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Heads Up!

- **Fall Meeting / Reunion is 28 Oct. General meeting is expected to be three hours before game time.**
- **Expanded events promise to make this year's event memorable!**
- **You can order tickets for the UNC-Wake Forest football game directly when they become available. Contact Dan Rabil for info..**
- **This year our affiliated hotel is the Courtyard Durham.**
- **Details inside.**

Letter from the President by Dick Cashwell '59

Dear fellow alum:

I hope all is well with you and your family this spring.

Since our last newsletter, the Unit has been steady on course. Compared to my era at UNC, the size of the unit is staggeringly small. My fear at this point is that NROTC will disappear from the UNC campus.

To me there are two factors that may make this fear a reality. One is the Navy's push for a more technically trained officer corps, and the other is its commitment to protecting the size of the Naval Academy.

I am not sure we can do anything

about the Navy's view on the Academy, but I do think we can work with UNC to keep a viable program at Chapel Hill. There are good hard science programs at UNC, and the Unit needs to keep those programs in the mind of the Navy.

We Alumni, particularly those on active duty, need to keep reminding the Navy that a UNC NROTC graduate is a highly skilled, motivated and well-educated leader. Our non-active duty members need to stress to anyone who can influence the Navy's decision makers that "ROTCee" grads provide a needed diversity of ideas within

the Navy.

I hope you will come to the general meeting and reunion October 28th and that you will try to get a classmate to join you. This fall's reunion should be particularly fun, with a couple of extra events to round out the weekend and allow more time for camaraderie.

As always, we need to push for membership in our Association. The more members we have, the more we can influence the Navy and the University.

Semper Fi,

Dick

Afghanistan Report by Maj. Shannon Gorrell, USMCR '96

Fellow Alumni:

Greetings from Afghanistan!

In December 2005 I deployed to Afghanistan as an Individual Augment for the Combined Forces Command staff in Kabul. I was originally assigned to the J2 and spent about six weeks leading the analysis section in the Human Intelligence shop. I then joined the Command Group as the Commanding General's Special Assistant. Although not

the job I would have asked for, it turned out to be a great experience. I traveled to 25 forward-operating bases and Provincial

Securing and building the "middle ground"

Reconstruction Teams throughout Afghanistan to see firsthand what our service members are accomplishing.

In Afghanistan, we talk about securing and building the "middle ground." The middle ground is the civil society we often take for granted: schools, health clinics, local government and a professional police force that works for the people. The job of the military in Afghanistan is to "secure the perimeter" with the Afghan National Army and Police (ANA and ANP), to allow the people of Afghanistan, with international

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Scuttlebutt

Chuck Gore '69 retired as a commander in 1993. He owned and operated a nautical antiques and gift store in coastal North Carolina for nine years. He "shifted colors" again in 2002 and now teaches 2nd grade in the Wilmington area.

Adrian Shelley '72 and his wife Deborah (UNC '72) live in Houston. He has worked for Swift Energy for the past 16 years, and Deborah is a professor at the University of Houston's downtown complex. They have two children, both of whom are now teachers.

Brent Dorman '81 says he is "enjoying his most rewarding flying as a LifeNet EMS helicopter pilot for Polk County." He explores Florida's underwater caves and also skydives. "Two years more in IRR to max-out O-6 retirement!"

Mike McCloskey '85 lives on the Maine coast near Portland with his wife Paula and two children, Scott and Annie. He works for Unum-Provident, an insurance company. He remains an NFO ("Still flying!") in the reserves and is a commander with VP-92.

Will Stubbs '85 was selected for Captain, USNR.

Mark Fava '85 was selected for Captain, USNR.

O.W. Hamilton '52 is a retired Navy captain. He has served as president of the Clan Hamilton Society, a Scottish heritage organization, since 1996. In October 2005, the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton were guests of the society as they celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Stone Mountain, Georgia, Scottish Games. Hamilton and his wife Rita were hosts for the duke and duchess for several days in Virginia Beach.

David Jackson '87 and his wife just adopted two little girls last year. He moved to Wachovia Securities from Bank of America last year. Dave hopes to be at the next homecoming... "My girls are quickly becoming Tar Heel fans."

Chris Bishopp '83 recently attended his fourth consecutive NATCA in Washington, lobbying members of Congress on behalf of FAA air traffic controllers nationwide.

Paul Hamilton '83 finished his 20th year as a select reservist in 2003 and transferred to the IRR. He also left Sprint after 15 years to start a new career as a home mortgage consultant with Wells Fargo. He has two teenagers, Josh (15) and Sarah (13) and lives in Sterling, Virginia.

CDR Charles Gibson '85 relinquished command of VAQ-133, an EA6B squadron, in September 2005. His command tour included six months in Afghanistan. Charles is now stationed at Offutt AFB in Nebraska, where he flies aboard the E4-B (747) as part of the National Airborne Operations Center. His wife and daughters Sarah and Megan love the Omaha area.

Marshall Ward '44 says he "attends as many Navy reunions as I can each year." He spent "four delightful days in Chapel Hill last September for the dedication of the new & improved Memorial Hall and associated programs." He plans to visit Hawaii this spring and has three reunions slated for the east coast this summer. Marshall and **Bob Smith '75** rendezvoused for breakfast earlier this year when Bob was in San Diego.

LTCDR Andrew Matthews '91 is the Supply Officer at NAVAIR Depot Jacksonville FL, where he has been since leaving Philadelphia last July. He and Pam welcomed a daughter (Wallis) last June and have three other children: Sawyer, Reese, and Grayson.



Two New Flags

Two members of the class of 1980 have been selected for the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half): **Kenny Floyd** and **Janice Hamby**.

Floyd is currently Chief Of Staff to the Commander, Naval Air Forces, US Pacific Fleet San Diego.

Hamby is currently Director FORCENET, N6, OPNAV Washington.

Congratulations!

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 If you haven't received your member password to access our alumni database and other deluxe features, send an e-mail to webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org.

Whatever Happened to.....?

Did You Know?

- The UNC NROTC class of 1964 graduated approximately **38** commissioned officers.
- In 2006, the unit expects to commission **six** new officers.
- Captain Robert S. Haggart, USN was the first CO of the UNC NROTC unit, in September 1940.
- As of 29 April 2005, President George W. Bush signed a bill to rename the United States **Naval Reserve** the United States **Navy Reserve**. Now you know why he gets paid the big bucks.
- Willard J. Marriott, CEO, of Marriott Corporation, was a University of Utah NROTC graduate.

Michael Lanham '60

Michael is retired but remains a part-time consultant. He served eight years in the Navy as an aviator—five years in operational missions and two years as a senior instructor at Navy Flight Instructor School.

Injured and retired from service, he then worked 25 years for DuPont. Later he worked for Hanson, PLC, as managing director and for Aearo Corporation as Director for Chemical Products.

As proprietor of Lanham Consulting, he now works mostly for charitable business advisement.

Married to his wife Dianne for forty years, Michael has three children, "all college graduates and self-supporting." He also has three grandchildren.

Michael lives in West Chester, Pennsylvania. His contact information is available on the UNC NROTC alumni website.

Thomas Campbell '45

"Soup" Campbell is an avid sailboat racer, having raced his current sloop some 30 years. Retired on the Long Island Sound, things are "slow" in the winter, with the racing boat in storage.

While still working and in his early retirement years, Thomas cruised the New England coast extensively and entered long-distance races. "We stay close to home now," he noted.

His wife is battling cancer now, which is obviously consuming his attention, but he "may squeeze in some twilight racing."

Campbell says he "can't tell you how great it was to go to Chapel Hill for the WWII NROTC gathering—a great time, only wish more guys had made the effort to come."

He wishes the alumni association "great success."

We pray for your wife and for you, Thomas.

CDR Bill Wike '85 is a family practice doctor at Naval Hospital Cherry Point's Family Care Clinic. He was in Iraq as a medical augmentee to Marine Air Control Group 28 from August till this spring.

"I did meet **LtCol George Smith '85** out here in the Camp Ripper Chow Hall," said Bill from Iraq "He was here with a West Coast recon unit. We had a mini-reunion reminiscing about the NROTC, Chapel Hill and the recent basketball championship."

Bill's next tour will be as Senior Medical Officer at the Branch Medical Clinic in Iwakuni, Japan. He is a grad of USUHS and happily married for 20 years to Barbara. They have two boys, Colton (8) and Clayton (3).



† In Memoriam †

Wallace R. McGee '45 died June 3, 2005, according to his wife. He had lived 18 years in veterans' homes in Illinois.

Richard B. Burrell '76 died Aug 28, 2004, according to his sister.

Board Activities

Pat Connelly '85 is looking at adding a link to our website to allow members to nominate fellow alumni for **awards**. If you would like to **nominate** someone or make comments, contact Pat at flierpat@nc.rr.com.

Pat is also investigating professional

management for the Association's **database**. Vicki Stephens '82 has been voluntarily performing this demanding task for years.

An **election** at this fall's general meeting will replace five retiring board members. Please submit nominations to Dick or Dan.

Update from the Unit Staff

Chapel Hill—Rotation schedules are such that the unit will lose most of its current staff simultaneously this year, with a resulting loss of continuity. Even the secretary is leaving.

LT Brian Lubitz is the newest instructor. He is a P-3 pilot whose last duty station was Brunswick, Maine. He is a 2000 Naval Academy grad. He and his wife Lois have a two year-old daughter with another baby due this summer.

As you know, the Armory is slated for destruction to expand University spaces, and a new home is planned for ROTC activities.

All ROTC spaces will be within a building to be constructed on South Campus on the site of the old Chase Hall. The new building should be ready by 2009, and ROTC spaces will be on three floors: Army in the basement, Air Force on the first floor, and NROTC on the second floor.



1st Lt Joe Elseroad '03 wrote to tell us he is a member of HMH-362 in KBay, Hawaii. Here he is next to his ride at MCAS New River NC.

Armory Vandalized

Vandals attacked buildings used by ROTC at N.C. State and UNC in late April.

As in a similar incident in Raleigh in March, vandals sprayed anti-war slogans and profanity, splashed red paint and claimed responsibility with a mass e-mail

message to area media outlets.

At UNC, vandals used spray paint for slogans but chose water-soluble red paint to splash the landing, columns and steps. A cleanup crew blasted it off with a pressure washer.

(Raleigh News and Observer)

Newly Commissioned Officers

May 2006

- ENS Samuel Kennedy, Surface
- ENS Craig McLemore, Aviation
- ENS Daniel Snyder, Cryptology
- ENS Matthew Todd, Surface
- ENS Evan Turner, Aviation

June 2006

- ENS Shaina Collins, Aviation



Afghanistan Report (cont'd from p 1)

assistance, to build their own middle ground in a stable environment. Once established, the people will defend their middle ground – we see it every day when weapons caches are turned in, IEDs are pointed out, and parents defend their children's schools against arsonists. This is what threatens the insurgents the most – they thrive in an uneducated and corrupt environment. There are over 19,000



Shannon Gorrell in Wardak Province, Afghanistan

US troops in Afghanistan conducting offensive operations, building roads, and training the ANA - trying to change the conditions that allowed terrorism to take hold in the first place. That change will take time, patience, and commitment – I am proud to have been part of the process.

Semper Fi!

Shannon Gorrell '96 was selected for major, effective 1 June..



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Reunion Schedule*

Friday 27 Oct 2006

1700 - *Board of Directors Meeting*

1800 - *Cocktail party for alumni & guests at Dick Cashwell's house*

Saturday, 28 Oct 2006

Three hours before game - *General Meeting/Awards*

Two hours before game - *Barbecue lunch/brunch (catered)*

Post-Game - *Gathering at local pub.*

**Note: Game time is not announced until about two weeks prior to the game date.*

Need a room for the weekend?

A block of 20 rooms has been set aside for our members at the Courtyard Durham-RTP for 27-29 Oct at the low rate of \$69/night. The hotel is at I-40 exit 278 in Durham (near where Hwys 54 and 55 intersect).

For reservations, call the hotel at 919-484-2900 or 800-228-9290. Mention "UNC NROTC Alumni" to get the \$69 rate.

2006 UNC NROTC Fall Reunion Barbecue Registration Form

October 28, 2006

NAME/CLASS: _____

ADULT (ages 13 and up) \$15/each X _____ = \$ _____

CHILD (12 and under)* \$5/each X _____ = \$ _____

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

2006 NROTC Alumni Association Directory (\$15 ea) \$ _____

Donation to the UNC NROTC Battalion \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please provide us with information for your preferred means to be notified of event start times.:

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to "UNC NROTC Alumni Association"

Please send your registration form by 13 Oct to :

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PO Box 1609

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Questions? Contact Dan Rabil at (810) 987-4249 / drabil@comcast.net

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Tell your fellow alumni what you're doing!



Fill in and mail along with reunion registration form on the reverse side, or e-mail your news to drabil@comcast.net.
