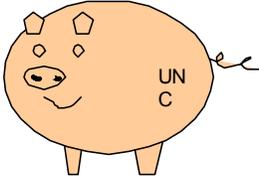


# UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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## 2004 UNC NROTC ALUMNI REUNION

October 9th

UNC vs NC State



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### Letter from the President

By Dick Cashwell '59

Dear Fellow UNC NROTC Alumni:

There is not one hot new issue bearing down on us right now, but there are some carryovers we should keep on the front burner.

Our first challenge is our Association's membership. We are down to fewer than 300 dues-paying members, and we need to work hard to keep our numbers up. Please contact Laird Lewis and offer to help him with the effort to keep more of our old comrades involved. Please be active in this effort.

Second is the issue of securing adequate space on campus for all of the ROTC programs as the University continues to build and expand. Do not miss any opportunity to mention the ROTC's needs to anyone you talk to who is in any way associated with the University. Also, if you know anyone who gives substantially to UNC and who is supportive of our efforts to secure the kind of space we need, ask him or her to mention our needs when talking to the Development people. Let's keep the pressure on at all times.

The last thing I will mention is our support of the current Midshipmen. We need to keep in mind this is our reason for being, and we must do all we can to support these young people. The reunions are a great time to meet the latest generation of midshipmen and put in a good word for our alumni group.

Semper Fi,

*Dick*

### NEW BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

Elections will be held at this year's annual board meeting Oct 9. If you would like to serve, and you can get to Chapel Hill at least once/year and meet by teleconference twice/year, contact Dick Cashwell at [cashwell@islc.net](mailto:cashwell@islc.net). Terms are for two years.

## Armory Gets Reprieve Until 2009

*Chapel Hill*—The UNC Armory building, slated for destruction to make way for the university's Science Complex, won't be flattened until 2009, UNC Provost Robert Shelton confirmed in a recent letter to Lt Col. Thomas Reilly, Air Force ROTC chairman. This means the campus' ROTC facilities will only have to be moved once, instead of the previously planned double moves.

Under the current plan, ROTC spaces will be moved into the phase-two area of a new Student and Academic Services Building (SASB), to be built on South Campus on the site of Chase Cafeteria. An earlier plan would have required the ROTC unit to move first into temporary spaces and then into permanent spaces once phase two of the SASB was completed.

## PAT CONNOR AWARD

Three cheers for Ensign Stephen E. Bauserman, the 2004 recipient of the Pat Connor Award. The Award is for the graduating Aviation Option midshipman who best displays academic and leadership excellence. It is given in honor of LT Patrick Connor '87, killed while flying a mission over the Persian Gulf in 1991.

## Middie Memories

The first week you spend at any new school, town, or career always seems to occur in compressed time, packed with new experiences. Looking back over 22 years to my first week at Carolina, it's amazing how many of my lasting memories and impressions actually happened in those first few late-summer days in 1982.

As we sat in an Armory classroom getting our welcome-aboard orientation, the question hanging in many a new middie's mind was: "Do we really have to get the haircut?" We all knew the answer was yes, but somehow the question still had to be asked. I had always had longish curly hair, but I must have secretly wanted someone to make me get a "real haircut," because I took to the "look" and the simplicity (no combs!) and eventually began getting my scalp more and more buzzed as an expression of military pride.

Mack, a half-lame, half-blind old barber in a dungeon under Hector's, gave \$2 haircuts. You could always tell which middies patronized Mack by their abrupt whitewalls and random, birth-control hairstyles. Still, after a few months of pricey haircuts elsewhere, I too began to visit Mack and thereafter rarely had a date.

I had never been a fitness runner before college, so I ran my first practice PFT in a pair of Chuck Taylor basketball sneakers, sweating up Gimghoul Road near the back of the freshman pack. A few weeks later, after failing my first PFT (20:51 on the 3-miler, but only 37 sit-ups), I enjoyed Staff Sergeant Klenowski's pre-dawn remedial physical training program. It was embarrassing to be cast among the studliness-impaired, but it was also a good way to get to know the staff and spend more time in boot-camp mode.

## Middie Memories (cont'd from p2)

To further ensure sleep deprivation, I wisely also joined the Drill Team, paving the way to academic probation my first semester.

My one and only weekend on the USS Rainbeau (the unit's 44-foot sailboat, allegedly confiscated from drug runners) was memorable in a dark and twisted kind of way. In 1982, underage servicemen could still drink booze on military bases with no questions asked. I was 17. We went to the officers club at Oriental (I think), and we all got hammered playing the dice game of "Mexican." The rest of my memories of that weekend are a swirl of seasickness and doing laundry, with zero sympathy from LT Martin. I still can't attend a reunion without being reminded of that seaborne barffest, especially by my good friend, Will Stubbs '85. It was Will's froggy hung-over voice aboard the Rainbeau that first taught me to despise a Navy ship's morning call to "Reveille, Reveille. All hands heave to and trice up. Now Reveille."

Although I was very proud to be in NROTC and excited about our future service, the first few times in uniform still felt awkward to me. As a new freshman, I preferred to be low-key, but the uniform definitely made you stand out on campus. I remember a bearded student making a point of shaking his head as we passed each other, and another girl once asked me why I wanted to kill people, but mostly students didn't really care. It was a conservative era, and the military was starting to get lots of good PR and funding. So while ROTC still wasn't "cool," I know we had it much easier than our predecessors who went through the unit in the late sixties or early seventies.

The upper classmen were all helpful and good to us, with none of the petty hazing attitude one sees in Hollywood portrayals of military schools. In contrast to the image my civilian friends held of screaming, cookie-cutter military drones, there were plenty of good role models and a variety of different personalities among the midshipmen.

Our AMOI, Staff Sergeant Klenowski, had high standards and a biting wit. He let you know you were a dirtbag, but you were *his* dirtbag. At our first drill, Klenowski gathered a few of us fourth classmen together in a circle on the soccer field, as if to confide something to an elite group. Then he tossed a stick in the midst of us, made a loud noise and hilariously informed us we had been blown up by a wrinkle grenade. He then gave us some tips for more effective ironing.

Reading the latest newsletter from the unit's current midshipmen makes it clear that the camaraderie and good leadership I fondly recall continue in Chapel Hill today.

Enjoy the summer.

Semper Fi,  
*Dan Rabil '86*

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**Dan**

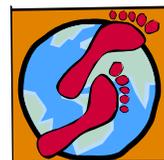
## 2004 SecNav Distinguished Midshipman Award

ENS Ameian Jeremiah Kelly received the 2004 Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Midshipman Award. Good work, ENS Kelly!

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## Scuttlebutt

**James Cheatham '57** has written *Night Beaching*, a historical novel of duty aboard a WWII LST. Order it from James at 308 W. Barbee Chapel Rd, Chapel Hill NC 27517. \$15 by check.

**Vicki Stephens '82** has been selected for Captain, USNR.

**Chris Cole '71** retired as a Rear Admiral on 1 Jan 2004.

**Cathy Sappenfield Brooks '84** finished her last active duty Navy tour on 27 February and went on terminal leave until 31 May. In her new civilian guise, she began working with Northrop Grumman, Information Technology, in Fayetteville, NC, on 5 April.

**Lt. Col. Chris Houser '85's** USMC career is "on track." Chris is CO of Assault Amphibian Schools Bn in California.

### 1945

We received lots of news from the class of '45 this spring:

**Patrick Taylor '45** said, "I think you should have a reunion of the class of '45." He notes that the class of '45 gave the unit the emblem that is perched over the Armory doors.

**Kent Clayton Roberts '45** checked in from Blacksburg VA, where he is a retired faculty member of Virginia Tech. "Glad to see **Wade Phillips '45** is still active as an Association member. He's a fine person."

**Bill Kinney '45** lives in Charlotte and keeps in touch with a cluster of his classmates who also live in the area. "I keep in touch with **Francis Parker**, **Sidney Alverson** and occasionally see **Thomas Moore**." He says one of his UNC NROTC roommates, **Wayman Leftwich '45**, lives in Raleigh. Another roommate, **Henry Lawrence '46**, lives in Panama City FL. Bill still goes into his office every day, "unless we are traveling or visiting with one of our 4 children or 12 grandchildren."

**Joseph Mirsky '45** is in West Palm Beach FL and has had an article published in *Reader's Digest*, on top of a whopping 156 published letters to the editor in the *Palm Beach Post*.

**Robert Comet '45** retired from the Navy in 1969 as a captain and retired from Union Camp Corp in Franklin VA in 1991. "Still sail a little, sing in choir, travel with my wife, volunteer at the Mariners Museum in Newport News Wednesday and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk on Tuesday." He swims laps for exercise. "Life is good!"

**S. Jay (Shel) Plager '52** became a Senior Circuit Judge after more than a decade of service on the U.S. Court of Appeals-Federal Circuit in Washington. He and his wife Trisha just completed a 2,800-mile cruise on their trawler, where he says he used navigational skills learned at UNC NROTC and honed as navigator on the USS Sarasota. "No star sights to calculate anymore, thank you --love that GPS."

**Will Stubbs '85** is in Newport RI at Parlex Corp as the Regional Sales Engineer for flexible electronic circuitry. Will's Naval Reserve assignment is CO, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202, also in Newport.

**Michael Williams, Jr. '91** and Katherine Cleland (College of Charleston 1996, Chapel Hill HS 1992) were wed 6 December 2003 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, NC. Best man was Colonel Michael E. Williams, Sr.,

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## Reunion Events Schedule

Saturday, 9 Oct 2004

7:00 PM Friday - Informal Cocktail Party  
(hosted by the Board at Wyndam Garden Hotel)

TBA - Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM - General Meeting/Awards

11:30 AM - Pig Pickin' (hosted by the midshipmen)

1:00 PM - Football Game (estimated)\*

\*Note: Game time has not been announced yet. We will inform alumni through email and the web site if the schedule changes.

## Need a room for the weekend?

A block of 20 rooms has been set aside for our members at the Durham Wyndam Garden Hotel for the low rate of \$69/night. The rate's higher than past years, but they've thrown in a free breakfast to soften the blow. The dates are for Friday and Saturday nights, 8-9 October, and you must call by 20 September to guarantee your room. The hotel is located at 4620 S. Miami Blvd., Durham, NC (exit 281 I-40).

For reservations, call the hotel at 919-941-6066 or 800-972-0264. Please mention "UNC NROTC Alumni" in order to reserve a room from this block. If the clerk has any questions, our hotel sales contact is Kimberlee. The rooms are first come, first serve, so reserve early.



## Football Tickets!



The UNC vs N.C. State football game is reunion day, Oct 9. We have been able to secure a block of 50 seats for NROTC alumni and family/friends. I expect good interest in a game against the Wolfpack, so please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and how many tickets you'll need, so we can firm up the numbers. Tickets will be \$40 each.

Dan Rabil '86

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## Scuttlebutt

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USMC (Ret). A good time was had by all of the 175+ guests at the reception. Michael was USMC active duty from 1991-95.

**James C. Hardee, '70** is a retired USMC colonel working part time as an instructor for the Marine Corps University Distance Education Program, teaching Expeditionary Warfare School at Camp Lejeune. "Keeps me in touch with the young officers, and I really enjoy it."

**Bogomir Glavan '97** is flying the C-12 in Corpus Christi TX at VT-35. He and his wife had a baby girl, Lori, last November.

**Rob Hatch '86** is a Commander USNR and recently returned from over six years ADSW in Germany and Albania. Rob now lives in his hometown of Atlanta.

**William Scarborough '54** has published his fifth book, *Masters of the Big House: Elite Slaveholders of the Mid-nineteenth Century South*. William has been teaching for 40 years at the University of Southern Mississippi and lives in Hattiesburg. He went to the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia for the first time in 50 years and "was delighted by the Navy victory."

**Wade McSwain '89** is a LCDR USNR and was recalled to active duty in February 2003 in support of the Iraq war and released from active duty 22 May 22 2003. Wade moved to Fort Lauderdale in December 2003 to be Compliance Manager for the Commercial Consumer division of Bank Of America.

**Walter Brinkley '46** has been practicing law for 55 years and continues on a limited basis in Lexington NC.

**Charles Gremer '46** is retired and living in southern California. He has recently completed a project to form the San Fernando Valley's first neighborhood council after serving as head of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. Charles previously was Engineering Director for Litton Systems International near Paris, France.

**Alan Monette, '65**, reports that his son, 1st LT **Michael Monette, '01**, received his wings as an NFO and was due to report to Whidbey Island WA for advanced training with a Marine "Prowler" squadron. Michael is married to Melissa Gray Monette, who also graduated UNC in 2001.

**Chuck Carroll '87** and his wife Alice have bought a house in Fredericksburg, VA. "After 16 years of wandering, we thought it was time. Now we have an empty house. Stop by, there's lots of floor space."

**Charles Wooten '69**. Retired from teaching middle school in 1993 before joining San Diego-base Cubic Corp. Charles is currently teaching NFOs of the E-2 on the tactical employment of the carrier battle group's assets. Charles is a grandfather of three, happily married 35 years to Judy, and "daily thanking God for a rich and full life."

**George "Bob" Oldham '62** retired in January. He says he is enjoying staying home, golfing and gardening.

**R. Maurice (Dusty) Rhodes, '60**, double-retired as a Commander and as a public relations manager, says he was recently "lured out of retirement and off the golf course" to become Exec. Director of the Iredell Arts Council in Statesville.

**Debra (Boyt) Davis '83** and her husband Jim Davis moved to Pittsboro in 1999 after Jim retired from the Navy and built a "dream place," Creekside Farm, "where we raise trees (for timber), boys, dogs, cats, and a couple dozen chickens." She says she is your source for free-range eggs in the Triangle! Debbie has gone back to being a Carolina undergrad. She just finished her junior year at the School of Nursing. "Meanwhile, the boys are growing like weeds," and Jim is managing R&D for Northrop Grumman Ship Systems.

**Harold Brown '72** started a new job in March as CFO of Sarnamotive Blue Water Plastics in Marysville, Michigan. The company produces molds used to make parts used in the automotive industry. Harold has a son in the Navy who has been deployed to the Persian Gulf.

## Alumni Focus:

### Roger Smith '81

Roger M. Smith '81 was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Littoral and Mine Warfare) in June 2003. He serves as the primary advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition on littoral and mine warfare systems, which includes undersea warfare sensors and weapons, mine and mine countermeasure systems, munitions, and Marine Corps ground and amphibious weapons programs. In this capacity, he is the principal focal point within the Department of the Navy on research, development, and acquisition matters for these programs.

Prior to his appointment, he served on the House Armed Services Committee from May 1996 - June 2003 as a professional staff member, with oversight responsibilities for Army procurement programs and Marine Corps ground and amphibious weapon systems, as well as all conventional ammunition. He also was responsible for monitoring precision-guided munitions expenditures and the related industrial base production requirements to replace those weapons, plus defense technology transfer issues in support of homeland security requirements. Roger was on active duty from 1981-1991 as both a naval intelligence and a naval flight officer.

*Do you have a friend or classmate who has done something noteworthy? Help us profile those Alums who have made a difference, in the Navy/Marine Corps or in the civilian world. Contact Bill Foster '80 via email with inputs: [wffosterjr@aol.com](mailto:wffosterjr@aol.com)*

### 2004 Johnson Award

2nd LT Ross Adams Fearon received the annual Johnson Award with the Marine Corps sword. The award is given in memory of 2nd LT Richard S. Johnson, Jr., UNC NROTC '66, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1967. Semper Fidelis, LT Fearon.

† *In Memoriam* †

**Richard H. Knight '45** died 30 January 2004. Submitted by his wife, Frances Knight, 985 Fleet Dr. Apt 352, Virginia Beach VA 23454-7383.

**James R. Hall '45** died September 19, 2003. Submitted by his wife, Martha Hall, 808 Rosemont Ave, Raleigh NC 27607.

**William Richard Wright '46** passed away, his wife Irene informed the association from San Francisco. Wright was a Pearl Harbor survivor and is shown at right in his NROTC uniform.

**Dr. William Markley McKinney '51** died 24 October 2003.

**Henry Daneill Manning, Jr, '60** passed away 24 January 2004.

**Warren Barnett Jackson, Jr, '61** has died, his wife informed the association.



## Congratulations Class of 2004



### United States Naval Reserve *Ensign, USNR*

Melanie Kay Ahle  
Caleb Hunter Booher  
Stephen Edward Bauserman  
Sara Katherine Bordsen  
Shawn Ashley Cox  
Ann Marie Crawford  
Charles Jackson Egli  
Kimberly Jennifer Hooks  
Carolyn Anne Howard, NC  
Matthew James Iwanczuk  
Ameian Jeremiah Kelly  
Diana Louise Mutz  
Elizabeth Brannen Reinhart, NC  
Jeremy Bennett Taylor  
Joseph Scott Turner

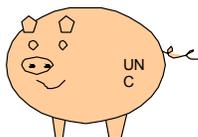


### United States Marine Corps Reserve *Second Lieutenant, USMCR*

Ross Adams Fearon  
Matthew S. Krough

## 2004 UNC NROTC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNC Class \_\_\_\_\_ or Staff \_\_\_\_\_



### PIG-PICKIN' TICKETS

@ \$13.00 (Adult) ages 13 and up      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$ 5.00 (Child) ages 12 and under      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: The caterer charges by the plate. If you have a very small child who will be eating from the parent's plate, a ticket for the child is not necessary.)*

If you desire to be notified if game time/schedule is changed, please fill out the best method to contact you:

Work Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to the “**Quarterdeck Society.**” Profits made from the sale of the pig-pickin' tickets will go toward support of the midshipmen. Please mail your registration forms to:

**Fall reunion Midn. coordinator  
 c/o LT Phillips, OIC  
 NROTC Unit  
 University of North Carolina  
 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3325**

*Note: Deadline for receipt of registration forms is 01 October. If you have any questions, contact LT Phillips at 919-843-9279 or [phillipr@email.unc.edu](mailto:phillipr@email.unc.edu).*

## 2004 Alumni Registration Form

*You have already paid your dues for 2004. Thank you! Use this form only to update personal information, make charitable donations, purchase a membership directory or convert to life membership now.*

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Tax Deductible Contributions or Life Membership:

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 LT Patrick K. Connor, USN Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
 Capt. David Dawson, USMC Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
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2004 NROTC Alumni Association Directory @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thank You!**

**LET YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW WHAT YOU’RE UP TO!**

“Scuttlebutt” inputs for the September newsletter.  
*(Inputs may also be e-mailed directly to Dan Rabil’86 at [patrius@greatlakes.net](mailto:patrius@greatlakes.net))*