



UNC NROTC Alumni Association Newsletter

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Time to Renew / Join

It's that time of year for annual members to renew their membership and for new alumni to join. Please complete the form on the back page and forward to the treasurer. What do you get for your \$20? What is the UNC NROTC Alumni Association?

Objective and Purpose of the Alumni Association:

Exclusively for charitable and educational purposes of promoting the welfare of the NROTC program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Association shall be a service organization of the NROTC Unit and affiliated with the university's General Alumni Association. In this role the association shall promote the interest of the NROTC Program and the unit in the following manner:

1. Encourage fellowship among graduates of the university and members of the association through publication of a newsletter and other projects which the board may prescribe.
2. Assist the unit recruiting effort by providing current and prospective students with information about the opportunities offered by the program at Chapel Hill.
3. Research, promote and physically display the rich Naval tradition shared by the university and the Naval Service.
4. Endow awards, scholarships and other activities in furtherance of educational objectives of the NROTC program which the board may establish

20th Reunion 10 October 2009



The 20th reunion of our association was held October 10, 2009 at the Georgia Southern football game. The Tarheels obliged by winning the game (42-12) with an impressive defensive first half. There were TD's from a fumble recovery and an interception plus 2 other scores from turnovers. The game time with a later afternoon kickoff provided time to meet and greet old friends and new ones. As last year the unit roasted a pig and secured the necessary permit which allowed a cold beer to go with excellent BBQ plus the fixin's. Again this year the General alumni Association coordinated our event providing significant and competent resources..



Winter 2010 Board of Director's Meeting

The Association Board of Directors will hold their Winter 2010 meeting at the Naval Armory at 1000 on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Active association members are invited if they wish to attend.

In Memoriam

C. Robert Wick	1956	16 August 2008	Edward B. Baucom	1959	26 June 2009
Edward L. Schlesinger	1944	5 September 2008	D. Reed Thompson	1966	10 July 2009
Bob Oldham	1962	11 June 2009	Robert C. Stack	1965	20 July 2009
Donald C Christensen	1945	10 October 2008	Stephen A. Tremble	1955	5 August 2009
Lawrence L. Wagenseil	1966	2 December 2008	Samuel H. Helms	1955	6 August 2009
James Norman Thomas	1960	2 January 2009	T. Richard Kinnebrew	1952	9 August 2009
Walter Thornby Walker III	1956	23 March 2009	I. Harding Hughes	1944	18 August 2009
O. Mason Whitney	1947	14 May 2009	Harvey D. Bradshaw	1954	19 August 2009
Ralph Lee Yates	1963	12 June 2009			

NROTC Unit Staff

CAPT. Stephen Matts USN	Commanding Officer
LT. COL. Timothy Nichols USMC	Executive Officer
Ms. Janis Carter	UNC Manager, Dept. of Naval Science (919)962-1198
LT. Gramlisch USN	Sophomore Advisor Reassignment June 2010
LT. Meeks USN	Junior/Senior Advisor Reassignment September 2011
LT. Forsyth USN	Freshman Advisor Reassignment August 2011
MAJ. Rauen USMC	Marine Officer Instructor Reassignment June 2013
GYSGT. Cueller USMC	Asst. Marine Officer Instructor Reassignment May 2010
Ms. Sarah McNelis	MIDN HR (919)962-2344

Relocation

Dan Rabil and wife **Megan** welcomed their fourth child, **Marcus Lee** on 17 August 2009, then packed up two days later and moved to Baar, Switzerland! Dan says it was a lot easier when he was a Lieutenant with only a seabag.

October 10, 2009

Board of Director's Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Smith
 Present: Rye Barcott, Wayne Jackson, Joe Lyons, Rusty Phelan, Kirsten Shuford, Bob Smith
 The agenda for the general meeting was reviewed. No comments.
 Joe Lyons presented the treasurer's report

Rusty Phelan presented a proposal for the Memorial Fund:

A 15 X 21 Inch plaque with spaces for 24 individual 1 1/2" X 3 3/4" engraved brass plates.

The Navy and Marine Corps emblems will be engraved on a center brass piece with the inscription:

In Memoriam

This memorial is dedicated to the UNC NROTC graduates who have lost their lives while in service to their county or lost their lives as a result service connected injuries.

Each individual plate will include the rank, name and date of death of the 21 names listed on the website. Estimated cost is \$1000-1500.

LT/ Gramlisch will address a possible location in the armory with Captain Matts. The board approved the proposal as presented

The Midshipman Scholarship Award was announced: Midshipman 3/Class **Jeff Zeberlein**.

A Distinguished Service Award was to be presented to **Brant Burgiss**.

LT. Gramlisch made a brief presentation on the status of the unit.

The ballot of board member terms for the next 2 years was reviewed.

Wayne and Kirsten agreed to co chair next year's reunion.

Bob adjourned the meeting.

General Meeting

President Bob Smith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

LT. Gramlisch made a presentation on the status of the unit. There are (5) seniors, (8) 2/Class (10) 3/Class and (9) freshmen. There will be 4 commissioned in May. The Navy has instituted a new policy requiring a 5 year commitment for new officers plus as requirement that 85 % be enrolled in engineering, science or math. Changing majors without approval is no longer permitted. With only 15% liberal arts majors nationwide, Carolina is at a significant disadvantage.

Ballots were passed out for BOD elections. Bob Smith and other participants quickly reviewed the background of each candidate.

Joe Lyons presented the treasurer's report. Will Stubbs questioned expenditures for food and beverage at the senior dinner.

Bob Smith presented the Midshipman Scholarship Award to 3/Class Jeff Zeberlein.

Bob also announced the Distinguished Service Award to Brant Burgiss who could not be present.

Rusty Phelan reviewed the results of the BOD election: (Unanimous approval)

First 2 year term-	Ross Fearon 2004,	Wayne Jackson 1964
	Ron McManus 1968,	Will Stubbs 1985
Second 2 year term-	Rye Barcott 2001,	Rob Bracknell 1992
	Joe Lyons 1966,	Kirsten Shuford 1991
Third 2 year term-	Shannon Gorrell 1996,	Steve Levesque 1989
	Doug Montgomery 1986	Bob Smith 1975

There being no old or new business, Bob Smith adjourned the meeting

10 October 2009
Treasurer's Report (Covering the period 21 March 2009-9 October 2009)

Income	\$	Expenses	\$
Directory	20.00	Bank Charges	240.21
General Donation	155.00	Midn Scholarship (Fall 2009)	500.00
Donation-Senior Dinner-Lyons	50.00	Directory Printing	128.20
Gift-Dawson Fund	100.00	Directory Postage & Delivery	48.20
Registration	159.26	Website	581.19
Registration-Life	975.00	UNC Info Services-Armory internet	112.50
Sale of Investments	1750.00	P O Box Renewal	70.00
		Treasurer Expenses	159.00
Total	3209.26	Total	1992.86
		NON-RECURRING	
		Armory Wiring	456.84
		Senior Dinner	1185.20
		Dawson Library- CNO Reading List	151.22
		Total	1793.26
		Grand Total	3786.12
Net (03/21/2009-10/10/2009) (576.86)			
Assets			
Checking	2351.76		
Investments	56458.64		
Total	58810.40		

Payment of Bills

Web Bill pay via our Wachovia checking account is now used for almost all bill payment – 14 transactions have been made via this method since Mar 2009. By contrast, four paper check payments have been made in the same period. Automatic payment of the monthly UNC Information Services fee for the upgraded armory Internet is now in effect for that bill. The monthly cost for hosting our website is constant as well, but since it may combined with the Webmaster's other services into one invoice, it remains a manual transaction.

Credit Card and PayPal

Following the Board's approval to replace our classic and expensive member credit card access for registration and other services via our website a business account was established with PayPal. It was then linked with the Wachovia checking account and that linkage verified with trial deposits. The Webmaster (whose idea this was) created new pages to reflect the new system and the demise of the old one.

The board approved in early September via email a recommendation to 'go hot' with this new arrangement, which was quickly done. PayPal deposits for annual registration and Life Dues have subsequently been received in our PayPal account; a manual transfer makes it available in the checking account in about two business days. The Merchant Credit Card arrangement with Wachovia was cancelled about the same time.

PayPal charges a per/transaction fee, currently 2.9% + \$0.30 USD for transactions up to \$3000.00. The members pay no fee for using this sort of credit card access.

USAA

The electronic relationship with USAA, dysfunctional for many years and not used when it was, has been restored. Thus all the normal on-line services are available, including sale of assets

The association maintains a mutual fund account consisting of large cap stocks. Every year the membership is solicited for donations to various funds (General, Dawson/Connor Funds, Life Dues, Scholarship Fund and Memorial Fund. The funds have accumulated over the years via manual deposits but there had never been any distributions.

My experience in other volunteer activities is that non-profit associations like ours are at risk of losing their non-profit status if they solicit and accept donations they never use.

Per my recommendation and motion at the March 2009 meeting, the Board approved a transfer of monies out of the 'Life Dues' fund via sale, to the Wachovia checking account. The sale and the transfer were done electronically, and served two purposes: (1) established that the funds were being employed to support legitimate association activities and (2) gave us a cushion in the checking account.

Because of market conditions I elected early in the year not to deposit incoming donations into our USAA account. They are retained in the checking account and tracked by separate accounts in Quicken. I propose to continue this philosophy until such time as the Investment Committee recommends and the Board approves a different course of action

Other Treasurer Activities

The Dawson Fund was established to support collection development in the armory library of the same name. As I understand the intent of this fund (written records of how this and other funds were established are no longer available), the CNO and Commandant's Reading Lists would constitute the core source for book purchases. These lists for each service consist of several sub-lists organized on a pay grade basis. Starting with the CNO list found on the USNI Press website, I developed a potential 'buy' list of CNO titles and asked LT Geering to have it 'scrubbed' for titles already in the collection.

With the scrubbed list in hand I then ordered this titles from Amazon and had them shipped to the armory. This process was complete in early May.

The Commandant's List has been submitted for scrubbing.

You may also register and pay at our site: www.uncnrotcaa.org

Please respond by February 28, 2010

2010 Alumni Registration Form

Name: _____ UNC Class of _____ or Staff _____

Rank (current, retired or highest): _____ USN /USMC

(Provide address and contact numbers only if changed from previous record)

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Civilian or military work/job title: _____

Our newsletters are available on our website but dues paying members also receive copies of the newsletter through the mail. If you do not want a mailed copy, please check the box below and ensure you listed your E-mail address so we can notify you when a new issue is available.

I prefer to opt out of printed newsletters

Tax-deductible Membership Dues (LIFE Members do not pay annual dues)

Annual Dues for 2010 @ \$20 \$ _____

Or

I desire to convert to life membership now

One time payment of \$350 or installments of \$125—3 years \$ _____

Tax-deductible Charitable Donations

Midshipmen Scholarship Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

2010 NROTC Membership Directory (\$ 10/Copy) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Check Enclosed _____ payable to "UNC NROTC Alumni Association"

**Mail to: UNC NROTC Alumni Association, PO Box 16171, High point, NC 27261
(336) 841-6102**

If you utilize online bill pay with your financial institution, please consider paying annual dues via that route. Just list the address and phone # below for the check address. Saves you a stamp and the association bank fees.

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