

# NROTC Alumni Newsletter ♦

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Midshipmans Foundation

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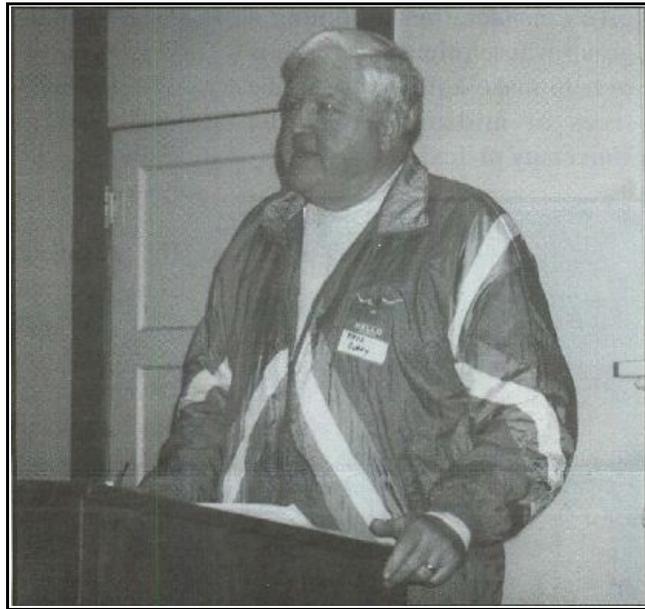
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- The big event of

## Ninth Annual Reunion Flexes to Meet Last Minute Game Change



*Foundation President Keys Curry '58, in a truly garish flaming burnt orange jogging outfit, addresses record crowd of alumni, spouses and friends at the American Legion Post on Town Lake.*

the year, our 9th annual reunion was carried out without a hitch despite the curve thrown by the University in changing at the very last minute to an evening game. We ditched the tailgate party; moved dinner earlier; and got everyone off to the game or cozied up in front of a TV at the American Legion Post. See "Keys' Korner" for details and join us next year!!

## New Format

Acting with initiative, the publication committee has not only devised a new format for the newsletter as directed but also a new schedule. Commencing with this publication, we will attempt four newsletters a year. They will coordinate with the Board schedule as follows:

- Jan. - Post Reunion Bd. mtg.
- Feb. - Events Calendar Issue
- Apr. - Spring Board mtg.
- May - Fund Raising Issue
- May - Fund Raising Mailer
- Aug. - Summer Board mtg.
- Sep. - Pre-Reunion Issue
- Sep. - Reunion mailer
- Oct./Nov - Reunion
- Nov. - Post Reunion Issue

Each issue will contain similar columns. The President and past presidents will each have one as well as the Professor of Naval Science. There will be Board Highlights; alumni letters; a financial summary; calendar; and alumni highlights. A conscious effort will be made to have something of interest for each of the four major year groups: W. W.II; Cold warriors; Vietnam; and Post Vietnam.

### *Calendar of Events*

Spring Commissioning	May
Executive Board Meeting	10 August
Executive Board Meeting	14 September
Alumni Reunion	4 October

### *Financial*

#### *Summary*

General Fund	\$1,375
Trust Fund	\$50,203

## President's [Key's] Korner

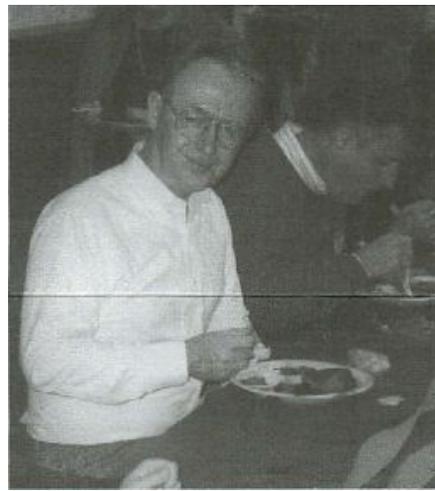
**I**F you missed the 1995 NROTC Alumni Foundation Reunion, you missed a great opportunity to visit with classmates or shipmates, look at Crow's Nest memorabilia and swap sea stories with other individuals who have been aboard ship or otherwise participated in the Navy or Marine Corp. We had a great turnout, excellent barbecue and to top it off we won the Texas Tech football game. If you have not participated in the NROTC Alumni Reunions, I would urge you to do so. I think you will find that it is great fun to renew old acquaintances and remember your midshipman days.

There are generally two reasons why people get involved with the NROTC Alumni Foundation. First, to have an opportunity to visit with old friends and people who shared similar experiences in the military, and second, to help the deserving young midshipmen who really need our financial help at this point in their Navy/Marine Corps careers. As you can see from the PNS CORNER your membership in and donations to the NROTC Alumni Foundation will make a difference in the lives of young men and women who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Regardless of the professional path you have followed since graduation, I think you will agree that at least some of what you learned as a midshipman at UT helped you in your career. Our

NROTC Alumni Foundation gives you a chance to help someone else have that same opportunity.

There is a place in our organization for everyone, from those that want very little involvement to those who would like to be directly involved in the Board of Directors. I would urge you to give consideration to joining a group whose primary purpose is to help make a difference in the lives of



Kenneth J. Moore '64 shown here chowing down at the Reunion has recently joined the \$5,000 Club with a generous pledge to the Trust Fund.

## Here's the Real Lowe-down

Howard R. Lowe, Feb. '44

I have been traveling back and forth to Central Asia (Kazakhstan) for the past 18 months. Today I was sorting some files and discovered I'd failed to pay my dues in 1994. Enclosed is my check for 1995 dues.

The get together of the W.W.II Class Reunion was great - saw some classmates I hadn't seen in years. If we are stateside for the November '95 reunion, we'll make it to Austin somehow.

My grandson has a full 4-yr. NROTC scholarship, and is attending the University of Washington in pre-engineering. Wish he'd have chosen Texas, but UW is a great school.

## Letter from Rodger P. Kester, Class of '68, 2 June 1995

**I** guess now that I am about to retire it seems appropriate that I join the UT NROTC Alumni Association. I have never been much of a joiner, but now that I will not be a drilling reservist anymore, I can devote time and energy to other interests.

I am just about to complete a most rewarding and enjoyable reserve career. This month is my thirteenth and final one on Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) for the Joint Transportation Corporate Information Management (CIM) Center (JTCC) at the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). I spent most of the past year as Chief, Reengineering Group, where we have begun the awesome task of reengineering the Defense Transportation System. It has been a challenging, educational and fantastic year - a great way to end a reserve career.

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## PNS CORNER

**D**ear Shipmate,  
Greetings from your  
Naval ROTC Unit here  
at the University of Texas!

The purpose of this letter is to briefly inform you of the status of our unit and encourage you to drop by for a cup of Navy/ Marine Corps coffee anytime you are in the Austin area.

Our Unit strength now stands at 80 midshipmen and officer candidates. I know this is a much reduced battalion size than most of you are familiar with, but we still are a highly productive Unit and are ranked in the top 10% of all ROTC programs. The reduced size is primarily a function of the Navy's downsizing program and our inability to compete with the financial incentives offered by a number of schools to Naval ROTC scholarship students. Recently we have formed an ROTC Faculty Advisory Committee and one of its immediate goals is to find solutions to our problem of competitiveness.

This past year the Unit's performance was excellent; as a group they achieved an overall GPA of 3.1, were named the outstanding student group on campus in their competitive category and through several fundraising events they donated over \$5,000 to local charities.

At the Spring Awards Ceremony your Naval ROTC Alumni

Foundation presented \$500 scholarships to three of our most deserving individuals; Midshipman Robert Holguin, Midshipman Gin Kai and Midshipman Misty Roquemore. Also through your generosity the Battalion Commander, Midn. Mike O'Hare, was presented a Naval Officer's sword by Keys Curry, President of the NROTC Alumni Foundation.

*...your organization is the only one of its kind within the entire NROTC program nationwide and only through your support am I able to continue...*

The fall reunion has been set by the Association for 5 October. I know you will be hearing more on the details from the Foundation, but on behalf of my staff and the Naval Battalion I

want to extend a hearty Navy and Marine Corps invitation to all of you who can make it to Austin. It is always a fun event and I am amazed at how the "camaraderie of those who go down to the sea in ships" transcends graduating classes and designators.

In closing I want to extend my personal thanks to all of you for supporting the Unit through the Naval ROTC Alumni Foundation. I believe that your organization is the only one of its kind within the entire NROTC program nationwide and only through your support am I able to continue our program in its current form.

Hope to see a large number of you all in October.

Warm regards,

**Bill Graner**

### Another Alumni letter by Alan T Beinhorn '62

Dated 6/11/95

I live in Roseville, California which is part of the Sacramento Metropolitan Area. I was part of the class of 1962. I spent two years aboard the AKA-97 USS Merrick. First as second division officer and then as the main propulsion assistant. After my two year tour which included the Cuban blockade and a WESTPAC stint, I returned to UT and entered law school graduating in 1967 — that may be why you have me as the Class of 1967. I changed my designator from line to JAG after law school. I have practiced law with the U.S. Government for 24 years in California. The only one I remember from my class is Dick Chote who lives in Austin. Unfortunately, for me, I have only had one opportunity to visit Austin since 1967 and I saw where they paved the beer garden at Scholz's. This so appalled me that I probably won't ever return again.

Alan T. Beinhorn

*Alan - Thanks for writing. We have a lot of incorrect info on you people. Its hard to get it right to begin with let alone stay up to date. Keep on us. And Alan... reconsider visiting...the companionship and the beer are just as good as ever! Ed.*

**IN MEMORIAL**

If you know of any Alumni, who you would like to honor, please contact us.

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors discussed the newsletter format and schedule. Bob Gartner donated the Microsoft Publisher software. The format of the reunion was discussed in regard to a big name speaker. It was agreed that a widely recognized name would be required. The consensus was that a speaker was not necessary because "networking" and seeing old friends was the main drawing card for our meetings. Seeing "old shipmates" has been our unifying theme. John Hitchcock moved we establish more ex-officio positions; one for membership and one for the reunion set for 5 October game against OK State.

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During Desert Shield/ Storm/ Sortie, I was one of the few naval reservists fortunate enough to have been recalled to active duty. Again, I served thirteen months in support of USTRANSCOM, this time in the Command Center on the Crisis Action Team (CAT). I managed progress from an action officer in the Sea, Land, and Surface Cells, through Operations and Executive Officer, to CAT Chief before I left active duty.

Both of these tours of active duty were a long way from an old ship driver off the coast of Vietnam and a great way to collect retirement points. I do not think I could have asked for a better

reserve career.

At the end of this month, I return from a leave of absence to Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). When I left CSC, I had been working on the Global Transportation Network (GTN) in support of USTRANSCOM and I am sure that when I return, I will again be supporting TRANSCOM in some way.

Please accept my application for membership in the Alumni Association and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

**Rodger P. Kester**  
Commander, USNR

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