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2003 UNC NROTC ALUMNI REUNION

October 18th

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Letter from the President

By Dick Cashwell '59

After attending the Commissioning exercises for this year's graduating UNC NROTC students, I must say I was struck by two things. First was how the event was so much better organized than when I was commissioned and how small the group was. There were ten graduates, five USN and five USMC. The unit is much smaller now, but I was happy to see that half had made the good choice to be Jar Heads. The size issue is something we, as Alumni, need to think about. It is my opinion that we need to be active in our communities to encourage bright and talented young men and women to consider the advantages of serving in the military as a good way to serve their country while getting experiences that will help them throughout life. I suggest we ask the local OSOs if we can be of assistance as they seek out good men and women for the various commissioning programs.

In much the same vein, I am asking each of you to encourage one of your classmates who is not a member of our Alumni group to join our organization. We need to boost our membership if we are to continue to offer the services we do to the Unit. We are in a no-growth mode at the moment, and we need to be as aggressive as we can to reverse this trend and to increase our membership. There will be a prize for the class who gets the most new members awarded at the fall reunion.

At our June meeting the Board decided to hold off on contributing our Memorial Fund to the restoration of Memorial Hall in order to investigate alternative options that might be more visible or appropriate. The Fund was originally intended for use at the Armory, but plans had to be changed due to the planned eventual destruction of the Armory for Venable Hall's expansion. Your ideas are welcome.

With Captain Haines leaving, the Unit will have a new PNS this summer and there are other turnovers as well. One person's departure will leave a big hole for us: Don Ledford. Don has helped our organization in so many ways it would be impossible to list them here, but suffice it to say Don was as active and as helpful as anyone has ever been to both the Unit and to our Association. Don, have a happy retirement, get your handicap down and know that we appreciate all you have done for all of us.

Semper Fi,
Dick



Battalion Update

by
LT Robert J Krause, USN
NROTC Unit North Carolina Piedmont Region



Around here, it has been pretty busy. Summer cruise is currently in progress along with preparations for our incoming freshman class. We are looking at anywhere from 10-20 students in the freshman class but won't know the exact number until August, since students sometimes elect to not take the scholarship at the last minute.

There will also be a lot of change in the coming months for the staff. We will soon be hiring a new University Administrative Assistant to replace Don Ledford, who retired at the end of April.

A new CO, XO and MOI will also be arriving in July to start off the new school year in August. The new CO is Captain Carlton W. Puryear, U.S. Navy. Captain Puryear graduated from the University of Virginia in 1977 with a degree in Nuclear Engineering and received his MBA from Chaminade University in 2001. He has served on several submarines and was the Commanding Officer of the USS Spadefish (SSN 668). He is currently serving as the Deputy Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility in Pearl Harbor, HI.

The new XO is Lieutenant Colonel Russell A. Paulson, USMC. Lieutenant Colonel Paulson earned a BS and MS in Mathematics from Northern Arizona University in 1985 and 1995 respectively. He also earned a Master's in Public Administration from Troy State University in 1998. His background is as a naval aviator flying AH-1's and CH-46's. He also taught calculus and statistics at the Naval Academy. He is currently stationed with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan where he is serving as the Operations Officer.

The new MOI is Captain Steven M. Sutey, USMC. Captain Sutey is a graduate from La Roche College with a BA in History. He is coming from the infantry, where he has served most recently in Iraq as the Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon Commander with the 11th MEU (SOC).

Respectfully,
LT Krause

OIC/Instructor of Naval Science

CHARLES JULIAN WOLFE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

2nd LT Joseph Elseroad received the first annual Wolfe Scholarship Award. Charles J. Wolfe, Jr., '65 attended this year's spring commissioning ceremony with his wife Sandy and presented the award. Wolfe recently established the scholarship award in memory of his mother, Dawson Rosemond Wolfe, and his uncles, Joseph Franklin Rosemond and James Marvin Rosemond, who served in the Navy in World War II. The \$1,000 award is for the senior midshipman who has shown the most improvement during his or her four years in NROTC, in academics, military aptitude, physical fitness scores, involvement in battalion activities, and involvement in university and/or community activities. Congratulations to LT Elseroad!

Tar Heel in Line for SecNav

President George W. Bush has announced his intention to name **UNC NROTC alumnus Colin R. McMillan '57** to be the next Secretary of the Navy. Senate hearings are pending.



McMillan is active in oil and gas exploration, chili farming, ranching, banking and the hotel business. He is a geophysicist by profession.

McMillan graduated from UNC in 1957 with a BS in Geology on a Naval ROTC Scholarship. He was elected Phi Beta Kappa at UNC. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps as a platoon and company commander until June of 1960. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1972, when he was discharged as a Major.

McMillan served as a member of the New Mexico Legislature from 1971 to 1982, serving as Minority Whip for four years. He was 2000 New Mexico State Chairman of Bush-Cheney for President.

In March 1990 McMillan was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics). He had direct civilian oversight of the Defense Logistics Agency and the Defense Commissary Agency.

McMillan is Chairman of First Federal Bank, a regional bank with offices in El Paso, Texas, and in New Mexico. He is Chairman and CEO of Permian Exploration Corp and affiliated companies. He is the managing member in Three Rivers Cattle Ltd Co, a cattle ranching operation.

In July 2001 McMillan was appointed by President Bush to serve as Chairman of the Board for Sallie Mae, Inc. He was the 1994 Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate from New Mexico.

McMillan is a pilot with airline transport pilot, commercial and multiengine ratings.

Colin McMillan is married to Kay Anderson Ruth McMillan. They have four children and seven grandchildren and reside in Roswell, New Mexico.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

Realistically, we cannot always depend on the willingness of future board members to sacrifice tremendous personal time performing administrative duties for our organization free of charge. We need to transition to professional services as soon as possible, but we must first grow our dues-paying membership to a level that will support it. We hope this can be achieved with the help of class representatives. Class representatives support the association by verifying database accuracy, encouraging non-members to join our association, and serving as advisors to the board of directors. This is great excuse to contact classmates you haven't seen in a while. If you can help, contact Dick Cashwell at cashwell@islc.net.

Scuttlebutt

William J. Rogers '83 married the former Cindy K Hart from Savannah, Georgia.

Elisabeth Shardy Stephens '91 is in her third year in the Manpower & Personnel Division at Naval Reserve Forces Command in New Orleans. "As the Pay & Systems department head, I've had the opportunity to run into many Carolina Alumni. If you have any question as a SELRES, please give me a call!"

George Taber '86 left active duty in 1994 after serving as a Marine aviator. George picked up major in the reserves but resigned in 1997 and moved from his hometown in Florida to Arkansas to be near family. The he got an offer he couldn't refuse from the Army National Guard and is now wearing an Army uniform and recruiting for the Guard in Conway, Arkansas. His e-mail is george.taber@ar.ngb.army.mil.

Rob Gionfriddo '86 has been working at HQMC in Quantico as an Asst Ops Officer for Reserve Affairs since being mobilized in January for a one-year period of active duty. Rob was selected for promotion to LtCol and says he recently escorted Marvin Lewis and two Cincinnati Bengals players on a tour of the Pentagon and then on to Bethesda Naval Hospital to visit with wounded from Iraq. "It was pretty moving spending time with these young Marines (and some old ones too)," he said. "Most seemed only concerned with getting back to their units and their buddies that weren't 'so lucky'. It was truly humbling. They all seem to have their heads on straight and are meeting their rehab process head on like the good Marines they are." Please look him up if you happen to be in the Quantico area, he'd love to see you.

LtCol Pat Connelly '85 was activated along with his USMCR unit in July 2002 and deployed early this year. Pat returned to the States in early June for 30 days of well-deserved leave before demobilization. He is still "hanging tough" at American Airlines and can be reached at flierpat@cs.com.

Jesse M. Tillman '86 was also called to active duty with the Navy for up to a one-year tour in February.

Dan Rabil '86 and his wife Megan had their first baby, Joseph Louis Rabil, Nov 16, 2002. All goes well. Dan lives in Washington, DC and covers the copper industry for a trade publication.

Brant Burgiss '84 had a baby. Mary Elizabeth Burgiss arrived January 10, 2003, at High Point Regional Hospital in High Point, NC, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

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UNC NROTC '83

MY TRAVEL

Reunion Events Schedule

Saturday, 18 Oct 2003

Friday/TBA - Board of Directors Meeting

1000 AM - General Meeting/Awards

11:30 AM - Pig Pickin' (*hosted by the midshipmen*)

1:00 PM - Football Game (*estimated*)*

7:00 PM - Informal Cocktail Party (*hosted by the Board at Wyndam Garden Hotel*)

**Note: Game time has not been announced yet. We will inform alumni through email and the website if the schedule changes.*

Need a room for the weekend?

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for our members at the Durham Wyndam Garden Hotel for the low rate of \$59/night. The block is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights 17-18 October. The hotel is located at 4620 S. Miami Blvd., Durham, NC (exit 281 I-40).

For reservations, call the hotel at 919-941-6066 or 800-972-0264. Please mention "UNC NROTC Alumni" in order to reserve a room from this block. If the clerk has any questions, our hotel sales contact is the very friendly Michelle Brown.

The rooms are first come, first serve, so reserve early.



Football Tickets!



The UNC vs Arizona State football game is reunion day, Oct 18. We have been able to secure a block of 50 seats for NROTC alumni and family/friends. But I need commitments from members to firm up the number before I plunk down the bucks. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and how many tickets you'll need. Tickets should be \$35 each.

Dan Rabil '86

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2003 SecNav Distinguished Midshipman Award

ENS Rolf Graning received the 2003 Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Midshipman Award. Good work, ENS Graning.

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Alumni Focus: Ann Claire Phillips '83

By Bill Foster '80

Commander Ann Claire Phillips '83 is now in command of PCU MUSTIN DDG 89. The 510-foot long ARLEIGH BURKE class guided missile destroyer is currently under construction in Pascagoula, MS and is scheduled for commissioning 26 July 2003 in San Diego. It is a real honor to be selected as the commissioning commanding officer of a warship, especially one as impressive as MUSTIN. It is no wonder, after you read Phillips' biography, why she was selected for this position.

Originally from Annapolis, Maryland, Commander Phillips earned a Bachelor of Arts in French while at UNC. Since commissioning on 14 May 1983, Philips has had an impressive career in the Navy.



Commander Phillips' initial sea tour was on board USS LEXINGTON (AVT 16) where she served as First Division Officer, Damage Control Assistant, and Repair Division Officer. She completed her Surface Warfare Officer qualification in June, 1986. During that tour, she spent several months on board USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624), conducting law enforcement operations in the Caribbean. She then transferred to USS JASON (AR 8), serving as Navigator and Combat Information Center Officer and completed a Western Pacific deployment during OPERATION PRAYING MANTIS.

After attending Department Head School, Phillips reported to USS CAPE COD (AD 43) as Chief Engineer, serving through two deployments including an emergent deployment in support of DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Her next assignment was as Operations Officer on board USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7), homeported in Agana, Guam. While on board she participated in multiple joint exercises and served as Afloat Logistics Coordinator, deploying during Operations DESERT STORM, SOUTHERN WATCH, and RESTORE HOPE.

Commander Phillips then served as a Department Head instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, Rhode Island, instructing Anti-Surface Warfare, Operations, Logistics, and Shipboard Readiness and Training. She is a designated Master Training Specialist. Phillips next served aboard the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE as Flag Secretary, deploying with the CARL VINSON Task Group and participating in Joint Exercise RUGGED NAUTILUS, and Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DESERT STRIKE. She then served as Executive Officer on board USS KINKAID (DD 965), deploying to the Arabian Gulf with the NIMITZ Battle Group and participating in Operations VIGILANT THUNDER and DESERT STRIKE. Most recently, she served as an Action Officer on the staff of the Director, Surface Warfare Division, Land Attack Branch, Future Ships - DD 21 Program.

Ann Phillips' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Navy Commendation Medal (Three Gold Stars in lieu of fourth award), Navy Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), and other service and campaign ribbons.

To find out more about Commander Phillips' command, visit <http://www.mustin.navy.mil/>

Alumni Focus: Ed Butchart '58

By Bill Foster '80

Many of you had a chance read the profile on Ed in the November-December 2001 issue of *Carolina Alumni Review*. His work with Friends of Disabled Adults (FODA), an organization to help families with members with disabilities is indeed compelling, and inspiring. Ed is another example of an alumnus of the "Tarheel Navy" who has gone on to make a mark both in military service and in civilian life. What the Alumni Review article did not cover was how Ed's NROTC background and subsequent career in the Marine Corps impacted his current work. As the parent of a child with cerebral palsy I was especially curious, so I contacted him recently via e-mail to ask him about how he was influenced by his military service. Here's the text of his reply ("the rest of the story"):

"Thanks for your comments. NOTHING in life is as satisfying as helping a family as they cope with a child with a disability. Not all kids are as fortunate as yours to have a family that can provide for them. All too many times the family has nothing.

I was a sophomore at NC State and in the Army ROTC when I was selected for the NROTC scholarship program (at UNC). I knew during my combined freshman-sophomore NROTC year that the pure military arts appealed to me more than being on the bridge of a destroyer. I applied for Marine option before my youngster cruise on the

USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD 850) confirmed the wisdom of that choice. I was a career infantry officer but also held MOS's in administration and public affairs. I was CO of the Mar Det on USS ALBANY (CG 10), was awarded the Distinguished Marksman Badge with high powered rifle, XO of an infantry battalion at GTMO [U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba] as a Captain, was an adviser to ARVN (in Vietnam), and finally retired as a major. I felt like I had had a good career and had accomplished quite a bit.

[After retiring from the Marine Corps] I became a salesman of medical diagnostics products and was the top national salesman for two companies when I met a young man with CP [cerebral palsy] and did a few simple chores for him and discovered a new truth about myself. Nothing I had done before gave me the personal satisfaction that changing a light bulb for Roger did. I began to help others in his complex and do more and more complicated tasks. A great church in the neighborhood, Mount Carmel Christian Church, heard about what we were doing and offered to help. I quit my lucrative sales career and started to "do FODA" full time on May 1, 1987. I attended Atlanta Christian College, graduated with a degree in Theology in May of 1989 and was ordained at Mount Carmel the next day." (Cont'd on page 8)

2003 Johnson Award Winner

2nd LT Robert Gruber received the annual Johnson Award with the Marine Corps sword. The award is given in memory of 2LT Richards S. Johnson, UNC NROTC '66, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1967. Semper Fi, LT Gruber.

Do you have a friend or classmate who has done something noteworthy? Help us profile those Alums who have made a difference, in the Navy/Marine Corps or in the "civilian world." Contact Bill Foster '80 via email with inputs: wffosterjr@aol.com

Alumni Focus: Ed Butchart '58 (cont.)

“The one thing that the Marine Corps did to prepare me for this is to give me a work ethic that few ever develop. Nothing has deterred me from keeping on with our basic mission which is to help folks. There have been many times when our finances looked bleak and some would have quit. We kept our focus on the Cross and on people who needed us and kept on going. The miracles kept coming (and still do) and we have stayed on task. My staff (nine full-time, 12 part-time and 40 volunteers) has learned that work ethic and we trudge on without being distracted by discouragements.

We have now given away over 9,000 wheelchairs in 36 states and 59 countries, over 30 million dollars worth of stuff of all kinds.”

Semper Fidelis,
Ed

To find more about Ed's work, visit www.fodac.org on the internet. Those of you who are members of the General Alumni Association can also access the Alumni Profile article via the web, at:
<http://www.alumni.unc.edu/members/car/archives/2001/Nov-Dec2001/alumniProfiles.htm>

If you would like to contact Ed regarding his work, he can be reached at the following address:

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Congratulations Class of 2003



United States Naval Reserve

Ensign, USNR
Benjamin D. Apple
Michael B. Burnett
Neil J. Curtis
Rolf E. Graning
Mark E. Lloyd
Richard B. Slade



United States Marine Corps Reserve

Second Lieutenant, USMCR
James C. Collins
Joseph C. Elseroad
Robert R. Gruber
Matthew G. Roberts
Morris M. Sharber
Jessica L. Utter

PAT CONNOR AWARD

Congratulations to Ensign Michael Burnett, this year's recipient of the Pat Connor Award. ENS Burnett will be TDY at Chapel Hill until 27 October before reporting for Naval Flight Officer training in Pensacola. The Connor Award is given in honor of LT Patrick Connor '87, killed in action in the first Gulf War in 1991.

2003 UNC NROTC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ UNC Class _____ or Staff _____

PIG-PICKIN' TICKETS

@ \$18.00 (Adult) ages 13 and up x _____ = \$ _____

@ \$ 5.00 (Child) ages 12 and under x _____ = \$ _____

(Note: The caterer charges by the plate. If you have a very small child who will be eating from the parent's plate, a ticket for the child is not necessary.)

If you desire to be notified if game time/schedule is changed, please fill out the best method to contact you:

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 University of North Carolina
 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3325**

Note: Deadline for receipt of registration forms is 01 October. If you have any questions, contact LT Krause at 919-843-9279 or krauserj@email.unc.edu.

2003 Alumni Registration Form

You have already paid your dues for 2003. Thank you! Use this form only to update personal information, make charitable donations, purchase a membership directory or convert to life membership now.

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 Capt. David Dawson, USMC Memorial Fund _____
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Thank You!

LET YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

“Scuttlebutt” inputs for the September newsletter.

(Inputs may also be e-mailed directly to Dan Rabil '86 at patrius@patriot.net)