

UNC NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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Your Missed Opportunities in Life? Don't Let Our 10th Anniversary Celebration On October 7th Be One Of Them.

by Laird Lewis, Jr., '70
President

As I journey through life, it continues to amaze me how much clearer my vision is in hindsight. Many times I reminisce and think of some missed opportunity to help some one, to serve some cause or to do better in my own performance personally, professionally, or spiritually.

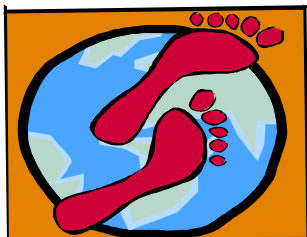
The weekend of October 7, 2000 will be the UNC-CH NROTC Alumni Association's 2000 General Membership Meeting and 10th Anniversary Celebration including a "Dining Out" evening. Ten years have passed since this organization, dedicated to the purpose of supporting and building the NROTC program at UNC, was founded. There has been tremendous progress, but there remain enormous goals. If we are truly going to move beyond a once-a-year party/meeting and become a significant factor in the lives of the midshipmen at Carolina, we must take individual action. I will not bore you with my continued diatribe of why a national commitment by all citizens is so critical to the continued success of our country, but I will say that I am committed to pursuing that vision and seeing that it is reflected in our organizational actions.

If you are not with us on October 7, 2000, it will be because you have valued something of greater importance. It will not be because you "have a conflict;" you simply value that other event more. It will not be because you "can't afford it;" you simply chose to afford something else. That is not intended to judge those possible choices; it simply a statement of fact.

This is a once in a decade event that reflects our commitment to our association and our university. Ten years from now if someone asks, "Well, how was the 10th university reunion?" Will you will be able to say, "What an event, and it propelled our association to where it is today.?" Or will you be silent? Don't let this be one of your "missed opportunities."

Visit our website at:

<http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>



**UNC NROTC
ALUMNI REUNION**

**Saturday
October 7, 2000**

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION / ANNUAL REUNION OF THE ASSOCIATION

by LCDR Willard B. Stubbs '85.

If you plan to join us in the 10th anniversary celebration, please fill out the registration form on page 9. Deadline for registration is **September 15th**. We will attempt to accommodate late registrations on a space available basis but prefer registrations be submitted early for planning purposes. 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.

Friday October 6th

9:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting at the Hotel

Saturday October 7th

11:00 AM Annual meeting of the Association/Corporation

- * Remarks by the President, Unit Commanding Officer and Officer in Charge
- * 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).

12:30 PM Pig-Pickin' at the Armory

2:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting (Elect)



6:00 PM Dining Out and Awards Dinner at the Sheraton

- * Military Guests: Dinner Dress White Jacket or Dinner Dress White (Black Tie Optional)
- * Civilian Guests: Black Tie
- * 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.

Need a Room for the Weekend? You must hurry!

- ◆ 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. Deadline for reservations is **8 September 2000**. Any unreserved rooms in the block will be released to the public if not reserved by this date. 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.



PARKING

The good news about having our reunion on a non-football game weekend is that parking will be conveniently available in the parking lot adjacent to the armory. Parking is **FREE!**



10th Anniversary Dining Out Program

Proposed menu *

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.

** [Alternative menu options available for specific dietary needs. Please contact Will Stubbs for more information.]*

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
 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>
Recorder:	CDR Vicki Stephens, USNR '82
Treasurer:	David L. Jackson '87
Caterer:	LCDR Willard B. Stubbs, USNR, '85
Air/Landing Signals:	LCDR Jesse L. Tillman, III, USNR '86
Operations/DCA:	Willard B. Stubbs '85

Webmaster Report

by Brant Burgiss '84

Recent Web Site Updates

Keep Abreast of Reunion Updates

We've created a special page to post late-breaking news about our upcoming 10th Anniversary Bash - at www.uncnrotcaa.org/anniversary.htm - so be sure to "tune in" often to get the latest scuttlebutt on our plans for the best reunion party ever!

New Memorial Pages

In a continuation of our project that began earlier this year, we have posted 4 new memorial pages since our last newsletter. Vicki Stephens has been hard at work researching the history of our alumni who have died while on active duty. Our overall goal is to post a short biography of each alumnus on-line, in order to provide a formal written tribute to our fallen classmates.

If you have information that you would like to contribute towards this memorial project, please contact Vicki at vicki205@aol.com.

New "Alumni Focus" Articles

Three new focus articles have been published since our last newsletter:

- a story about a 28-year veteran who has become an award-winning author
- an article about a former midshipman who now leads the nation's largest bank
- one about a former staff member who recently had a new class of destroyers named after him.

We're currently writing another article, so if you'd like to know when it is on-line, simply join our ListBot e-mailing service. There's a spot at the bottom of our home page where you can join this e-mail list for free.

You can submit your story ideas for future articles to Dave Fish '70 at davidafish@bigfoot.com

New Scholarship Page

We've posted a new web page that will keep you informed about our Scholarship Fund. An Alumni Association Scholarship has been authorized by the Board of Directors, and will be awarded for the first time to a deserving midshipman next semester!

New Photo Archives Page

An alumni photo archives page has been created at www.uncnrotcaa.org/archives where alumni may publish photos of themselves or classmates. 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 prefer JPG, JPEG, or GIF format, but we can accept others), or feel free to send

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color or black and white photos. We will gladly return the photos as long as you provide the return postage. Please mail photos to:

Brant Burgiss
NROTC Alumni Archives Project
1115 Council Street
High Point, NC 27262

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 158 lost midshipmen so far. Any help you can offer in providing contact information for missing alumni will be greatly appreciated.

Future Enhancements

Job Bank and Speaker's Bureau

Design work is now underway for 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 job-seekers could post a copy of their resume on-line.

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.

Advertising and Sponsorships

It's now official: the Alumni Association web site is now accepting advertisers and sponsors! By purchasing on-line advertising, you can spread the word about your product or service as well as lend support to our organization. The money raised by these ads will help offset the costs of maintaining our web site. If you are interested in banner advertisements or sponsoring our newsletter on-line, please contact Brant at webmaster@uncnrotcaa.org.

2000 BUDGET

The Association's annual operating budget is based on a percentage of the income derived from annual membership dues and the interest from life membership dues. This is the current budget:

30%	MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/NEWSLETTERS
25%	MIDSHIPMEN SUPPORT
20%	ENDOWMENT/SAVINGS/PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT
10%	GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
10%	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
5%	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Whispers & Gossip

Gerard Marder, '44 married Joan T. Blaetz of Asheville on February 18, 2000 in Charlotte.

Between he and his wife, they have 7 children and 11 grandchildren. He continues to do part time work as a pediatrician in the local Health Department. He and his wife currently reside in Asheville, NC.

Allen Poppleton, '53 married his long-term companion, Carol Yecies, this year. She is a '65 graduate of George Washington University and is the Reference Librarian in the Law Library at Nova Southeastern University Law School. Allen and Carol currently reside in Fort Lauderdale, FL. *E-mail: alpopp@earthlink.net*

Captain Jeffrey H. Thomas, '72 is currently employed at Bellsouth Communications Systems as the the National Account Manager for the Bank of America account. He is also the Commanding Officer of VTU 0704G in Charlotte. He just completed 28 years of commissioned service. He settled in Charlotte in 1980 after 8 years of active duty and has been active in the Reserves since 1986. He has been married to Martha Robinson for 28 years. They have 4 children, Scott (25), Jay (22), Matt (19), and Taylor (16). *E-mail: jeff.thomas@bcs.bellsouth.com*

Commander Stephen F. White, '75 submitted the following update: "Since 1982 I have practiced admiralty law in Baltimore with the firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP. For those of you who recently saw the movie 'The Perfect Storm' you may be interested to know that a UNC-NROTC alum sailed aboard the ship before George Clooney. Last year I assisted my client, Mike McCook, in selling his 72-ft. fishing vessel (a long-liner) to Warner Brothers. The LADY GRACE, based in Ocean City, Maryland, was the sister ship of the ill-fated ANDREA GAIL which was lost in the North Atlantic in the October storm of 1991. Warner Brothers intended to use LADY GRACE in the making of the movie based upon the book by Sebastian Junger. After the sale was completed Warner Brothers needed a crew to deliver the LADY GRACE to Los Angeles. Mike was hired to coordinate the transfer and "drafted" me to help. After the vessel's regular crew sailed her as far as Grand Cayman, my client and I flew down, met the ship there, and I helped sail the ship for 8 days, reluctantly departing after we had transited the Panama Canal. It was fun to watch the movie and to see George Clooney sitting in the same broken Captain's chair with the stuffing coming out that I had sat in during the midwatch." *E-mail: swhite@wcssllp.com*

Commander Brent Dorman,'81 has been selected to be the Commanding Officer of NABSU-0174, a NAR JAX, FL augment unit. He flies a fire-fighting helicopter based at Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, Ga. His wife Linda recently obtained a Real Estate license. Brent occasionally skydives with their son Brian, who is a Pararescueman stationed at Moody AFB, Ga. *E-mail: badman1959@aol.com*

Lieutenant Commander Geoff Owen, '85 was transferred in his civilian job from Atlanta to Cary, NC in June. *E-mail: geoff.owen@quintiles.com*

Will Stubbs, '85 was selected for promotion to Commander. He was also just selected to command Personnel Mobilization Team Detachment 101 in Groton, CT. *E-mail: WillStubbs@aol.com*

Whispers & Gossip (cont.)

Sam Hughes, '86 moved his family to Omaha, NE in July 1999. They are looking forward to some stability after several moves and two masters degrees. Adam (6 years) and Samantha (4 years) keep their parents busy. Mitzi continues to train and participate in marathons and triathlons. Life is going well in the Midwest. They would love to hear from any of their classmates.
E-mail: sbhughes@notes.up.com

LCDR Hank McSwain, '89 is serving with COMSIXTHFLT Det 802, Atlanta, GA. He served as TLAM targeting officer on COMSIXTHFLT staff in support of Operation Allied Force during Kosovo Crisis in May and June of 1999. He served as targeting officer for Joint Force Matador (exercise) in July '00 aboard the COMSIXTHFLT flagship (USS LASALLE) in Gaeta, Italy. *E-mail: hankmcswain@earthlink.net*

Jonathan David Diamond, '95 is currently in his 2nd year of JD/MBA program at UNC-CH. His wife, Liad, will graduate from the MBA program in May.
E-mail: diamond@e-mail.unc.edu

LT Duncan Young, '95 left the Navy in June this year. He will be attending the Wharton School of Business at University of Pennsylvania to work towards an MBA. He and Katie are excited about getting back to the East Coast. *E-mail: duncanyo@wharton.upenn.edu*

Daniel Johnson, '98 is in Washington D.C. now working for Senator Max Cleland, D-Ga., on his defense policy team.

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association was recently informed of the following death:

Jonas W. Kessing, '53 of Chapel Hill died in an auto accident in August this year.

Memorial Update

In preparation for a future monument to honor UNC NROTC alumni who died during active duty service, we are still in the phase of verifying the names and information provided to us. More names have been added in the last few months thanks to the help from classmates. As we verify the information through official records, we have begun to add biographical information to our online Memorial page also.

Most of the information we have thus far was obtained from obituaries and research at the Naval Historical Foundation in Washington DC. Last month we petitioned the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis for facts on duty stations, awards, and circumstances of death information from the service records. The response just received from NPRC was that additional forms would have to be filled out.

If you have information to help on on this project, please contact the secretary, Vicki Stephens. Also, if you have photographs of the deceased, we would like to scan them into our web site. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the Memorial Fund. With these funds, it is our hope that a memorial can be purchased in the future to properly honor these deceased alumni.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The elections process and membership terms have changed since the Association was formed 10 years ago. When our Association was formally recognized as a Corporation by the state of North Carolina (December 17th, 1998) the Board of Directors adopted Articles of Incorporation based upon a modified version of our Bylaws originally established. The following are some of the changes in the current Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws:

Election Participation. In order for the elections to be valid, 10% of the dues-paying members must now participate. The Articles of Incorporation also provide the option of absentee (or on-line voting) which allows participation of dues-paying alumni who cannot attend the annual meeting.

Terms of Membership. In the past, membership terms were 3 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. This has been changed to a term of 2 years with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Also, when the Association became a Corporation in December 1998, the "clock" started again for board members who were already serving. Therefore all current board members are eligible for election to a 2nd term this year.

Frequency of Elections. In the past, elections took place every year to fill empty seats on the board. Now elections take place every 2 years to coincide with the term of all board members.

On the last page of this newsletter is the ballot for elections this year. For the first time, you now have 3 ways in which to participate in elections:

- 1) **Vote on-line** at our website between 5 September and 5 October. If you have on-line access, we are also including bio's (submitted by each candidate) to assist you in making your choices. If you do not have on-line access, follow the instructions on the form to have copies mailed to you.
- 2) **Mail in the ballot** to the address on the ballot page. (A board member who is not running for re-election has been selected to count the votes.)
- 3) **Cast your votes in person** at the Annual Meeting October 7th.

Winners will be announced at the annual meeting and posted on our website the following week.

2000 UNC NROTC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for registration is 15 September

NAME: _____ UNC CLASS _____ or STAFF _____

DINING OUT/10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

@ 60.00

x _____ = \$ _____

Seating will be arranged by class.

PIG-PICKIN TICKETS

@ \$12.00 ADULT (AGES 13 AND UP)

x _____ = \$ _____

@ \$ 5.00 CHILD (AGES 6 - 12)

x _____ = \$ _____

(Children ages 5 and under may eat for free)

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 register via our secure web site: <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>

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: _____ E-mail: _____

If still serving in the military:
Duty Station: _____
Billet Title: _____

Tax Deductible 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>

UNC NROTC Alumni Association Board of Directors ELECTIONS BALLOT October 7, 2000

Choose one of the following ways to vote this year:

- 1) on-line at our website from September 5th - October 5th
- 2) in person at our general meeting October 7th
- 3) or mail this ballot to the following address:

UNC NROTC Elections
C/O Mason Whitney
213 Marina Lane, Lake Burton
Clarksville, GA 30523-9622

Directions: Select up to 14 alumni to serve on the board of directors

- Jim Bailer '85 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Harold Brown '72
- Richard "Dick" Cashwell '59 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Pat Connelly '85
- William "Bill" F. Foster, Jr. '80
- Rob Gionfriddo '86 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Don Ledford, staff '80-87 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Laird Lewis '70 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Timothy M. McLaughlin '71
- Wade W. Phillips '45
- Daniel Rabil '86
- Samuel Richardson III '92
- Vicki Stephens '82 (re-election - 2nd term)
- Jesse Tillman III '86
- Mark Whitson, 87

(Note: Biographical information supplied by candidates is available on our website at <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>. If you do not have online access, contact our secretary, Vicki Stephens, at her work number (215-673-4800 ext 212) and the information will be printed and mailed to you.
