



UNC NROTC Alumni Association Newsletter

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Time to Renew or Join

It's that time of year for annual members to renew their membership and for new alumni to join. Please complete the form on the back page and forward to the treasurer. What do you get for your \$20? What is the UNC NROTC Alumni Association?

Objective and Purpose of the Alumni Association:

Exclusively for charitable and educational purposes of promoting the welfare of the NROTC program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Association shall be a service organization of the NROTC Unit and affiliated with the university's General Alumni Association.

In this role the association shall promote the interest of the NROTC Program and the unit in the following manner:

1. Encourage fellowship among graduates of the university and members of the association through publication of a newsletter and other projects which the board may prescribe.
2. Assist the unit recruiting effort by providing current and prospective students with information about the opportunities offered by the program at Chapel Hill.
3. Research, promote and physically display the rich Naval tradition shared by the university and the Naval Service.
4. Establish a speaker's bureau and information resource to other organizations as required.
5. Endow awards, scholarships and other activities in furtherance of educational objectives of the NROTC program which the board may establish



December Commissioning Ceremony

Ensigns Robert Driver and Chet Ferron were commissioned on December 13, 2008 among family, friends and fellow midshipmen in front of the Old Well. Ensign Driver, receiving a BS degree in Mathematics, will report to Hawaii for a surface warfare assignment. Ensign Ferron, the recipient of an AB degree in Communications, will report to Pensacola, Florida for aviation training. Association members Jim Cheatham, Wayne Jackson, Joe Lyons, Rusty Phelan And Bob Smith joined in the recognition of the new officers.

Update your records

Visit our website at <http://www.uncnrotcaa.org>



2008 Reunion

A Unique Party on Columbia Street

The annual NROTC Alumni reunion was highlighted by the BBQ being held after the soggy Boston College football game on the Naval Armory grounds. The unit shifted gears and held a real “pig pickin” in lieu of the previous catered event. The midshipmen proved to be excellent “pig roasters” and attendees enjoyed beer and wine beverages while envious non Navy fans passed. The noon kickoff of the game necessitated a change in schedule which proved to be an advantage as all after game traffic had disappeared by the conclusion.

Alumni were greeted by an attractive welcoming sign and tents provided by the GAA and the unit. The night before several attendees met at the home of Fred and Madonna Swindal for a social get together. Rusty and Carol Petrea provided the wine for our weekend event. The general meeting was held Saturday morning prior to the game. Minutes of the board meeting and general meeting follow. Support of the GAA was critical in organizing the schedule and securing tickets to the game. Our allotment of 40 tickets was gone within 2 weeks of posting. Many thanks to Anita Walton for her effort. The unit pulled off a flawless BBQ and the event was a huge success.

The midshipmen were understandably proud of the results of their cooking skills. The Alumni Association is most grateful to Captain Matts, LTCOL. Nichols, LT. Lubitz and LT. Gerring for their hosting of our event. The fact that

the Tar Heels took down the BC Eagles made standing in the intermittent drizzle worthwhile. And sitting in a comfortable chair enjoying real BBQ with a glass of red wine among fellow alumni: ”priceless”!

NROTC Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting October 25, 2008

Present: Ed McGinnis, Fred Swindal, Bob Smith, Joe Lyons, Steve Levesque and Rusty Phelan.

LT. Gerring reported on composition of the unit and event dates

Unit consists of 44 Midshipmen: 14 First Class, 8 Second Class, 11 Third Class & 11 Fourth Class

Veterans Day Ceremony is Nov. 11 and commissioning May 9

Ed McGinnis presented the Treasurer’s report (Attached).

Ed pointed out the decrease in fund accounts value due to market events.

Rusty initiated a discussion of the memorial fund and its purpose. He suggested developing a project to provide a plaque honoring those graduates who lost their life during service to their country as the fund was originally intended. Rusty will investigate a possible design.

LT. Gerring reviewed a proposal from the unit requesting the alumni to provide funds for the installation of cable wiring, a new large screen TV, furniture, an Xbox device and picnic tables. The discussion surfaced several reservations on the loss of the wiring when the Naval Armory is demolished and the availability of TV and recreational devices throughout the campus. In addition Ed pointed out the lack of funds in the checking account until annual dues are received. Rusty suggested an appeal be included in the January newsletter to see if the membership would support such a project.

Rusty made a proposal to extend the complementary membership of newly commissioned officer to a full year after graduation. The proposal was accepted.

The Board elected Bob Smith as President and Joe Lyons as Treasurer.

Rusty will coordinate the next board meeting date with E-mail in late January for a February or March date.

You may also register and pay via our secure website at www.uncnrotcaa.org

Please respond by February 28, 2009

2009 Alumni Registration Form

Name: _____ UNC Class of _____ or Staff _____

Rank (current, retired or highest): _____ USN /USMC

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Civilian or military work/job title: _____

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(LIFE Members do not pay annual dues)

Annual Dues for 2009 @ \$20 \$ _____

Or

I desire to convert to life membership now

One time payment of \$350 or installments of \$125—3 years \$ _____

Tax-deductible Charitable Donations

Lt. Patrick K. Connor, USN Memorial Fund \$ _____

Capt. David Dawson, USMC Memorial Library Fund \$ _____

Midshipmen Scholarship Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

2009 NROTC Membership Directory (\$ 10/Copy) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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