The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Alumni Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held at the NROTC Unit on Saturday, February 22, 1992.

Attending the meeting:

Commander Guy Connell, USN
Don Maynard
Bill Latham
Jim Cheatham
John Blackwelder
Walt Fitts
Chuck Benfield

Absent from the meeting:

Ed Baucom Charles Ingram Skip Awalt

At 1004, Captain Andy Bunch, USN (Ret.) former Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the NROTC Unit was asked to speak to the Board concerning his experiences with the late LT Pat Connor, USN. His comments were of the highest order and he was able to confirm for the Board and offer additional insight concerning Pat Connor's performance while a midshipman at UNC. Captain Bunch also gave his opinion that because of the existence of other awards inwhich swords were given that a sword would lose its value as an appropriate gift to symbolize the true spirit which Pat Connor gave to the Unit.

At 1020, the Board was called into formal session and the treasurer's report was given as follows:

\$4130.00 - Connor Award Fund \$3196.71 - Association Fund

The Association membership was reported at 263.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the Board moved to the first agenda item: the Connor Award criteria. A draft of the qualifications had been written by Bill Latham and mailed by Walt Fitts. The Board discussed each section of the proposal and approved unanimously the copy which is attached. Bill Latham agreed to contact the family of Pat Connor and invite them to present the award at the annual award's day ceremony to be held in Raleigh on April 12, 1992.

The Board passed the following resolutions unanimously:

Be it resolved that the Connor Award Bank Account will be kept at the Village Bank of Chapel Hill, NC.

Be it resolved that the Board extends an invitation for the following members of the Association to join the Board of Directors.

Commander Chuck Gore, USN
Captain Warren B. Jackson, Jr. USN
Colonel Tal Talbert, USMC
1st Lt Mike Richardson, USMC
Captain Andy Bunch, USN

Be it resolved that the Chairman of the Board shall have the power to approve the Pat Connor Award nomination on behalf of the Board.

The Board voted to reserve a private room and meet at Landlubber restaurant in Chapel Hill on the evening of March 28, 1992. Wives were also invited. The purpose of the meeting will be to install new members and discuss any relevant business.

The meeting was adjourned at 1240.

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Secretary