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Awards Day, Commissioning, and The Fall Reunion

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

Congratulations to the UNC Men's Basketball team!

Redemption indeed!



Awards Ceremony

The annual UNC Midshipmen Battalion Awards Ceremony is April 27th. The Association is sponsoring the LT Patrick K. Connor Memorial Award which will be presented to Midshipman First Class Jacob W. Crucian by our President, Eric Schneider.

Are you interested in coming to Awards Day?

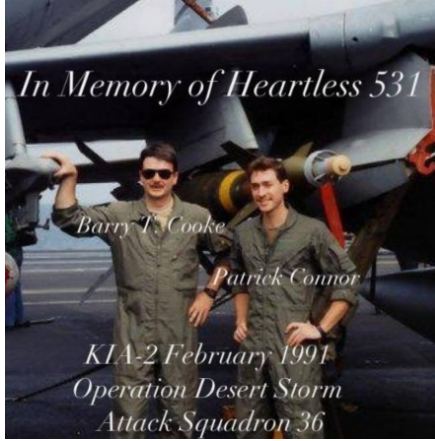
LOCATION

UNC Chapel Hill Newman Catholic Student Center

DATE AND TIME

04/27/17 2:00pm-04/27/17 5:00pm

All Alumni Are Welcome! Uniform is Business Casual for Alumni.
The Newman center is located at 218



All Alumni are welcome! Sign up to the right so we can send you specific updates as the event nears.

Pittsboro Street in Chapel Hill.

Maybe

I
can't
make
it

Class of 2017 Commissioning

All Alumni are Welcome



*The Commanding Officer
and the Midshipmen
of the
Class of 2017
Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Request the honor of your presence
At their
Commissioning Ceremony
Saturday, May 13th 2017
Three o'clock p.m.
At Tate-Turner-Kuralt Auditorium
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Reception to follow immediately

Military: Dress White, Dress Blue Whites "A"

Civilian: Business Casual

Please RSVP at <http://commissioning2017.app.rsvpify.com/> by April 21, 2017

Your Organization Makes Financial Plans predicated on contributions. Have You Paid Your Membership Dues Or considered becoming a Lifetime Member? [Click Here](#)

ANNUAL MEETING/REUNION

Distinguished Service Award /
Distinguished Alumnus Award
nominees now being accepted
through 31 May 2017



The Annual Alumni Association Meeting and Reunion will be 7 October this year. This is UNC v. Notre Dame game weekend over the Columbus Day federal holiday.

Block Rooms

A block of rooms set aside at \$99.00 room rate at the **DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Raleigh – Durham on Meridian Parkway** off I-40 in Durham, For Instructions on how to book your room(s) click [here](#).

Football Tickets

This weekend was selected because as a long federal holiday weekend with a home game there is greater opportunity for military members to have a 96 hour shore leave and it's not a drill weekend for Navy or Marine Reservists. However it is tricky to get game tickets and there is not the possibility for block seating. The University of North Carolina is only selling tickets to Season Ticket holders and those are expected to be released late summer. The remaining tickets have been turned over to Notre Dame (a condition of getting Notre Dame to play you, apparently). As a result, game tickets are available now for resale on a variety of 3rd party vendor sites. The below sites (not endorsed by the Association) are currently selling UNC v Notre Dame tickets, and [stubhub.com](#) actually has a link embedded on the official UNC site [www.goheels.com](#).

- o [www.ticketmaster.com](#)
- o [www.vividseats.com](#)
- o [www.stubhub.com](#)
- o [www.ticketliquidator.com](#)

The Annual Meeting

The time for the meeting will be determined once the game time is established.

- Briefing from NROTC Unit and Midshipman Leadership
- Presentation of Association Scholarships including the Captain Alfred M. Koster Scholarship
- Presentation of the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award and Distinguished Service Award. **See the article to the right for more information.**
- Presentation of the 2016 Distinguished Service Award to YNCM Donald R. Ledford, USN (Ret.)
- Reports from officers and committee chairs on Association activities

The UNC NROTC Alumni Association Awards Committee (Butch Bracknell '92, Chair, Pat Riordan '87 and Dave Jackson '87) is soliciting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus (Alumnae) Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

The Distinguished Alumnus (Alumnae) Award is a graduate of the UNC NROTC program who has distinguished himself or herself in contributions to our Nation, the armed services, industry or business, the arts, philanthropy, or other social contributions. This is not a "distinguished member of the military" award, and the individuals need not have been career members of the armed forces. The board will consider the achievements of a non-military professional with an NROTC pedigree on equal footing with a career officer. The Committee will receive nominations and vote out a recommended candidate to the full Board of Directors, though the Directors may accept or reject this nomination in favor of a different candidate.

The Distinguished Service Award is a graduate (or former staff member), usually a Member of the Association who has distinguished himself or herself in contributions to the NROTC Alumni Association. This criteria is intentionally nonspecific, and can include any manner of contributions to the efforts of the NROTC Alumni Association. Current Directors are ineligible for selection. The 2016 awardee is YNCM Donald R. Ledford, USN (Ret.) who served for many years as the Unit's Admin Officer while on Active Duty and the University's Administrative Supervisor once retired from military service. Don was instrumental in helping establish the Alumni Association in 1990, and has later served as an elected Director and the Association's first registered agent upon incorporation in 1997.

Nominations should be forwarded as a narrative describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the award nominated, including supporting documentation such as a CV, published articles or noteworthy judicial opinions, newspaper articles about the nominee, Nobel certificates, Navy Cross citations, or photos of the nominee holding the Claret Jug. There is no prescribed format; please just provide enough detail to allow the Committee to make an informed recommendation, and the Board to make an informed decision. Nominations should be sent to: secretary@uncnrotcaa.org NLT 31 May 2017.

- Elections for Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 term

Other Activities

- Barbecue / Pig picking hosted by the Battalion of Midshipmen (time TBD once game time established)
- The UNC v. Notre Dame Football Game (no host)
- Friday and Saturday night hospitality activities (no host) at host hotel.



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enjoy the fellowship!**

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