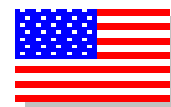




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MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION

JANUARY - MAY 1998

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James Adkins, 1955

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John Hitchcock, 1965

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Rodney Koenig, 1962

Max Miller, 1957

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PRESIDENTS EMERITUS

Charlie Simons, 1963

George Haley, 1956

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

COL John Cipparone,
USMC
(Professor of Naval Science)

John Carter, 1957
(Foundation Promotion)

Clint Coneway, 1966
(Alumni Contributions)

James Broaddus, 1970
(NROTC Unit Liaison)

Jack Ritter, 1955
(Navy League Liaison)

Louis De Cuir, 1979
(Reunion)

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UT MIDSHIPMAN FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Kirk Cansler, 1945

J. Weldon Koenig, 1958

Will McCann, 1961

John Hitchcock, 1965

ALUMNI ABOUT TOWN!

RADM J. Weldon Koenig, USN (Ret), 1958, was the guest speaker at the NROTC Annual Sea Services Ball held on November 15, 1997 at the Austin Hyatt Regency Hotel on Town Lake. Hearing ADM Koenig were Former Secretary of the Air Force and University of Texas System Chancellor Dr. Hans Mark and his wife, Marion, several Alumni and their spouses, Unit Midshipmen, Officer Candidates, Staff and their spouses/dates, and other guests. ADM Koenig's speech is presented (in shortened version) later in the Newsletter.

Robert Gartner, 1965, was honored by his fellow Alumni when he was selected as the 1997 Alumnus of the Year. He was presented with a Plaque from the NROTC Unit by CDR Gale Radebaugh, USN, Unit Executive Officer and Max Miller, President, at the Business Meeting on October 25, 1997 (See photo page 7). Bob and his wife, Jackie, had just gotten back from an extended trip to Europe where they toured Germany, Austria, and other countries too numerous to mention. Bob claims to have taken over 800 pictures and is looking forward to showing them to anyone with the time.

Bill Docekal, 1965, and his wife, Barbara, returned late in the year from a trip to the Slav countries. Although Bill attended the Directors' meeting held in February, he did not subject anyone to his photographic genius.

CAPT Bill Graner, USN (Ret), former PNS at UT, retired in August 1997 and was employed by Dell Computer. However, after three months, he heard the "real" call of retirement and moved to Wyoming! Perhaps it really was because his wife, Arla, had been selected for a promotion with the Department of Agriculture. It's now his time to follow the real bread winner and pay his dues!

BOARD SELECTS OCTOBER 3, 1998 FOR THE NEXT REUNION!

The date for the Reunion is October 3, 1998. Sites other than the American Legion Hall will be reviewed at the August Board of Directors' meeting for the evening dinner. Also, the Board will discuss having the Reunion at 18 or 24 month intervals to enable more people to come. Plan to come this year as future Reunions may be farther apart.

1998 DIRECTORY IS PUBLISHED!

The Spring 1998 Alumni Directory is out and has been mailed to Alumni who contributed to the Operating and/or Trust Fund in 1997. If you contributed and did not receive your copy, please contact Bob Gartner at his e-mail or at this PO Box

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors' Meeting, RAS ROTC Bldg., NROTC Wardroom	29 August 1998 10:00am
Board of Directors' Meeting, RAS ROTC Bldg., NROTC Wardroom	3 October 1998 9:00am
Alumni Reunion Business Meeting, RAS ROTC Bldg., 3rd Floor	3 October 1998 10:00am
UT vs. Iowa Football Game	TBA
Reunion & Dinner	TBA

OPERATING FUND SUMMARY UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION

Beginning Bal. 2/8/98	\$2,890.74
Income	
Interest	\$6.25
Checks/Contributions	\$525.00
Expenses	
PNS Discretionary	\$500.00
Newsletter/postage	\$783.44
Awards, etc. for Midn	\$898.00
Bank Charges	\$38.50
Ending Bal. 5/2/98	\$1,202.05

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

“Ramblings from the President”

This spring I attended several functions involving the NROTC midshipmen. They are fewer in numbers now as compared to the time that I was in the NROTC at UT; however, they make up for small numbers with outstanding quality. They have a very high GPA (3.0+). This is higher than the average for The University of Texas student body as a whole. They are well mannered and seem to have their personal goals in focus. Several will attend submarine school and flight training upon graduation.

The three midshipmen who received our scholarships all made it a point to look me up and introduce themselves. All three were highly qualified and very appreciative.

We should try our best to insure that the newly graduated Ensigns and Second Lieutenants become active members of our Alumni Association. COL Cipparone, USMC, has been extremely helpful in reminding the graduating midshipmen that now they can help the UT NROTC Alumni association. They were given a copy of the last newsletter that contained the mailer that could be submitted for joining the UT NROTC Alumni Association.

A new directory was mailed to individuals who contributed to either the Foundation Fund or the Operating Fund the past year.

Max Miller, 1957

President

A SUMMARY OF RADM KOENIG'S COMMENTS AT THE ANNUAL SEA SERVICES BALL

RADM John Weldon Koenig is a graduate of the University of Texas, class of 1958, a UT NROTC Alumnus, Director and Trustee for the MIDSHIPMANS Foundation. The following summary was provided by RADM Koenig:

“The point of the speech was to set a direction for each of us and established what could be called a moral compass. Basically, it stated that we should commit to doing what is right.

Sound morals and ethics cannot be established quickly. They must be institutionalized within our character over time...they must become a way of life.

Of all the moral and ethical standards and responsibilities that we have been brought up with, one of those...at least for many...stands out above the rest. It is the one that most keep in the forefront of their minds...it is the ethical and personal touchstone...It is INTEGRITY.

Integrity, as we know it today, stands for soundness of moral principle and character—uprightness—honesty. But there is more. Integrity is also an ideal...a goal to strive for...and for a man or woman

(See “Speech” on page 3)

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS OF 1998 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MIDSHIPMEN

From the **Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit, UT to Max Miller, Alumni Foundation President** - - “All three of these outstanding midshipmen meet the criteria for the Alumni scholarship and receive my highest personal endorsement. All of them have demonstrated superior academic performance and military aptitude. - - I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support from the Alumni association by once again awarding one Navy sword to one of the graduating seniors. Your scholarships, awards, and continued support are greatly appreciated and assist outstanding midshipmen in becoming outstanding officers.”

—*COL John S. Cipparone, USMC*

“It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the University of Texas NROTC Alumni for the five hundred dollar scholarship. I consider this scholarship award a prestigious honor - - I will do my utmost to prove myself worthy of this honor.”

—*Karen T. Benavides, Midn. 4/c*

“- - to relay my sincere gratitude for the award give to me by your organization [Alumni Foundation, ed.]” The “mission of the Alumni is very much acknowledged and greatly appreciated not only by myself but also by every member of this NROTC unit.”

—*Stuart Fugler, Midn. 1/c*

“I just - - received a \$500.00 scholarship from the NROTC Alumni. I wanted to send a special thanks to you and the alumni. It's the gracious gifts like these scholarships that help to motivate people and it makes the financial burden lighter (definite stress reliever). Once again, thank you for the financial aid and the encouragement for the next semester.”

—*Noelle Cormier, Midn. 4/c*

TREASURER’S REPORTS ON THE ALUMNI OPERATING FUND STATUS FOR 1997 AND 1998

Bob Gartner, 1965, submitted the following Treasurer’s Reports to the Board of Directors at the February and May, 1998 Board meetings:

February, 1998:

Beginning Balance, October 25, 1997		\$1,575.57
Income		
Interest (3 Months on Checking Acct)	6.59	
Member Checks/Cash Contributions	2,785.00	
Total Income		<u>\$2,791.59</u>
Total Operating Fund		\$4,367.16
Expenses		
PNS Discretionary Fund	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous Reunion Expenses	763.02	
Transfer to Midshipman Trust Fund	200.00	
Service Charge (1 Month)	13.40	
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,476.42</u>
Ending Balance, February 7, 1998		<u>\$2,890.74</u>

Also, the Reunion income and expenses were within \$95.00 of breaking even. However, gifts to the Operating Fund and to the Trust Fund by the Alumni attending the Reunion were significant.

May, 1998:

Beginning Balance, February 8, 1998		\$2890.74
Income		
Interest (3 Months on Checking Acct)	6.25	
Member Checks/Cash Contributions	525.00	
Total Income		<u>\$531.25</u>
Total Operating Fund		\$3,421.99
Expenses		
PNS Discretionary Fund	\$500.00	
Greater Austin CofC (Mil Ball for Midn.)	500.00	
Newsletter	Printing	385.17
	Handling	199.87
	Postage	160.00
Hilborn-Mamburger (Sword Award)	398.00	
Postage Due/Stamps	38.40	
Check Printing Fee	14.50	
Service Charge (2 Months)	24.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,219.94</u>
Ending Balance, May 2, 1998		<u>\$1,202.05</u>

Bob Gartner, 1965
Treasurer

“Speech” (Continued from page 2)

to “walk in their integrity” is to require constant discipline and usage. The word Integrity itself is a martial word that comes to us from an ancient Roman Army tradition.

Roman soldiers responded to the inspecting Centurion as he came in front of each legionnaire by striking his armor and shouting “INTEGRITAS”, which in Latin means material wholeness, completeness, and entirety. At the same time the Praetorian of Imperial Bodyguard was ascending into power and influence. Drawn from the best “politically correct” soldiers of the Legion, they received the finest equipment and armor. They would not shout Integritas, but would instead shout “Hail Caesar” which signified that they served a single man and not a code or ideals.

A rift began between the Legion and the Imperial Bodyguard and so the legionnaire would now shout “INTEGER”, which means undiminished—complete—perfect. This meant that not only was the armor sound, the soldier wearing the armor was sound of character as well. This lasted for centuries and then social decline set in and the armor was set aside and so was the soundness of character and the result was a rotting of the Legion from within and the barbarians were at the gate.

The University of Texas Naval ROTC unit, has a tradition of producing great leaders that possess the highest ethical standards and integrity. Just as was true in the days of Imperial Rome, you either walk in your integrity daily, or you take off the armor and leave your heart and soul exposed...open to attack. Here is the challenge...Leave your armor and integrity on...take full measure of its weight...find comfort in its protection...do not become lax. And always remember that no one can take away your integrity. You and only you can give it away.

Proverbs sums it up nicely: ‘The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them’.”

RADM J. Weldon Koenig, USN (Ret)

Based upon a speech given by GEN Chuck Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps to the Midshipmen at the US Naval Academy, 1997.

COMMENTS FROM THE PNS, UT NROTC

As our 85 member Battalion readies for spring finals, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our alumni for all that you have done over the past 10 months. Your three \$500 scholarships each semester have greatly assisted our midshipmen who have not missed a beat on fostering the traditions and standards of excellence left by those who have gone before them.

Thanks to your Commanding Officer's stipend, we were able to send our drill team to the Tulane drill meet, our pistol team to Nebraska, and aspiring aviators to NAS Fort Worth for a Weekend Drill with the reserves. In the spirit of honing our midshipmen mentally, physically, and morally, the Battalion has supported two charity organizations in which they donated \$7,600 as well as participated in the Capitol 10K fund raiser.

While the Battalion as a whole has done much in respect to Community outreach, individual members have also distinguished themselves by achieving scholarships from such organizations as the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association whereby seven midshipmen/officer candidates received scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Also, one of our midshipmen received an unprecedented \$5,000 scholarship from the South West Chemical Association this past month. Additionally, we went six for six in getting three year scholarships for our college programmers.

These events together with the average Battalion GPA of 3.0, evince the Battalion's commitment to excellence. The fact that they have generated their own yearly \$500 scholarship for a deserving midshipmen further attests to their understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices their alumni undergoes so that our Naval ROTC Battalion remains the vanguard of professional development.

Bravo Zulu to each of you for your continued support. We remain most fortunate as we prepare to commission seven Ensigns and three 2nd Lieutenants thereby amassing thirteen officers for the Navy and five for the Marines between August 97 and May 98.

COL John S. CIPPARONE, USMC

Commanding Officer and Professor of
Naval Science, UT NROTC Unit

CURRENT VALUE OF THE UT MIDSHIPMAN FOUNDATION TRUST FUND

The Board received the following report from the Trustees of the value of the University of Texas Midshipman Foundation (UTMF) trust fund at the May meeting:

Value as of March 31, 1998:

The Bond Fund of America	2,243.310 shs @ \$14.02	\$31,591.41
Prudential Securities Account	305.632 shs @ \$13.22	4,404.46
Investment Management & Research Inc.		
Hartford Stock Fund Class B	579.658 shs @ \$17.21	9,975.91
Cash		181.84
John Hancock Fund	1,665.380 shs @ \$15.23	25,363.74
Bank One Account		469.09
UT NROTC Scholarship Fund Account		2,050.00
 Total Value		 <u>\$73,672.45</u>

Weldon Koenig, 1958

Secretary, University of Texas Midshipman Foundation

SUMMARY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—25

Financial Report: Bob Gartner reviewed the Financial Report for the Operating Fund. (*Report presented in this issue. ed.*)

Trust Fund: Weldon Koenig presented the report of the present value and make up of the Trust Fund. (*Latest Report presented in this issue. ed.*)

Discussion: The nominating Committee presented their recommendation for Vice President and Trustee for the Trust Fund.

Motion to accept the Committee recommendations was accepted. Elected

Vice-President for a two year term was Rodney Koenig. Kirk Cansler was reelected as a Trustee and John Hitchcock was elected as a new Trustee to the Fund.

Motion was accepted to establish a "President Emeritus" position on the Board (non voting) for ex-Presidents who wanted to remain active participants in the Foundation, but not full time Directors. This would enable former

Presidents to remain active while allowing for a new Director on the Board. Max Miller recommended an effort be made by the Directors to encourage more W.W.II

Vet Alumni to attend the next Reunion. Bob Gartner reminded the Directors that a Directory was due to those contributing in 1997 to the Operating and/or Trust Funds.

It was suggested that efforts be made to better utilize the NROTC Web page for Alumni information. Survey forms for Alumni input will be made available during the evening portion of the Reunion to enable alumni to share opinions on issues of importance to them with the Board.

Business Meeting: Alumni accepted and elected the Nomination Committee recommendations for Directors for a three year term as follows: Bruce Byron, Bill Docekal and Keys Curry. CDR Gale Radebaugh, USN, briefed the Alumni on the status of the Unit. Reports were made from the Treasurer, Bob Gartner, and Weldon Koenig, Trustee on the Operating and the Trust Funds respectively.

Gary Schoen, 1966
Secretary

(Editor:) The Following Mail Address and Information Update Form and the Donation Forms on the Back of this page are for your use in updating the Alumni Data Base and for making a donation to the Operating Fund and the Trust Fund. The data base is used to make the Alumni Directory and the mailing of this Newsletter.

Please fill in the information on the Update Form when making a change of address or other information and mail to the Address following the form.

MAIL ADDRESS AND INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

COMMISSIONING CLASS: 19_____

NAME: _____

RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ (If military Retiree, please note)

SPOUSE: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME (_____) _____ BUS (_____) _____

FAX: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

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****Note**

These Forms will be a regular part of the Newsletter for your use. At the present time, we are unable to include an envelope for the return mailing.

DONATION FORM FOR UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

COMMISSIONING CLASS: 19 _____

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME (_____) _____ BUS (_____) _____

FAX: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

Suggested donation levels: are \$75 (Patron), \$50 (Sustaining), \$25 (Regular)

Enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to **NROTC Alumni Foundation** and mail to:

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COMMISSIONING CLASS: 19 _____

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME (_____) _____ BUS (_____) _____

FAX: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

Suggested donation levels: are \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, or more.

Enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to **MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION** (IF NOT USING MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM) or to the **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** (IF USING THE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM, ALSO ENCLOSE YOUR COMPANY FORM) and mail to:

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ADVANCED 1998 REUNION INFORMATION!

Date: October 3, 1998, Texas vs. Iowa State

Let us hear from you!



Bob Gartner receives the Alumni of the Year Award from Alumni Foundation President Max Miller — October 1997

EDITORIAL COMMENTS!

Bill Docekal, 1965, has developed a News Brief which he sends each month to alumni who have an e-mail address. It is a short update of what is happening in the Unit, to alumni and in the Austin area. If you have not received the last two briefs, please send me your e-mail address at my e-mail address jwhitchcock@austintx.net. I will update the data base and continue to send Bill a current alumni e-mail address list. You can copy Bill the e-mail message you send me at wlb@ti.com and get on the list he has currently. Bill also publishes a list of known e-mail addresses for alumni periodically in the news brief. He has received quite a few very favorable comments from alumni and I am sure you will be pleased too.

Good going, Bill!

Editor and Director

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

“No overoptimism must be allowed to emerge when we are discussing matters affecting our nation’s survival. We must always be supported by the straightjacket of realism.”
 ADM Hyman G. Rickover

IN MEMORIAM

Graham G. Landrum, 1943 - July 31, 1995
Edmund B. Titcomb, Jr., 1969 - June 3, 1972

Graham G. Landrum, 1943, died July 31, 1995 in Bristol Tennessee. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UT and he was in the first class of the NROTC. He was commissioned in June of 1943 and served on a destroyer in World War II detailed to North Atlantic convoy duty. Following the war, he returned to UT for a Master’s degree and then went to Princeton University where he received a Pd.D. in English literature. He taught at Rice University, Austin College and then King College in Bristol. He launched a second career, writing mystery novels that achieved national notice — all poking good natured fun at various social organizations. His first novel was “The Famous DAR Murder Mystery”. Landrum’s first published work — a non-fiction work called “An Illustrated History of Grayson County, Texas” appeared in 1961 and received praise from various sources. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son and a daughter.

LT Edmund B. Titcomb, Jr. USN, 1969, died June 3, 1972, while on active duty.

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WEB PAGE SITES:

- UT NROTC Web Page: <http://navy.rotc.utexas.edu>
- UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Alumnus Update page: <http://navy.rotc.utexas.edu/alumni.htm>
- Bureau of Naval Personnel Home Page: <http://www.bupers.navy.mil> (*This per Shift Colors!*)
- Navy On Line Home Page: <http://www.navy.mil/>
- Navy Historical Center: <http://www.history.navy.mil/>
- US Naval Institute: <http://www.usni.org/>
- US Naval Institute Press: <http://www.nip.org/>
- USNI Naval History: <http://www.navalhistory.org/>

WEB PAGE FOR A RAINY DAY!!!

Travel Texas: <http://www.traveltex.com/>

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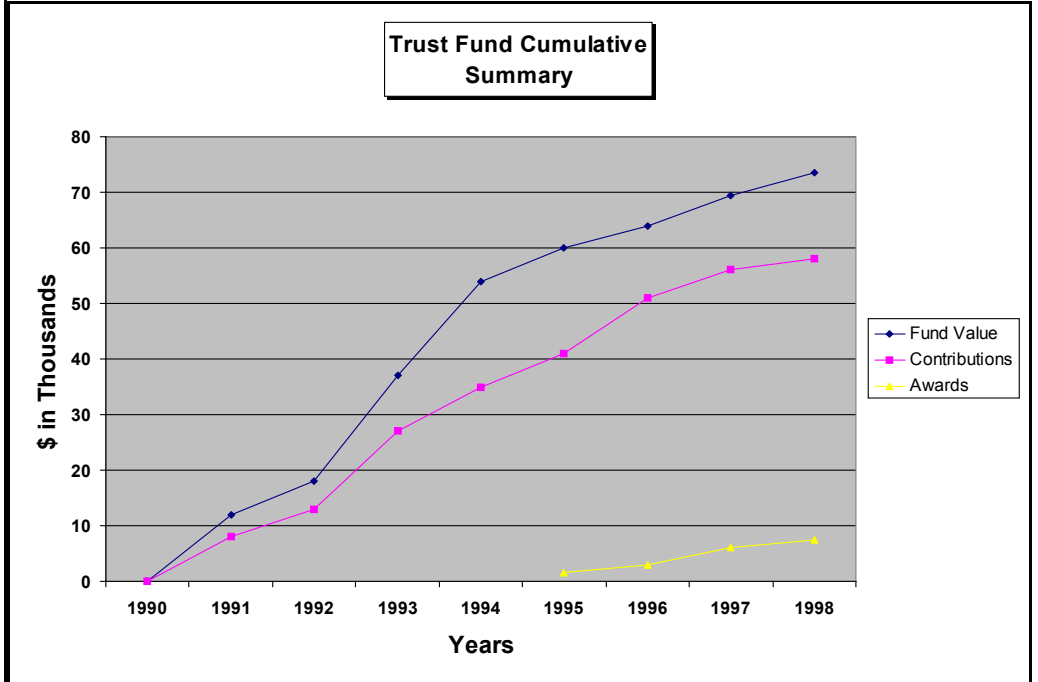
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—CDR Gale Radebaugh, USN,
NROTC Unit Executive Officer
Retires!

—Funds Update!

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Letters to the Editor!

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your Alumni Foundation? Here is
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