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October 5 & 6

Tar Heels versus Miami Hurricanes

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Bob Smith '75 had breakfast with **Captain Marshall Ward '44** in San Diego last month. Captain Ward was the first inductee into the NROTC at Chapel Hill in 1940. Captain Ward wrote that he could not make this year's reunion event but wished us well. His last two trips to the Hill were in the summer unfortunately. He continues to return because he's a believer that we should keep the spirit alive. He hopes to get lucky and make next year's event.

LtCol. Mike Richardson '88 is entering his second year as OIC of the Legal Services Support Section, IIIMEF, Okinawa Japan. He recently completed a tour as a military judge at Camp Lejeune (including a deployment to OIF). He is looking forward to serving the majority of next year dual-hatted as the LSSS OIC and the SJA for the 3D MLG, which promises to be a busy time. He and his wife **Kelli (class of '93)**, their three children (Tori-13, Bailey-11, and Nicholas-9) are thoroughly enjoying their time in the Orient but miss real-time UNC coverage and American restaurants! E-mail: Michael.b.richardson@usmc.mil.

Update from LCDR Bogmir Glavan '97:

“Greetings Tarheels! I am stationed up in Whidbey Island NAS. We have been up here for about a year. The summers are unbelievable with tons to do outside! **Rebecca (class of '97)** and I have two children, Lori-4 and Bog Jr.-2. I am assigned to VR-61 as a FTS Officer and am flying the mighty C-9 Skytrain! Anyone making a run for the Canadian border is welcome to come by and have a place to stay. Hope everyone is doing well.”

Verify Class Listing

With the reunion of the class of 1957 last May, we realized that there were some names omitted from our list of NROTC graduates. Please look on our website for your class listing and send me a note of names you think are missing. Thanks.

Rusty Phelan E-mail: phelansc@bellsouth.net

NROTC AT CHAPEL HILL IN THE 50'S

By James T. Cheatham, CDR, USNR-RET

In the fall of 1953 the Korean War was just winding down and threats of further draft calls were being made. As a freshman at UNC I was pleased to be accepted in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of North Carolina as a contract student. I would be draft exempt but required to take one Naval Science Course each semester, attend weekly drills and go on a six week cruise my junior year. Upon successfully completing these requirements and receiving a University Degree, I would be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and required to serve two years on active duty and five years in the ready reserve.

There were two companies of midshipmen, a color guard, a drum and bugle corps and a drill team. The Air Force had a similar unit. Captain Goode was our Marine Officer of Instruction, responsible for all drills, etc.

Learning close order drill did not come easily for this midshipman. I was selected to serve in the University Color Guard for a fall football game. We were required to walk the length of the field before the National Anthem was played and apparently I was the only one out of step. Upon returning to my seat Captain Goode informed me I would not be needed for any more color guard duty.

Later in January of my freshman year, my name and Hugh McCall's name were called out at drill to report to Captain Goode. We both thought we had done something against regulations, but could not figure what it was. It turned out that the University had appointed Captain Goode as the lacrosse coach and he needed some more bodies to fill out the team. We asked why us? We had never played lacrosse and he explained that we had played high school football and he could teach us. Most of the team were members of the NROTC unit. We played several Big East schools but failed to win a game. At the end of the season we received monogram letters but because Hugh and I were freshmen, we only received freshman letters (NCAA rules at that time only allowed upper classmen to receive varsity letters).

About five years ago I was surprised to receive a letter from the then UNC Athletic Director, John Swafford, stating that after an investigation, he had determined that I had earned a varsity lacrosse letter in 1954 and I was entitled to varsity letter status. I later found out that the investigation was probably a result of the University wanting to recognize Hugh (then President of the Bank of America) as a significant contributor.

Today at UNC the NROTC program, in the age of a voluntary armed forces, is handicapped as the Navy is looking for officers with engineering training. (We had only six officers commissioned last class).

NOTE: For a narrative about my two years of active duty in the Far East on an LST, you may purchase my book (soft Cover) "Night Beaching". An unscrupulous Captain tangles with some "Gator" Navy Reserve Officers. To order: 800-288-4677 or www.iuniverse.com.

Visit the Memorial

If you are attending this year's reunion, plan on taking a little extra time and visit the Memorial to Carolina's Fallen Heroes, located beside Memorial Hall on Cameron Ave. It will be time well spent.

2007 Reunion Schedule

October 5 & 6

Lodging: Wyndham Hotel, located at 4620 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, NC (I-40, exit 281). Our special NROTC Alumni rate is \$79/night which includes breakfast. Call (919) 941-6066 or (800) 972-0264 and request special rate. Hotel is about 11 miles from campus.

October 5 1700 Board Meeting
1800-2000 Social Home of Fred Swindal, 1 Saint James Place, Chapel Hill.
Beer, wine and eats provided. Please E-mail Rusty Phelan at phelansc@bellsouth.net if you can attend the social.

October 6 3 Hours before kickoff General Meeting
2 hours before kickoff BBQ Lunch

2007 Reunion BBQ Registration Form

October 6, 2007

Adult (age 13+) \$15/plate X _____ = \$ _____
Child \$5/plate X _____ = \$ _____

Donation to UNC NROTC Battalion \$ _____
2007 Membership directory (\$10/copy) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to UNC NROTC Alumni Association

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Please provide us with the preferred means of notification of exact start times:

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