

UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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Ten Years and Counting. Why Are We Doing This?

by Laird Lewis, Jr., '70
President

As our 10th Anniversary Celebration approaches, on October 7, it is a good time for all of us to reflect on why we, as alumni association members, are involved in this effort. Why are we spending our time, money, and efforts on this cause? If it is only for getting together every year or ten years to share sea/war stories, or romantic conquests/failures, or simply memories frozen in time, it is hardly worth the investment (although some of those reasons are really fun). I feel, and want to believe, that it's because we appreciate our military experience and cherish the future of our university, nation, and families. I hope that after ten years of hard work we are at this point in time because we have dedicated ourselves to seeing that these institutions will, forever, be preserved.

In 1975, after 5 years in the Navy, I left military service. I knew it was time for me to leave (and so did the Navy), but I also greatly appreciated what it had given me - a sense of honor, a pride of service, and a true appreciation for my country. Those are things of real value. In the time that has passed, I have grown and matured (some may question the later). And, I have encouraged my son to follow a similar path. On April 29, 2000, he took command of Foxtrot Company in the Corp of Cadets at Virginia Tech, and I was very proud. On August 27, 1999, my first grandson was born, and I was equally as proud. I will also encourage him to pursue the same values that have directed my life.

I greatly fear the future of our nation if we, as citizens, do not maintain our commitment to preserving, defending, and contributing to the ideals that have made us great. When we gather on October 7 for our 10th Anniversary Celebration (and it will be a GRAND party), let us not only reminisce about our past accomplishments but also rededicate ourselves to accomplish much more in the next 10 years. I sincerely hope you will be there with us.

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**UNC NROTC
ALUMNI REUNION**

**Saturday
October 7, 2000**

Upcoming UNC NROTC Staff Changes

by
Captain Douglas B. Guthe, Jr. , USN

As I put this letter together, I am also setting up for a turnover of the reins. My relief, Capt Dennis Haines will be reporting in August. He is a 1977 graduate of the US Naval Academy. Interestingly enough, he and I were in the same company together at USNA for three years. He is also a submariner having had command of USS Topeka, a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the improved Los Angeles class. Dennis comes to the unit with a tremendous operational background including tours of duty in Hawaii, San Diego, Yokuska, Japan and Washington DC. He is currently completing the National War College resident course in Washington.

There will be several new faces in the office this fall when you come for the annual alumni pig pickin. LtCol Tom Ceci is also leaving and his relief, LtCol Ken Thompson will be arriving in August. LtCol Thompson is coming from Parris Island where he was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply and Services.

We are very fortunate to have LT Michelle Carolan reporting in August as a replacement for LT Greg Sallee. Michelle is currently the Tomahawk/Strike Officer from DESRON 50 in Bahrain. She brings a tremendous amount of operational experience as a Surface Warfare Officer to the unit. Her presentation to the Peace, War and Defense curriculum board on Maritime Intercept Operations, both from the perspective of a boarding officer, which she did as an Ensign onboard USS Barry, and as a DESRON 50 watch officer, was fascinating.

Maj Allen Boothby will be reporting this summer from his position as the Operations Officer, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, NC as Maj Mike Snyder's relief. Allen also brings a wealth of operational experience, first as a Chief Scout and Platoon Sergeant for the Scout Sniper Platoon of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines and most recently as the Operations Officer for the peaceful removal of demonstrators from Vieques, Puerto Rico.

This past three years has passed by so quickly it is hard to put into words. I have had the privilege of working with some outstanding midshipmen, many of whom are now serving all across the world. This past Saturday, I had the tremendous privilege of participating in the most recent commissioning. The most moving part to me was the commissioning of 2nd Lt Michael LePore. Mike had been in my Leadership class two years ago and had graduated from UNC in 1998. Due to some medical problems, he couldn't commission with his classmates at that time. After two years and three operations, he was finally able to meet the Marine Corps standards and was commissioned. His continued perseverance and dedication served as a reminder to me of the inspirational leadership that is present in today's graduates.

It has been a real pleasure working with UNC, the Alumni, the unit staff and most importantly, the midshipmen. I have been inspired by their continued superb performance throughout the three years I have been here. I would like to thank the Alumni for their tremendous support of the Midshipmen here at UNC. It makes a big difference.

By the time the annual Alumni pig-pickin' rolls around, there will be many new faces throughout the staff. Please stop in for a visit.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION / ANNUAL REUNION OF THE ASSOCIATION

by LCDR Willard B. Stubbs '85

This is the UNC NROTC event you have been waiting for. Fun and camaraderie are the watchwords! The event date has been set for **7 October 2000** over the federal Columbus Day holiday weekend. This is not a football weekend. The scheduling allows us to have the evening event in town at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel (formerly known as the Hotel Europa). No hotel in town even had the catering space available on football weekends, and the prices for the rooms alone would have been prohibitively expensive. Moreover, the hope is that by hosting the event over a federal holiday weekend, more drilling reservists and active duty members (core constituencies of our organization) will be able to attend.

The 10th Anniversary Committee is still planning the celebration so the final costs of each event have not been determined yet. We hope to have this information finalized in the next couple of months. Members who desire to contribute ideas or assistance to the 10th anniversary celebration may contact Will Stubbs '85 at his email address: willstubbs@aol.com, or by telephone 401-862-3100. Look for the more details in the next newsletter and on our web site. Tentative activities/times planned for the 10th anniversary include:

Friday October 6th

(Time TBD) Golf Outing

Saturday October 7th

(1100) Annual meeting of the association/corporation

- * Remarks by the Unit Commanding Officer, Officer in Charge and Midshipman Battalion Commander.
- * Update/briefs on various committees
- * Election of members to the Board of Directors
- * Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (elect) Meeting (immediately following annual meeting).

(1230) Midshipman Battalion hosted Pig-Pickin' (Price TBD)

(1800) Dining Out and Awards Dinner (Black Tie Optional) at the Sheraton

- * Cocktail hour (no host) 1800-1900
- * Mess-night dinner format with all paid guests of the mess (spouses, significant others, family and friends) welcome. All former Professors of Naval Science and staff instructors are also invited to participate. (Price TBD)



Need a Room for the Weekend?

A block of rooms is reserved for Friday 6 Oct and Saturday 7 Oct 2000 at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel at the rate of \$109.00 per night plus tax double occupancy, on a first-come first-served basis. Any unreserved rooms in the block will be released to the public if not reserved by 8 September 2000. Recommend that you make your reservations now. Please mention the UNC NROTC Alumni Association when making your reservation. Hotel phone: 919-968-4900. If you are a member of Starwood Preferred Guest Program you will earn points for every dollar you spend at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel. Starwood toll-free reservations (U.S. and Canada): 888-625-4988.



Proposed 10th Anniversary Dining Out Program

Proposed menu *[alternative menu options available for specific dietary needs]*

Shrimp Cocktail
 Traditional Caesar Salad
 Roast Prime Rib of Beef (paraded of course!)
 Vegetable and potato of the day, fresh rolls and butter.
 Decadent Flourless Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Coulis [fabulous w/ Port!]
 Freshly brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Tea.

Tentative Events

Arrival of the official party and honors
 Presentation of the colors
 North Carolina Anthem: The Old North State
 National Anthem: The Star Spangled Banner
 Invocation
 Brief Remarks by Speaker(s)
 Parade the Beef
 Dinner is Served
 Presentation of Awards:
 The Distinguished Service Award
 The Distinguished Alumnus Award
 Toasting
 Official toasts: Mr. Vice
 Member toasts: mess members and guests.
 The final toast: The President of the Mess
 Entertainment (tentative) Appropriate to the UNC alma mater spirit *(that's all we can say now)*
 Benediction
 The Smoking Lamp is Lighted (BYO cigar)



Officers of the Mess

President:	Dr. Laird W. Lewis '70
Vice President (Mr. Vice):	(TBD), <i>nominations requested</i>
Chaplain:	(TBD), <i>nominations requested</i>
Judge Advocate:	(TBD), <i>nominations requested</i>
Flight Surgeon:	(TBD), <i>nominations requested</i>
Recorder:	CDR Vicki Stephens, USNR '82
Treasurer:	David L. Jackson '87
Caterer & Chief Engineer:	CDR Robert L. Seaton, USN, Staff '83
Colors:	LCDR Eric S. Schneider, USNR '86
Protocol:	Steven P. Fish '85
Air/Landing Signals:	LCDR Jesse L. Tillman, III, USNR '86
Operations/DCA:	Willard B. Stubbs '85

Witty and colorful members are needed to serve as Vice President (Mr. Vice) and Judge Advocate (read: Prosecutor) and Flight Surgeon (read: Beverage Safety Officer). The same characteristics are needed in a Chaplain, though respectability and social grace may also be helpful here. Professional certification is encouraged (though not required) for the Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Flight Surgeon. Volunteers and/or nominations for each of these positions are immediately solicited. Please contact the Mess President or Operations Officer/DCA.

New Awards Established



Distinguished Alumnus Award

There are many individuals that have made many substantive contributions to the growth and success of the Alumni Association. Previously, our recognition of these individuals had been with a simple "thanks". We have now established a the Distinguished Alumnus Award as a more formal means of recognizing the important contributions of these alumni. Members of the serving on the Board of Directors will not eligible to receive this award until their term has ended.

Distinguished Service Award

The Alumni Association voted to create the Distinguished Service Award to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the community or the nation. The award recipient does not necessarily have to be an alumni member. The award will be considered annually but not necessarily given annually.

The 10th anniversary will be a splendid opportunity to present each of these awards for the first time. If you would like to nominate an individual for either of these awards, please contact Will Stubbs '85 at his email address: willstubbs@aol.com, or by telephone 401-862-3100. We request nominations for this year be communicated to him before our next Board of Directors meeting on June 18, 2000.

DAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATE

by Rob Gionfriddo '86

The Dawson Memorial Library continues to be a true showcase for the Naval Armory. In addition to housing the books from the Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps professional reading lists, the midshipmen also use the library for staff meetings and as a favorite study spot.

The library now boasts a new glass trophy case displaying various artifacts from WWII such items as a WWII bomber jacket and a pilot's survival equipment. Also a book by Colonel Greenwood, Senior Aide to the Commandant was recently donated.

Each year, more books are purchased through the David P. Dawson Memorial Fund in order to stay current with the professional reading lists. Since the library is quickly running out of bookshelves, the Alumni Association plans to purchase matching bookcases when enough funds are raised. A glass table top may also be purchased to protect the surface of the table in the library.

Many thanks to the alumni and friends who continue to donate generously to the Dawson Memorial Fund. Your funds have supported a tremendous asset to the midshipmen and staff at UNC.

Webmaster Report

by Brant Burgiss '84

Recent Web Site Updates

New Passwords Issued To Members

If you've sent in your membership dues for 2000, you should have received your new web site password via E-mail. If you did not receive your 2000 password, please send an E-mail to webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org; otherwise, you will not be able to access the "Find A Classmate" and online newsletter portions of our web site. Please be sure to look up your own name in the online database and report any errors to the webmaster and/or the Secretary.

Personalized Passwords Now Available

Any dues-paying member (annual or life) who desires a personalized username/password for access to the "Find A Classmate" portion of our web site can easily arrange it via direct E-mail to the webmaster. Usernames must be 12 characters or less, and passwords must be 15 characters or less (No funky characters - just letters and numbers, please). Please send your requests to the webmaster at webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org.

More Members Are Renewing Online

Thanks to our secure server, many of our members have chosen to renew their annual dues or make a donation online with their major credit card. The feedback we're receiving tells us this new feature is more convenient to use, and memberships are processed faster than conventional methods.

Reunion 1999

Photos from our ninth reunion held in October were posted on the web this past Fall. If you haven't seen the pictures yet, check them out - you may already be famous!

2000 Calendar

Our calendar page has been updated with new events for this year. Check it out to see the latest happenings, including Board meetings, Commissioning, Awards Day, and the Heels' football schedule. Be sure to keep an eye on this page as the 10th Anniversary Celebration schedule unfolds.

Missing Classmates

We've also updated the web page which lists "missing" alumni (classmates for whom we have no current address). Thanks to your participation, we've located 155 lost midshipmen so far... but we've also added many new lost alums as a result of our latest round of mailing. If you haven't visited this page recently, we ask that you take another look. Any help you can offer in providing contact information for missing alumni will be greatly appreciated.

Opting Out

Members now have an opportunity to help our organization save money by choosing to "opt-out" of receiving the hard copy of our newsletters. By choosing to receive an E-mail informing them of the latest newsletter being online, this will save us real dollars in terms of material, postage, and labor expenses.

Webmaster Report (cont.)

In order to opt-out, all you need to do is:

1. Send an E-mail to the webmaster stating your intention to opt-out.
2. Join our ListBot mailing list on the front page and become confirmed.

Say “no” to paper today... and thanks to those of you whom have already chosen to “opt-out”!.

Dining Out Survey

We posted an online survey to ask the opinions of our alumni concerning the upcoming Tenth Anniversary Celebration (dining out format, preferred date, etc.) and all the results were sent to the Secretary. Your responses helped the Board decide the best date to hold this grand event. Thanks to all of you who participated!

Future Enhancements

Job Bank and Speaker’s Bureau

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Board has authorized the creation of two new sections in our web site: a job bank and a speaker’s bureau. The job bank would be a place where members could post any job openings, and where members could post a copy of their resume online.

The speaker’s bureau would be a way that our alumni could post their availability to talk about various topics in which they have specific experience and know-how.

We are currently considering the best way to deploy these new pages. Look for an update soon!

Advertising and Sponsorships

It won’t be long before you can help support our organization by sponsoring a page on our web site. We are hoping to have this feature ready for our Tenth Anniversary, after the board has decided on rates.

Photo Archives Page

Based on comments from our members, we think it would be a great idea to create an alumni photo archives page. So send in your photos! We want photos of you on ships, on subs, and in airplanes/jets/helos, in uniform, on the beach, whatever... You can scan them yourself and E-mail them to the webmaster (we need JPG, JPEG, or GIF format) or feel free to send regular color or black and white photos. We will gladly return the photos...all we ask is that you provide the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please mail photos to:

Brant Burgiss
Alumni Archives Project
115 Council Street
High Point, NC 27262

Midshipman Scholarship Fund

by Sam Gorham '65

At the February meeting, the Directors approved a scholarship award to be given annually to a Midshipman 3/C. The purpose of the award is to recognize and provide financial assistance to an academically-qualified 3/C Midshipman who has demonstrated a potential for strong leadership during his freshman year, who has exhibited strong military bearing, and who has contributed or is likely to contribute to the NROTC program and the University. The award will be \$1,000, \$500 of which is to be paid each semester of the 3/C year. The recipient will be determined by a committee appointed by the Commanding Officer, and one member of that committee will be the chairman of the UNC ROTC Alumni Association Scholarship Committee or his designee. Applications will be accepted early in the fall semester, and the fall semester award will be made at the fall UNC NROTC Alumni Association meeting. Payments will be made directly to the recipient, without restriction. There may be some restrictions as to eligibility of children of Board members or Scholarship Committee members.

The Board views scholarship assistance as one of the most important contributions we can make to the UNC NROTC program. Depending on the interest of the membership, the Board would like to expand this program. However, any substantial scholarship program, endowed or otherwise, will require projects and/or solicitations. Your ideas and suggestions will be appreciated. Send e-mails to Sam Gorham at: jsgorham@twave.net.

ENSIGN DANIEL JOHNSON AWARDED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors is proud to announce that Ensign Daniel Johnson '98 has been awarded Honorary Life Membership in the UNC NROTC Alumni Association in recognition of his heroic actions aboard the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19).

In August 1999 as the ship was leaving Pusan harbor in South Korea, Ensign Johnson watched as his men passed an eight inch thick towline back to one of the tugs through a closed chock. The tug crew began winching in the towline too quickly and the sailors lost control of the line. Most of the sailors were able to jump clear of the line; however, Seaman Steve Wright, Jr. became entangled and was being dragged to what would have been certain death. Ensign Johnson lunged after the sailor and managed to free him, but in the process his feet became entangled in the line and were cut off above the ankles. Ensign Johnson also suffered the loss of one finger, and Seaman Wright lost a foot and four fingers.

As a result of placing his own life in jeopardy to save the life of his shipmate, Ensign Johnson was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest peacetime decoration. The story of his heroism has been printed in the *Hickory Daily Record*, *The Charlotte Observer*, the *Navy Times* and most recently April edition of *Reader's Digest*.

Whispers & Gossip

Howard Ennis, Jr., '44 is enjoying early retirement on a ranch in Hazelton, British Columbia.

Dick Knight, '44 is suffering from Parkinson's Disease and macular degeneration. He wishes everyone well and asks that we keep him in mind. He currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA.

Aurthur J. Hughes, '45 sends the following message: "Three cheers to the soon to be class of 2000. May you enjoy your upcoming naval careers and/or civilian life." - Art & Lois Hughes
E-mail: AJOLDSALT@aol.com

Wayman O. Leftwich Jr., '45 will be celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary June 3, 2000. He is married to the former Bernice C. Candee of Easton, Connecticut. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut. Wayman and Bernice reside in Raleigh, NC.

Wade W. Phillips, '45 took an early retirement after working in the Savings & Loan business for 35 years. For the past 20 years, he has been a part time teacher of Real Estate prelicensing and continuing education courses. He resides in Greensboro, NC.

Charles R. Powell '45 is still working and trying to retire from a small business he started in 1946. He currently resides in Newton, NC.

David A. Rapp, '46 married Jeanne 11 June 1946 just a few days after graduation and commissioning. Their three children have provided them with grandchildren and great grandchildren. He thanks God the youngsters like to come to the farm. Their visits are exciting events. They still get to about one USMC reunion each year. He spent 26 years on active duty and has been retired for 30 1/2 years. He taught high school from 1969 - 1991 and farmed from 1969-1996. He currently resides in Weyers Cave, VA. *E-mail: JRAPP15839@aol.com*

Joseph B. Mirsky, '47 was in the 3rd NROTC class, being commissioned in 2/45, which is just one of the reasons we won WWII. His hobby now is writing letters to the editor, and so far he's had about 153 in his local paper in West Palm Beach, Florida, 12 in *Time*, 2 in *Newsweek*, plus many others. He is sorry that he didn't major in journalism. He still keeps up with several of his classmates and still considers suicide whenever Duke beats us in anything. It seems to be getting worse every year. He wishes his best to all.

Richard R. Brandt, '48 and his wife have owned a retail home furnishing shop since 1978. He invites you to check out their website at www.oldhouse-hoghollow.com. *E-mail: richard_brandt@prodigy.net*

R. B. Ty Boyd, '54 is in his 20th year with the Ty Boyd Executive Learning Systems. His business provides one-on-one communication skills through their 3 day Excellence In Speaking Institute (ESI). He just spent all of February in Australia conducting ESI's for a global client. What a life! He resides in Charlotte, NC. *E-mail: ty@tyboyd.com*

Jennings Jed Thompson, IV, '55 is employed in Atlanta as a free-lance writer. His mother died in Atlanta on 31Jan00. He plans to attend the reunion of USS Regulus (AF-57) in Philadelphia 5 - 8 October 2000.

Silas B. Coley, Jr., '56 is an MD practicing psychiatry in Chapel Hill. *E-mail: scoley@pol.net*

Bill Moore, '56 is an attorney practicing in Northern Virginia. He is married to Shielia. They have 4 children. One, Chris, residing in Charlotte, is in 2nd year residency EMR at the Medical Center. *E-mail: Bill_Moore@hotmail.com*

Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

Howard Preston Troutman, '60 is currently Ex. Vice President of Brown Citrus Systems, Inc. He is married with three children, Cynthia - 36; Baxter - 33, and Tiffany - 14. He also has 3 grandchildren. He resides in Lake Wales, FL.

RADM Robert C. Crates, SC, USNR, '63 retired 01 April 2000. He served in a wide variety of Naval Reserve billets. Flag officer assignments include: Deputy Commander, Logistics Task Force Atlantic; Commander, Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force; and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, U.S. Pacific Fleet with additional duty assignments as Commander, Logistics Task Force Pacific and Commander, Naval Logistics Forces Korea. He was serving as Assistant Commander, Mobilization and In-Theater Logistics, Naval Supply Systems Command when he retired.

RADM Crates is married to Dr. Gladys Hayes Crates, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Dean of the Mathematics and Sciences Division at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. They have two sons: Robert B. Crates, President, Crates Thompson Capital, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas and Dr. John M. Crates, an orthopedic surgeon in Plano, Texas and are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Chandler and Cameron. *Email: CratesRC@aol.com*

RADM Crates mentioned in the "it's a small world arena" that when he was COMNAVLOGFORKOREA he had the pleasure of working closely with another UNC NROTC flag officer, **RADM Chris Cole, '71** who was COMNAVFORKOREA at the time. Also, RADM Crates recently spoke at a Navy War College Logistics for the Warfighter Reserve Symposium chaired by **CAPT Walt Lincoln, Class of '63.**

Wayne Jackson, '64 continues to enjoy yearly NROTC alumni reunions with wife, Carolyn Ausbon Jackson, '64 ED, and last year with son, David, who lives in Raleigh. Daughter Elizabeth attends ASU graduate school in Boone, N.C. He plans to retire from United Airlines (777 Captain) in August 2002. He is a member of Seahawk Squadron, Association of Naval Aviators in Wilmington. He requests that If you're in the Cape Fear area, give him a call and visit. *E-mail: WJAX3888@aol.com*

Robert M. Sherrill, '65 was released from active duty in July 1967. He was a member of the active Naval Reserve for 27 years and was recalled to active duty for the Gulf War 1990-1991. He retired as an 06 in 1992. He attended the University of Denver graduate school and served 22 years as a commercial banker in Denver, Colorado. He married in 1970. His wife is a retired US West officer. They have one son age 17. He is currently a seasonal law enforcement officer for U.S. Forest Service in Colorado and resides in Grant, Colorado.

John T. Lovell, '66 is President of Emarelle Construction, Inc., Dallas, TX - a general contractor company specializing in health care property construction and remodeling.

Dr. Lane S. Anderson III, '67 has recently been selected as the Guildford County (NC) Principal of the year. He is the principal of Sedalia School which has received international and state recognition in several areas of educational excellence during the last four years. Dr. Anderson is also a consultant and a blue/gold officer for the U.S. Naval Academy.

Colonel James Hardee, USMC, '70 is serving as Chief of Staff, II MEF for the third year. He will move to Marine Corps base Camp Lejeune this summer and plans to retire in Jacksonville, NC in the summer of 2001. *E-mail: hardees@wna-linknet.com*

Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

R. Douglas Norris '70 - Retired Captain, USN- departed assignment as Special Assistant to Chief of Naval Personnel for JCS Matters in Jul 99 enroute to terminal leave and official retirement on 01Oct99. Currently residing in London with his wife Jane, a Foreign Service Officer and US Informational Resources Management Attache to the UK. Both look forward to final retirement in North Carolina someday since that's where the children and three grandchildren currently reside.

Jeffrey Phillip Simpson, '72 owns and manages his own securities brokerage office through Linsco Private Ledger. He has been married for 15 years to Barbara with 3 children: Andrew 9, Emily 7, and Matthew 4. He is active in Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Church (Vestryman and Lay Reader) and Little League Baseball (coach). He and his family reside in Winterhaven, FL.

Richard Stuart Griggs, '74 has been with the U.S. Postal Service since October 1988. He works at the Processing and Distribution Facility in Charlotte. He also teaches 2 courses in Argument Based Research (English) for Rowlan/Cabarrus Community College in Cabarrus County three days a week. He plans to visit Japan again this year with his wife who is Japanese. He currently resides in Kannapolis, NC.

Alan J. Avera, '77 is the pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Olney, MD. He is married to Eileen Elizabeth Avera. They have three children: Kim (16), Mark (13), and Beth (11).
E-mail: AMdTArHeel@aol.com

Christa Dahl, '78 moved to Newport, RI last summer where her husband has been stationed at the Naval War College as an instructor. They are still acclimating to life in New England. *E-mail: erikjdahl@yahoo.com*

Captain (select) Kenneth Floyd, '80 left NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium in September and reported as Executive Officer on USS Constellation in San Diego in December.
E-mail: pinksters@earthlink.net

James M Provo, '80 is a registered principal with USPA & IRA. Jim separated from active duty as an O4 after 10 years of duty on submarines. Jim enjoys backpacking (Grand Canyon, Half Dome, etc.) with wife Rena and red headed children Jon and Madalena. Jim and his family currently reside in Lawton, OK. *E-mail: nuke1591@aol.com*

Elizabeth Dunne Theismeyer, '82, her husband, Dave, and their children Jessica and Michael recently relocated to Dave's hometown in Penn Yan, NY where they have bought a house and are finally settling down roots. They are expecting their third child August 25th. Liz is a Physical Therapist at a community hospital and Dave is flying as a corporate pilot. *E-mail: dave2512@lynnnet.com*

Commander Mark Howard, '84 is still serving in the Reserves. (NR - NASC-1393). In his civilian job he is working with Pfizer in Groton, CT as a computer consultant. *E-mail: m_howard@mbh-net.com*

Lieutenant Commander Jesse Tillman '86 is now practicing in Wilson and Greenville doing civil litigation. He is still a drilling reservist with Commander Second Fleet - JFACC Unit. *E-mail: jaycarolyn@mindspring.com*

Lieutenant Commander Chuck Carroll, '87 reports that he and Alice will wrap up their tour in Hawaii this year. The detailing process continues, but a trip to the Navy's Post Graduate School looks promising. *E-mail: ChuckandAl@aol.com*

Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

Lieutenant Commander Mike Wesner, '87 left active duty in April of 1998 after completing two department head tours as Operations Officer on USS Samuel Eliot Morrison (FFG-13) and USS Philippine Sea (CG-58). He is currently an active reservist and commands Inshore Boat Unit-28 out of Kings Bay, GA. In his civilian career, he runs a document management company in Jacksonville, FL. He and his wife Sharon (UNC '88) have two boys, Stevie (9) and Seth (3). *E-mail: Mike Wesner@aol.com*

Janet '89 and David Keech, '88 are now back in Virginia where Janet is stationed at Quantico. Janet was promoted to Major in May and is working in the acquisitions field. David is staying home with their two children Meghan 2 yrs and Aaron 7 mo. *E-mail: d-jkeech@erols.com*

Major Michael Richardson, '88 has been serving as BN XO for Headquarters and Support BN for the 2nd Fleet Service Support Group for the last year. He and his wife, Kelli are moving to Charlottesville, VA with their 3 children in July. Mike will be attending ILS at TJAGSA there. He will receive an advanced law degree. *E-mail: uncheels@nternet.net*

Wade H. "Hank" McSwain III, '89 served for one month (May 99) on Commander Sixth Fleet staff aboard command ship (USS LaSalle) in support of NATO's operation Allied Force during Kosovo crisis. He was promoted to Vice President in Commercial Banking Group for Southtrust Bank (Charlotte, NC) in January 2000. *E-mail: hankmcswain@earthlink.net*

Elizabeth "Liz" Stephens, '91 has been in Hawaii for almost a year. She just got selected for the TAR community and it looks like she'll be heading for New Orleans around Dec 00. Everyone is invited to come re-live some of those crazy Mardi Gras parties with her. *E-mail: stephee@cpf.navy.mil or jacklizjake@sprynet.com*

Tucker Davidson, '92 and Cara started out 1999 by getting married in Charleston, SC. They are living in Atlanta, GA where they have just built their new home. Tucker started his 2nd year as a business analyst with Sprint and Cara is an electrical and civil engineer with the FAA. *E-mail: tucker.davidson@mail.sprint.com*

Lieutenant Amy Kingston '92 is assigned to VS-29 at NAS North Island in San Diego where she served as the NFO NATOPS Officer. She completed the transition syllabus from ES-3A to S-3B. During her off-duty time, he is pursuing her masters in International Relations at the University of San Diego. *E-mail: ahmee79604@aol.com*

Lieutenant David W. Simpson, '92 finished his assignment as a Supply Corps Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) Officer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this year. He is currently working as the budget officer of CINCSOUTHLANT, a regional headquarters unit, just outside of Lisbon, Portugal. *E-mail: dwsnavy@hotmail.com*

First Lieutenant Michael J. Carreiro, USMC, '96 reports that he and Myia are busy raising Mick and Graysie while preparing to take the entire clan to Okinawa for three years. *E-mail: MJ@coastalnet.com*

Lieutenant Junior Grade Bogomir T Glavan, '97 has order to VP-4 at Kaneohe MCBH Hawaii. He and Rebecca will move there in late May and he'll immediately deploy to Japan. He invites any Tarheels in the area to look him up. *E-mail: btglavan@hotmail.com*

**NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION
SELECTS UNC NROTC ALUMNI MEMBER AS
JUNIOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR 1999**

At its National Conference in Norfolk Virginia, the Naval Reserve Association recently selected UNC NROTC Alumni Association Director and Life Member **LCDR Willard B. Stubbs, USNR '85** to be their Junior Officer of the Year (Drilling Reservist) for 1999. LCDR Stubbs served as Commanding Officer of Inshore Boat Unit 22 in New Haven Connecticut during the year he was selected. Since his his this last command, LCDR Stubbs has been serving on recall to active duty (special work) first as Naval Coastal Warfare Advisor to Commander, Amphibious Group TWO in Little Creek, VA, and currently as Amphibious Plans Officer to Commander, Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (COMSTANAVFORLANT), a NATO rapid-reaction naval force. At this writing he is embarked with the staff in USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980) on a port call to Lisbon, Portugal.

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association was recently informed of the following deaths.

D. Earl Pardue, '44 Inquires can be made to Joe Pardue at 336-228-0541.

James Lee Bulla, Jr., '46 died September 1, 1997

John Stephens Nolan, '47 died January 18, 1999.

W. Page Harris, Jr., '50 died in 1996.in St. Petersburg, FL where he was the president of the Dew Cadillac auto agency. Born and raised in Durham, N.C, he received his degree in business administration from UNC. At the university he was president of the Order of the Grail and chairman of the Men's Honor Council and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities and Phi Beta Kappa honor society. After college he served three years in the Navy as a supply officer aboard a destroyer. He returned to the classroom to earn a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School. Active in his community, Mr. Harris during his career served as chairman of the Salvation Army's advisory board and as a member of the board of directors of the United Fund and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a vestryman and chairman of the finance committee of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Mr. Harris was a past president of the St Petersburg Auto Dealers Association and the St Petersburg Republican Club, and a past member of the board of Union Trust National Bank. Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean Dew Harris; two daughters, Kimberly Ann Groux, Austin Texas, and Laurie Lane Harris, St Petersburg; a son Walter Page Harris III, St Petersburg; and four grandchildren.

Aubrey W. "Tal" Talbert, '50 reported to his permanent and final duty station on July 8, 1999. His Commanding Officer, the Lord Jesus Christ, commended him for a job well done. His 25 years of service as a fighter pilot in the USMC resulted in 20 decorations, among them the DFC and Bronze Star with Combat V. He earned an EdD in Organizational Planning from UNC while running a successful business in leadership development. In 1991, Tal was ordained in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he continued to develop church leaders. His wife, Mary, resides in Apex, N.C. He was a Life Member of the UNC NROTC Alumni Association.

2000 Alumni Registration Form

You have already paid your dues for 2000. Use this form only if you wish to update personal information, make charitable donations, submit information for "Whispers & Gossip", purchase a membership directory or convert to life membership now.

Name _____ UNC Class _____ or Staff _____

Military Rank (current, retired, or at the time of discharge) _____ Branch of Service _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

If still serving in the military:

Duty Station: _____

Billet Title: _____

Tax Deductable Contributions or Life Membership:

Memorial to honor UNC Alumni who died on active duty _____

Scholarship Fund _____

LT Patrick K. Connor, USN Memorial Fund _____

Capt. David Dawson, USMC Memorial Fund _____

I desire to convert to life membership now:

One time payment \$350 or installments of \$125 for three years _____

Membership Directory

2000 NROTC Alumni Association Directory @\$10.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Care to pay by credit card?

Circle one: VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS MASTERCARD

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Thank You!

Make checks payable to "UNC NROTC Alumni Association" and mail to:

**UNC NROTC Alumni Association
c/o David Jackson, Treasurer
2605 Robyns Glen Drive
Charlotte, NC 28269**

or you can make payment via our secure web site: <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>

Please check the appropriate boxes if you can help us in any of the areas listed.

- I would like to serve on the **10 Year Anniversary Committee**. *Assist in coordinating events surrounding the 10th year anniversary of our Alumni Association at the reunion in October.*

- I would be willing to assist the **Membership Growth Committee**. *Volunteers will assist in contacting members of their own class to encourage them to join the Alumni Association in the coming year.*

- I would like to nominate the following alumni to serve in following positions during the **Dining Out** in October:

Mr. Vice: _____

Chaplain: _____

Judge Advocate: _____

Flight Surgeon: _____

“Whispers & Gossip” inputs for next newsletter: