

Special News Bulletin

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Annual 9/11 Memorial Climb at Kenan Memorial Stadium

UNC Chapel Hill Army ROTC invites you to join their annual 9/11 Memorial Climb at Kenan Memorial Stadium on Monday, September 11th at 0600.

Gather to remember and honor those who lost their lives during the attacks and aftermath of September 11, 2001. The event starts with opening remarks followed by a memorial climb of 2,071 steps around the stadium to signify what police officers, firefighters, and local responders climbed to rescue those in need.

Please register no later than September 4, 2023 for this event using the QR code below or click [here](#).

This event is open to the public. Please use Stadium Gates 1, 2, & 10 and park at the Rams Head Parking Deck.

Please direct any questions to their Operations Officer, CPT Oren Rosen, at omrosen@unc.edu.



WWII Navy Pre-flight School Marker Ceremony

To celebrate the recently approved NC [state historical marker](#), you are invited to attend the ceremony on September 30th at 1400 on the front lawn of [Spencer Residence Hall](#) at the corner of East Franklin and Raleigh Streets.

Parking will be available at Holy Trinity Lutheran on Pickard Lane across from Spencer Residence Hall. Handicap parking and restrooms will be available at the Chapel of the Cross (Episcopal) next door to Spencer Residence Hall.

[RADM Samuel J. Cox \(USN, Ret.\)](#), the current director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, will speak about the Navy's Pre-flight School at Chapel Hill during WWII.

UNC-CH [Provost Christopher "Chris" Clemens, PhD](#) and [LtGen Walter E. Gaskin \(USMC, Ret.\)](#), the Secretary of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, have also agreed to attend.

The [2nd Marine Aircraft Wing](#), based at Cherry Point, has been invited to execute a fly over for this ceremony. (acceptance pending)

Please become a paid member. We need you!

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Nominations now open for the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Service Awards

Frank Linkous '87, Awards Committee Chair

The Awards Committee requests nominations for our two awards – the **Distinguished Alumnus Award** and the **Distinguished Service Award**. We invite all alumni members to provide nominations to the Board prior to September 1, 2023. Please consider your alumni friends' and colleagues' service and careers and nominate them for recognition.

As a member, log into the Alumni Association website and use the [Awards Nomination Form](#) to provide your nomination to the Board.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes 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.

Please see the website for a list of [previous Distinguished Alumni](#).

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the graduate (or former staff member), usually a Member of the Association, who has distinguished himself or herself in contributions to the UNC 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.

Please see the Association website for a list of previous [Distinguished Service Award recipients](#).



Annual Meeting and Reunion Details



The Events Committee is actively planning our Annual Meeting and Fall Reunion. The key dates are November 10-12, 2023. It will be Homecoming weekend in Chapel Hill!

A golf outing is being organized for Friday, November 10th and a President's Reception will be held that evening at our reunion hotel (Hyatt Place Chapel Hill/Southern Village) including recognition of the USMC's 248th birthday. On Veteran's Day, Saturday November 11th, we will hold our annual meeting and reunion (to include a BBQ) at the Naval Armory. In addition, a block of football tickets will be available for purchase as rival Duke visits to play the Tar Heels in football. At this point, all event times are TBA and will be communicated once they become available (mostly dependent on the yet announced football game time). Like last year, registration for ALL the weekend festivities will use the UNC General Alumni Association online portal. Once available, the online portal web link will be provided via a News Bulletin email and included when you click the events listing on our Association's web site home page.

A block of rooms has been identified at the Hyatt Place Chapel Hill/ Southern Village. The hotel is just over 2 miles from Kenan Memorial stadium past the UNC hospital on South Columbia St and south of Hwy 54. Make your plans now to attend as the number of hotel rooms at the group rate is limited and that weekend will be in demand. Booking information includes:

Call In Reservations: Call 800-233-1234 request the "UNC NROTC AA" group rate of \$189/night for a single king or \$199/night for a 2-queen, valid for stay dates of November 10-12, 2023.

Website: To book directly, guests can also visit:

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/north-carolina/hyatt-place-chapel-hill-southern-village/rduzc?corp_id=G-ROTC

The Corporate/Group Code is: G-ROTC

Last Day for Discounted Reservations: The cutoff date to make discounted reservations is October 20, 2023.

Seeking Board of Director Nominations

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors 2024-2025 term has started its work. Per Article III, Section 3, of our By-Laws, Regular Members in good standing may nominate one or more members as candidates for the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may have up to 14 members. For the 2024-2025 term, the goal is to elect 14 Directors. While their roles might change or remain the same, 12 of the 14 current Directors will be on the ballot for reelection.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Director or would like to nominate one or more candidates, please submit your nominations to Donald Cuddington (Nominating Committee Secretary) and Bill Latham (Board Secretary) no later than Friday, September 1, 2023, by email: dona ldcuddington@gmail.com and bill.latham@nelsonmullins.com.



2023 Membership

If you haven't already done so, it is time to join or renew your membership for 2023.

What do my dues pay for?

Your dues contribution pays for our website, database software, financial management software and the Distinguished Alumnus /Alumna and Distinguished Service Awards; these funds enable us to communicate with the graduates so we can host and organize alumni events to support our NROTC Unit and Midshipmen. The Scholarships, Dawson Library and Connor Awards are funded separately through charitable contributions. Events (Annual Meeting & Reunions) are funded on a pay-as-you go basis by event participants.

Taps for NROTC Alumni We've Lost

As a service to our members, we have created a new feature on the website available for paid members entitled [Deceased Alumni](#). The feature may be found on the Alumni Service and Information Resource tabs of the website. Please notify the Secretary if you know of errors or additional alumni who should be listed here. If you know of a UNC NROTC Alumnus who has passed away, let us know so that this information may be reported in the News Bulletin under "Taps". Please send your announcements to whlatham@icloud.com.

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