

Willard B. Stubbs '85, CAPT, USN (Ret.)



CDR Will Stubbs accepts the 2001 Distinguished Service Award from Jim Bailer in recognition for his leadership on the Board of Directors.

Will Stubbs faithfully served on the UNC NROTC Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1994-2000. He served in the office of Treasurer from 1994 - 1996. Throughout his tenure on the board, he constantly presented dynamic ideas aimed at moving the association forward to a higher level of standing and service. His brilliance and enthusiasm were matched only by his commitment of much personal time. He often placed the association's needs ahead of his own as he molded ideas into action. Some of his many contributions while serving on the board include:

- Implemented the use of professional software to automate the bookkeeping and financial reports.
- Created a finance committee to oversee association investment strategies.
- Created the life membership option for members in lieu of annual dues payment.
- Established the practice of membership renewal/registration at the beginning of each year enabling the board to adopt a formal budget in which a percentage of revenues could be set aside for midshipmen educational support.
- Instituted credit card payment as an option for members.
- Personally solicited members to raise the necessary funds to make the Connor Award self-sustaining.
- Prepared essential paperwork that succeeded in getting the association recognized as a tax-exempt organization in accordance with IRS code section 501 (c) 3.
- Driving force behind the association becoming incorporated within the state of North Carolina through much personal time spent securing legal advice, making specific changes to the bylaws, and filing the necessary paperwork.
- Presented idea for the 10-year anniversary celebration of the association. Spearheaded the majority of the planning and preparations for the association's first Dining Out.
- Proposed the Distinguished Service and Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

It's difficult to imagine where the Alumni Association would be today without the talented support and dedication of Will Stubbs. His contributions have been both significant and enduring in the continuing growth of the organization. The Alumni Association is very proud to award Will Stubbs the Distinguished Service Award for 2001.