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2005 UNC NROTC ALUMNI REUNION

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Association Hosts Salute to WWII-era Tar Heels

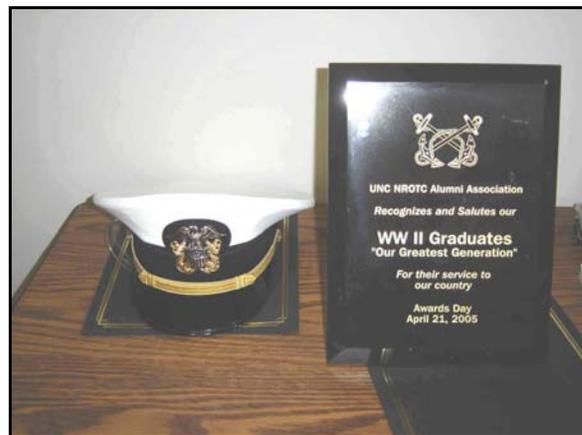
UNC NROTC alumni from the World War II era returned to Chapel Hill April 21 for a reunion luncheon hosted by the NROTC Alumni Association. "The recognition event was a great success in my opinion," said board member Rusty Phelan '59. "Those guys seemed to know one another and had a great time."

The luncheon was scheduled to coincide with Midshipmen Awards Day, so the alumni could see the current generation of midshipmen in action.

NROTC unit commander Captain Puryear was a special guest at the reunion, held at the Carolina Inn. The skipper "enjoyed himself," said Phelan. He gave "very genuine and appreciative comments" regarding the vets, both at the luncheon and at the unit's awards ceremony that followed at the Armory.

The event was the alumni association's expression of gratitude for the unit's founding cadre, which had inspired all the subsequent classes of midshipmen.

The idea of some kind of reunion was first urged by several members of the classes of 1944 and 1945. One alumnus had earlier noted that the Class of 1945 had donated the large unit emblem above the front doors of the Armory, beneath which hundreds of middies have walked over the years. The elder vets naturally expressed particular concern over the fate of the Armory, prompting talk of a renewed effort to save the building.



The Association presented WWII-era vets with a plaque commemorating their service, which will be displayed in the Armory.

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Vets attending the luncheon (all from the class of 1945) were:

Skip Awalt
 Tom Campbell
 Alan Cone
 Robert Covington and his grandson Eli
 Withers Doar
 Harding Hughes
 Bynum Hunter
 Al Jacobson
 Wade Phillips
 Kent Roberts and his wife
 Mason Whitney

Harold Brown '72 videotaped the event and has edited it into a format suitable for distribution.

Phelan said helping with the event and seeing the great camaraderie among the Class of '45 made him wish for closer ties with his own classmates from the late 1950s. The elder vets were in good spirits and happily shared their sea stories, he said. "We sailed from Hawaii to Saipan to the North Atlantic before lunch."

Congratulations Class of 2005!



United States Naval Reserve

Ensign, USN

Scott W. Apple - Pilot
 Terry A. Aringe, Jr. - SWO
 Christopher J. DiGiovanna - SWO
 Gavin W. Ford - Medical Corps (Georgetown Medical School)
 Alan C. Presley - SWO
 John A. Sankel - SWO (N)
 Fletcher M. Tove - SWO



United States Marine Corps Reserve

Second Lieutenant, USMC

James E. Covington, III
 Aaron C. Eckert
 Emily C. Miller - Aviation
 Thomas L. Nicholson, III -Aviation

Whatever happened to....?

Hubert Seymour '69

“After graduating from UNC, I spent two years on *USS Gurke* (DD-783) . Following two cruises to Vietnam, I was selected for flight training, got my wings and went to VA-82 on *America* for my first cruise to the Med. I had tours of duty in VA-82, VT-25, VA-105, VA-174 USS *Saratoga* and as OIC FASOTRAGRU CCCI/Field.”

Seymour retired in 1989 and got an MBA (Aviation) from Embry-Riddle University. He worked as an Airport Planner for ten years and is now senior manager for planning for the Jacksonville [Florida] Airport Authority. He is married to Helen Shaw Seymour of Orange Park, and they and have three daughters, one son and four grandsons.

Just Like Old Times

They say you should never burn bridges in your career, since you never know when you might be forced to deal with someone again. That is certainly true in the Navy. Luckily for two Carolina NROTC alumni, they were friends as midshipmen, so working together 20 years later is a treat.

Commander Tom (Walli) Lalor '84 (thomas.lalor@truman.navy.mil) has been assigned as Carrier Strike Group 10 Air Operations Officer on USS *Harry S Truman* (CVN 75) for the past year. Walli's prior assignment was as Commanding Officer of VFA-105 *Gunslingers* (F-18s). He led his squadron overland during the opening days of the Iraq invasion.

Also assigned to Carrier Strike Group 10 is **Commander John (Henry) Hearne '85** (john.hearne85@alumni.unc.edu), the group's Knowledge Manager for the past year. Prior to CSG10, John was a charter member of Task Force Web, a CNO special project team tasked to develop the Navy Enterprise Portal and web enable applications, an effort similar to the federal government's eGov initiative.

Walli and John are currently deployed in support of the Iraq war, but still manage to catch games on Armed Forces Network TV. According to Henry, they can found “in front of the big screen in the Flag mess whenever there is a Carolina ballgame on.”



Tom Lalor and Henry Hearne sailing past the Rock of Gibraltar.

Scuttlebutt

Beth (Carreiro) Newman '91 lives in Silver Spring, MD, with husband Dave and two girls (ages 6 and 7). After leaving active duty in 1999, she mainly cared for the girls until recently being hired as interim director at St. Luke Christian Day School. She also spent four years in the Reserves from 1999-2003.

John Alexander '58 is chairman of Alico, Inc (NASDAQ: ALCO) in LaBelle, Florida. He is also a director for Farm Credit of Southwest Florida and chairman and CEO of Atlantic Blue Trust, Inc.

Dan Rabil '86 and his wife Megan had their second baby, Marguerite Patricia Rabil, Dec 9, 2004. All goes well. Dan moved to Port Huron, MI, in 2004 and is a metals buyer for a brass casting and extrusion mill.

Harold Brown '72 lives within 20 miles of Dan and both are NROTC Alumni board members, making eastern Michigan the strategic stronghold on the Canadian frontier that the group has long sought.

1st Lt Charlotte Brock '02 is Staff Secretary for the Office of the Commanding General, 1st Force Service Support Group in Camp Pendleton. She is a communications officer and was deployed to Iraq from Feb - Sep 2004.

Bob Comet '45 lives in Suffolk VA and builds ship models before the public as a volunteer at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk (on most Tuesdays) and at the Marines' Museum in Newport News (on most Wednesdays). "Y'all come see me!"

Thomas Henry "Hal" Barge '82 is nearing the end of a two-year tour as CO of the submarine repair facility in Bangor, WA. "I recently ran across **Gordon Rutherford (UNC NROTC class of '82)**, who is the reactor officer on Stennis. He is here for a while, since the ship is in overhaul for a year."

Tim Hastings '88 volunteered for the reserves in the summer of 2003 and was re-commissioned as a LT. Tim then served with MIUWU-103 for eight months in Kuwait. The unit was converted to an inshore small boats unit and protected the main port into Kuwait where all the equipment for Iraq was shipped. Tim has been living in San Francisco but will be starting at Rutgers Law School in Camden, NJ this fall.

Leo Wardrup '58 remains a member of the House of Delegates in the Virginia General Assembly. He has served for 14 years and is chairman of the Committee on Transportation. He is also on the Appropriations Rules and Joint Rules committees.



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UNC NROTC '83

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Reunion Events Schedule

Saturday, 22 Oct 2005

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)**

**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 rooms has been reserved for our members at the Durham Wyndam Garden Hotel for the low rate of \$69/night. The block is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights 21-22 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 Shannon.

The rooms are first come, first serve, so reserve early. Deadline is Oct 1



Football Tickets!



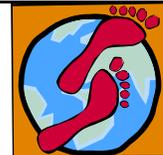
The UNC vs Virginia football game is reunion day, Oct 22. We expect to secure a block of 40 seats for NROTC alumni and family/friends. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and how many tickets you'll need. Tickets should be about \$35 each.

Dan Rabil '86

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J. Gordon Forester '55 has four children and six grandchildren. He wrote a book, "*A Different Cadence*," available at Amazon.com and elsewhere. Gordon will be in Chapel Hill for his 50th reunion this year.

Bill Hackney '70 is managing partner of Atlanta Capital, an institutional investment manager. He retired from the USMCR in 1999 as a colonel and is on the board of directors for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Kent Roberts '45 is retired from the faculty of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

David Rapp '46 retired as a USMC colonel, farmed and taught high school. He lives in Wevers Cave, VA.

2nd Lt. Bob Gruber '03 has been deployed in Iraq as a communications officer for I MEF since February. Gruber is based out of Camp Pendleton and can be reached at gruberunc@hotmail.com.

Wade Phillips '45 taught real estate courses at various community colleges and private schools before retiring. He and his wife have moved into a retirement home in Greensboro.

† In Memoriam †

The Association was recently informed of the deaths of the following alumni:

James Champion Wilson '49, of Winston-Salem died in July 2004.

George Edward Henkel '45, of Statesville, died Aug 8, 2004.

Bill York '52 died in March 2004 after a hard 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease, his wife Bunny (Laura '52) informed the Association. Bill augmented to the regular Navy in 1953 and retired in 1973. "Bill was many things," said Bunny, "but most of all he cherished his family, his church, his country...and Carolina basketball!"

Thomas Snook, '71 passed away in early December 2004 following a short, intense battle with lung cancer, the Association was informed by **Ed Darrow, '70**. Thomas was an Atlanta CPA, and among his many clients was the Georgia Republican Party. He leaves his wife Peggy and two daughters both of Marietta, Georgia. His best friend **Dale Todd, '71**, eulogized Tom at the funeral service. Dale Todd's son, **UNC Midn 2/C Matt Todd**, attended the funeral in uniform.

Richard Elliott '46, according to the *Carolina Alumni Review*.

Arthur James Eagan '53, Col (USMC Ret) died of lung disease caused by pneumonia on April 1, his wife Rhoda informed the Association. Jim Eagan was a midshipman battalion commander in his UNC days and had been living in Fredericksburg VA since retiring from the Marines.

R. Cartwright Carmichael, Jr. '54 died on January 1, his wife informed the association.

2005 UNC NROTC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ UNC Class _____ or Staff _____

PIG-PICKIN' TICKETS

@ \$18.00 (est.) adults x _____ = \$ _____

@ \$ 5.00 (est.) 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.)

Checks should be made out to the “**Quarterdeck Society.**” Profits made from the sale of the pig-pickin' tickets will go toward support of the midshipmen. Please mail your registration form to:

LT Phillips, OIC
NROTC Unit
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3325

Note: Deadline for receipt of registration forms is 10 October. If you have any questions, contact LT Phillips at 919-843-9279 or phillipr@email.unc.edu.

2005 Alumni Registration Form

You have already paid your dues for 2005. 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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 LT Patrick K. Connor, USN Memorial Fund _____
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LET YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

“Scuttlebutt” inputs for the fall newsletter.
 (Inputs may also be e-mailed directly to Dan Rabil '86 at patrius@greatlakes.net)