duty this fall." Possible duty station is Corpus Christi. He recently made instructor pilot in a P-3 squadron.

Kent C Roberts '45 was founding faculty at the VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech when the college opened in 1980 and had a veterinary practice in northern Virginia from 1951-1980. In 1945, Roberts served on the PC1254, along with future US senator Howard Baker. He notes the ship was given to China after his crew mothballed it in 1946. "My days in Chapel Hill & in the Navy were a truly great experience and the source of many wonderful memories."

William Tripp '61 is still practicing dentistry and living five miles from the Atlantic in Swansboro, NC. "Doing as much fishing as possible."

Marshall Ward '44 says he is "staying alive at eighty and getting better healthwise." He spends much of his spare time caring for neighbors' dogs and a couple of "honorary" grandchildren. He likes to keep up with politics and current events, including UNC, and is unhappy that the Armory's fate appears sealed. He'll be at the reunion and game Oct 18.

Richard S. Griggs '74 is "working ten and twelve hour days for the Postal Service six days a week." In his naval career, Griggs was in operations Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind in 1974-76.

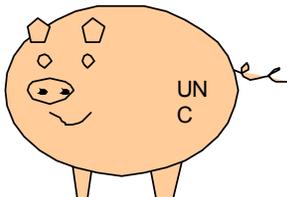
Christa (Bruce) Dahl '78 has moved to the Boston area after her husband retired from the Navy. She received a Masters in Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode Island in 2002.

Warren E Rummelhoff '46 says he "just recently heard of this organization." He retired from the Navy after 25 years and then worked 21 years with McDonnell Douglas. He has two sons and two grandchildren. His wife passed away after 50 years of marriage, and he is always glad to hear from anyone. He's been in touch with classmates Jack O'Leary and "Marty" Marion. E-mail: wer-vdr@swbell.net.

Russ Cowell '54 Spent four years in the fleet, including two years aboard USS Albany and two years on staff at UVA NROTC. He worked for Bell System in Richmond and DC areas, retired in 1989 and has been living in Williamsburg, VA. He volunteers 16-20 hours/month at Colonial Williamsburg ("Not in colonial costume") and is active in his local church. He is an amateur genealogist and collects old Western Electric/Bell telephones ("the old, ugly black ones"). "Look forward to seeing fellow NROTC grads at our 50th reunion in May 2004. BE THERE!!!"

W Travis Porter '53 was named to N. C. Central University's board of trustees.

REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Friday, October 17th

7:00 pm Hospitality suite/cocktails at the hotel. (Check at front desk for the room number.)

Saturday, October 18th

10:30 am General Meeting at the Armory

Distribute football/pig-pickin' tickets

Commanding Officer Presentation

Midshipman Battalion Presentation

President's Message

Scholarship Winner Announced

Distinguished Alumni/Distinguished Service Award Presentation

11:30 AM Pig Pickin'

1:30 pm game

7 PM Informal cocktail party at hotel

Sunday, October 19th

Please join your fellow alumni for a no-host Brunch at or about 0930 am in the Wyndam Garden Hotel Restaurant off Davis Drive. This is strictly come as you are, pay as you go. It is one more opportunity to cheer a Carolina victory or commiserate in defeat. Primarily, it is a chance to catch up with old friends. See you there.

WHERE TO PARK

100 parking spaces have been reserved for alumni and parents of midshipmen in the Cardinal Parking Deck, on Manning Drive in the UNC Medical Center (1/10 mile from South Columbia Street). These spaces will be on a first come, first served basis and cost \$6.

In Memoriam

The Association was recently informed of the deaths of the following alumni:

Warren Seipp Perry '45 died June 16, 2003.

Philip Reade Taylor '44 passed away Sept 27, 2002, at his summer home in Atlantic Beach.

Colin McMillan '57 (see story on page 2)

Milton Foster Shearin '47, 80, of Rocky Mount.

Edmond Garland Robbins '59, 66, of Sea Girt, NJ.

Welcome (*cont'd from Page 1*)

Speaking of old friendships, a few years ago, I read a letter to the editor of my local newspaper from a man who argued that ROTC programs contributed to increased criminal violence. In a published letter, I responded in no uncertain terms that my NROTC classmates were some of the finest people anywhere, and that without exception those middle boys turned out to be good men and good Americans. I have no doubt that those of you in other classes would say the same about the men and women who were your classmates.

So enjoy staying connected with the old unit. Let us know what you're up to (somebody out there's interested!). Get involved if you can. And thanks for signing up.

Dan

Battalion Update (*cont'd from Page 1*)

From Midn 2/C Miller: "Over the summer our former MOI, Major Boothby, left UNC and was replaced with Captain Sutey. His current assignment as an MOI is definitely a change of pace for Captain Sutey. Captain Sutey came fresh off of combat leave to UNC. He was deployed to Kuwait with the First Marine Expeditionary Force, from whence his unit invaded Iraq on 19 March 2003. That was where he remained until late May."

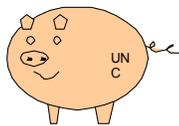
From Midn 3/C McLemore: "Two Navy flag officers and one senior enlisted Marine came to visit us and conduct a Q&A session: RADM Cryer, RADM Dwyer, and SgtMaj. Raybon. RADM Cryer is in charge of the Navy's Space Command, RADM Dwyer is in charge of aircraft carrier design and construction, and SgtMaj. Raybon is the Senior Enlisted at USMC Education Command. After a brief introduction, our visitors proceeded to answer questions that ran the gamut: from general questions on leadership and Junior Officer Life to discussions of changing operational policy and new platforms within the Navy."

(Thanks to LT Krause for the unit information.)

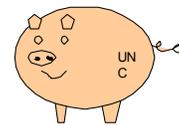
Need a room for the weekend?

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for members at the Durham Wyndam Garden Hotel for just \$59/night + tax, double occupancy. The block is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights 17-18 October. The hotel is at 4620 S. Miami Blvd., Durham (exit 281 I-40).

For reservations, call the hotel at (919) 941-6066 or (800) 972-0264 or fax (919) 941-0225 and mention the UNC NROTC Alumni Association. The rooms are first come, first serve.



2003 UNC NROTC PIG PICKIN'



October 18, 2003

The Carolina NROTC battalion cordially invites you to attend our annual Pig Pickin' prior to the UNC – Arizona State football game on October 18th. It's a great opportunity to meet both midshipmen and members of the UNC NROTC Alumni Association, as well as a chance to see a great football game! There will be pork and chicken served with an assortment of sides as well. Any profits made from the sale of the Pig Pickin' tickets will go toward support of the midshipmen. Thanks for your support!

*Because the time of the UNC / Arizona State game has not been announced yet, the actual pig pickin' time has not been set. The pig pickin' at the Armory will begin 2 hours prior to game time.

2003 UNC NROTC PIG PICKIN' Registration Form

Name: _____ Class _____

Pig Pickin' Tickets

ADULT (ages 13 and up)	@ \$13	x _____ = \$ _____
CHILD (ages 12 and under)	@ \$ 5	x _____ = \$ _____

*If you have a small child who will be eating from a parent's plate, there is no cost.

Donation to the UNC NROTC Battalion \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please provide us with the following contact information to notify you of the pig pickin' start time:

Home Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Make checks payable to "UNC NROTC Quarterdeck Society."
Please send your registration form to:

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