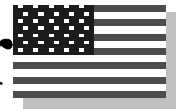




# NROTC Alumni Newsletter



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MIDSHIPMANS Foundation

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## Foundation Officers

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*President*  
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Rodney Koenig, 1962

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J. Weldon Koenig, 1958

Rodney Koenig, 1962

Max Miller, 1957

Gary Schoen, 1966

## Presidents Emeritus

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George Haley, 1956

John Hitchcock, 1965

Charlie Simons, 1963

## Ex Officio Members

CAPT Gene Garrett,

PNS

(Professor of Naval Science)

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(Navy League Liaison)

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## UT Midshipman Foundation Trustees

Kirk Cansler, 1945

J. Weldon Koenig, 1958

Will McCann, 1961

John Hitchcock, 1965

## Fourteenth Annual Alumni Reunion Scheduled for 21 October 2000

The 2000 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation will hold its annual reunion this year on **October 21st**, and it will consist of a full day of fun and informative activities. All NROTC alumni and their families or guests, or any other interested persons are welcome at all the events. This year, the reunion will include the following:

**A morning business meeting** with coffee and doughnuts on the third deck of Russel Steindam Hall (RAS) (old ROTC Building), where alumni and their guests will get a chance to socialize and learn about the current status of the Alumni Foundation, the UT MIDSHIPMANS Foundation (Trust) and the NROTC unit. Current Directors of the Alumni Foundation will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Midshipmen Wardroom to elect officers for the upcoming year. The business meeting *will commence at 10:00 a.m.* and will include presentations by Bill Docekal, 1965, President of the Alumni Foundation; and CAPT Gene Garrett, USN, Professor of Naval Science, UT NROTC Unit. Members present will select new or renew Directors for three year terms from recommendations of the Nominating Committee. We hope that parking can be arranged in the lot adjacent to RAS for persons registering in advance.

Attendance at the **UT vs. Missouri football game** is available for interested persons. The NROTC unit has reserved a block of fifty ball game tickets, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve tickets, please indicate the number of tickets you wish to reserve on the registration form in this Newsletter and **mail it in as soon as possible, preferably no later than Sept 30th to the Foundation address**. Payment for football tickets can be made as late as the day of the reunion. The time of the game is tentatively set for a (TBA) kickoff.

An evening (if the game is scheduled for the afternoon) **social gathering** will be held at Camp Mabry. It will include a catered barbecue dinner (brisket, sausage, chicken, potato salad, etc.) and beverages (beer, wine, liquor, soft drinks, etc.). Everyone will have a chance to meet old friends and classmates, to form new acquaintances, and to meet senior midshipmen, officer candidates and members of the UT NROTC staff. The gathering will begin with a social period at 6:00 p.m. with the meal to follow about 7:30 p.m. If the game is in the evening, times for the social and meal will be given at the business meeting. Please be flexible in case the times are changed.

Camp Mabry is located west of downtown Austin at the intersection of MOPAC and 35th Street.

### Calendar of Events

Board of Directors' Meeting to Select New Officers, RAS ROTC Bldg, NROTC Wardroom	21 October 2000 9:00 am
Alumni Reunion Business Meeting & Election of Directors, RAS ROTC, Bldg, 3rd Floor	21 October 2000 10:00 am
UT vs. Missouri Football Game	21 October 2000 TBA Kickoff
Reunion & Dinner, Camp Mabry Outdoor Pavilion	21 October 2000 TBA
"Die Hards Breakfast" at Cisco's on East 6th Street	22 October 2000 8:30 am

### Operating Fund Summary UT NROTC Alumni Foundation

Beginning Balance 6/00	\$2949.19
Income	
Interest	\$4.56
Contributions	\$1192.00
Sword Reimb.	\$372.45
(Expenses	
PO Box & Other	\$193.68
Bank Service Charge	\$12.00
COL Ciapparone Gift	\$254.39
Ending Balance 8/26/00	\$4058.13

## President's Corner

I want to thank the Alumni Board and our entire membership for the opportunity to serve as president for the last two years. It has been an enjoyable, enriching experience for me, and I look forward to continuing to support our association in the future.

A very significant accomplishment in 1999 that our entire membership can be proud of is our foundation exceeding \$100,000 for the first time. This has allowed us to continue annual funding support to the midshipmen of about \$5,000.00 in the form of scholarships and other funding.

The 1999 reunion was another success, with the Texas victory over Nebraska, the excellent catered food, the great location at Camp Mabry, the mild weather, and the fellowship visiting with all of the alumni.

Approximately 14 Alumni participated in the Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony on 28 July 2000, where CAPT Gene Garrett, USN, relieved COL John Cipparone, USMC, as PNS. All Alumni present spoke to the gathering and thanked John for his many contributions to the unit.

We presented him with a nice Texana gift (a set of bookends with hinges from the State Capitol).

LT. Coley Chappell has redesigned the Foundation Trust Fund Contributor's Wall Boards in the RAS 3rd deck Wardroom area. All of you are invited to view the excellent job Coley has done on the Contributor's Wall Boards during your next visit to the campus.

This year's reunion is scheduled for 20-21 October 2000 (Texas vs Missouri Football Game). We are expecting a great turnout. **WE WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE REUNION!**

Warmest regards,

Bill Docekal, 1965  
President

## Shipmate Locator

Due to requests from our Members, as well as an ongoing need to spruce up our member database, we are asking everyone to assist with locating some people whose addresses have been lost over time. If you have anyone who you would like to locate, let us know and we will include the names in the next and subsequent issues of this alumni newsletter.

For starters, please check your memory circuits for these alumni:

**Robert Ben Lillie**

**Clovis Vaughn**

**J. W. Peeper**

**Lyle Branch**

Any assistance in this endeavor would be much appreciated. Besides the obvious fellowship benefits, we can be much more effective in supporting the NROTC Midshipmen if we are all bending our backs to the task.

Send responses or search requests to [anewway@cvtv.net](mailto:anewway@cvtv.net) or 1506 FM 1383, Schulenburg, TX 78956.

"Reunion" (Continued from page 1)

There is a map on page 8.

Bob Gartner, 1965, has arranged for a **table at Cisco's** on East 6th Street at 8:30 a.m. Sunday for breakfast. Everyone who can is invited to attend to start the trip home. Please give him the number in your party that will be attending.

The cost of the reunion will be \$20 per person, which includes all food and drinks and admission to the Camp Mabry Pavilion. Additionally, an annual voluntary donation to the Alumni Foundation operating fund is suggested at either the \$25, \$50, or \$75 level. **To register, please fill out and complete the enclosed form, place it and a check in an envelope, and mail by October 9th to MIDSHIPMAN Foundation, UT NROTC Alumni, PO Box 143562, Austin, TX, 78714-3562.** Please register in advance so that we can get a reliable head count. We can then ensure sufficient meals for everyone. We will order a few extra meals if you find you are unable to register in advance. If you would like to reserve tickets for the football game, sending in your registration by Sept 30th is suggested. For more information about the reunion, contact Bruce Byron, 1970, at 512/502-0607.

# Meet The New PNS !

## **CARL E. "GENE" GARRETT, JR.**

Captain, United States Navy

Captain Garrett is a native of Kerr County, Texas. After graduating from Tivy High School in 1966, he entered Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas and received an Associate of Arts Degree in May 1968. The following September he entered Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics in May 1971.

Captain Garrett joined the Navy in May 1971 and after completing recruit training in Orlando, Florida, where he was awarded the American Spirit Honor Medal, Seaman Garrett was assigned to various temporary assignments. His first permanent assignment was as a plankowner and personnelman on board USS BARNSTABLE COUNTY (LST 1197) from May 1972 to February 1974.

After graduation from Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island in June 1974, Ensign Garrett fulfilled division officer assignments as Engineering Maintenance Officer, Anti-submarine Warfare Officer and Navigator aboard USS JOHN KING (DDG 3) from July 1974 to August 1977.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Garrett was next assigned as a student at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California from August 1977 to March 1980. Upon completion of the tour at Naval Postgraduate School, Lieutenant Garrett was awarded a Master of Science (with Honors) degree in Systems Technology. While at postgraduate school, Commander Garrett received the Excellence Award in Underwater Systems Technology from the Naval Underwater Systems Center.

After completion of the Department Head Course, Surface Warfare Officer's School, Newport, Rhode Island in October 1980, Lieutenant Garrett was assigned as the commissioning Combat Systems Officer, USS SCOTT (DDG 995) from December 1980 to April 1984. While assigned to USS SCOTT, she was awarded the Battle Efficiency Award. His next assignment was as Combat Systems Officer, USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47) from April 1984 to January 1986. USS TICONDEROGA was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and Meritorious Unit Commendation while he was assigned.

After a short assignment as Antiair Warfare and Electronic Warfare Development Officer, Surface Warfare Development Group from January to October 1986, Lieutenant Commander Garrett returned to sea as the commissioning Executive Officer, USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) from October 1986 to July 1989. USS SAN JACINTO earned the Battle Efficiency Award, the Battenburg Cup, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation while he was assigned.

Commander Garrett then served ashore as the Director of Antiair Warfare/Electronic Warfare/AEGIS Programs on the staff, Commander, Surface Warfare Development Group, Little Creek, Virginia from August 1989 to March 1992. Surface Warfare Development Group was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation during his tour.

After completing the prospective commanding officer training courses, Commander Garrett served as commissioning Commanding Officer, USS STOUT (DDG 55) from January 1993 to November 1995. While in command of STOUT, she was awarded two Battle Efficiency Awards.

After command at sea, Captain Garrett served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Information and Combat Systems on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet from November 1995 to June 2000. Captain Garrett is a recipient of Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award for making significant contributions to support the President's National Performance Review principles which are putting customers first, cutting red tape, empowering employees, and getting back to basics.

Captain Garrett's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars and the Navy Commendation Medal in addition to various campaign and expeditionary service medals and ribbons. He is a subspecialist in Weapons Systems Engineering and Anti-submarine Warfare. Captain Garrett is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Hanson of Kerrville, Texas. They reside in Kyle, Texas. They have two children, Karen Elizabeth Lindh and Carl E. "Trey" Garrett, III and four grandchildren.

## Report From The Deckplates; UT NROTC Battalion Is Pressing Forward On All Fronts

After our Spring Commissioning which included two selections for Marine Aviation, one into Nuclear Power (Submarine), and one as a Naval Flight Officer, we are enthusiastically preparing for Freshman Orientation that will commence on Tuesday, 22 August. Inclusive in this familiarization program is our picnic on Saturday, 25 August to which we cordially invite our Alumni to attend. With a strong incoming freshman class of 21 Scholarships, 12 College Program and 4 Officer Candidates, the projected Battalion strength for the Fall 2000 semester should approach 95. Although our numbers are slightly off our goal of 100, the quality of our Midshipmen continues to improve. Five of our College Program Midshipmen earned 3-year CNET scholarships as we neared our overall Battalion goal of 3.0 with a 2.91 GPA posted for the Spring 2000 semester. In promoting academic excellence, I hasten to add that 3 of the 4 commissioned seniors earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater with one graduating with honors, and the other being selected to receive the prestigious Burke Scholarship for graduate study.

Assisted by operating funds donated by our NROTC Alumni Association, the Battalion will conduct the annual "Run to Dallas" in September to carry the football for the Texas-OU game from Austin to the Cotton Bowl. Last year, about one-third of the Midshipmen participated in this exciting, team-building event that culminated in a formation run through the grounds of the Texas State Fair to the steps of the stadium. The event demonstrates our support for the Longhorns and, in particular, for MIDN 2/C Nathan Kaspar, a member of the Varsity Team and also a recipient of one of the \$500 Alumni Scholarships presented at the Spring NROTC Formal Dining Out.

The Unit acquired three additional sailboats (see below) to add to the sailing program that was resurrected in the spring and will be in full force by the time the freshman arrive in late August. Introduction to sailing will begin at summer orientation. Throughout the year, interested Midshipmen will have the opportunity to work towards qualifications as they further hone their leadership skills.



The 14' **Performance 420** is an excellent two-man instructional boat and it's exciting to sail.

# FALL REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION  
P.O. BOX 143562  
AUSTIN, TX 78714-3562

**AUGUST 2000**

**SITUATION:** It's Fall reunion time again!

**MISSION:** All Alumni to gather 21 October 2000  
Late departures may attend a breakfast, 0830, 22 October at Cisco's on East 6<sup>th</sup> St.

**EXECUTION:** 1000-1100 General business meeting/refreshments  
Third deck of R.A.S. Hall (ROTC Bldg.) Enter campus via Speedway off  
MLK Blvd. Park in R.A.S. lot F-11  
1100-1230 Tailgate party (Donuts, Coffee and Soft Drinks) in adjacent room.  
Snacks and beverages to be provided  
Attend UT– Missouri football game  
1800-2400 Evening gathering & dinner at Camp Mabry Pavilion. (Dinner at approxi-  
mately 1930)

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Friday evening Dinner at Austin Country Club—\$40.00 per person  
Business meeting and tailgate party--No Charge  
Football game--Tickets \$36.00 each  
Saturday Evening Gathering & BBQ--\$20 per person (meal, music, beverages)

**Make your plans now to attend this exciting lineup of reunion activities!**

Things are really looking up at the NROTC Unit these days! The new PNS, CAPT Gene Garrett, will tell us all about it. Also, the President of our Foundation, Bill Docekal, will brief the attendees on the current activities of the Foundation.

We'll follow this up with our usual outstanding Tailgate Party, proceed to lunch where ever and then to the stadium to watch the Longhorns whip up on Missouri.

We have reserved the historic Camp Mabry Pavilion west of the intersection of MOPAC and 35th Street for our evening gathering. Dinner will be Texas barbeque with all the trimmings! This gathering is the main highlight of the reunion, and an excellent opportunity to get reacquainted with old NROTC shipmates, and meet some new ones as well! Camp Mabry is easy to get to and centrally located. A map is on the back page of the Newsletter. We will meet in the Camp Mabry Museum in the event of foul weather.

Please register and pay in advance to help facilitate our planning, using the form on the next page. For those who can't plan this far in advance, please come if you are able--you can pay at the door!

Our schedule for the dinner will roll backward or forward depending on the eventual designated time for the ball game; come to the Business Meeting for the latest update!

NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION at UT  
P.O. BOX 143562  
AUSTIN, TX 78714-3562

## 2000 ALUMNI REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN AN ENVELOPE OF YOUR CHOICE WITH STAMP TO THE  
ABOVE ADDRESS

\*\*\*\*\*BY 09 OCTOBER \*\*\*\*\*

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I'll be there for sure! I will require the following:

FRIDAY NIGHT ACC DINNER \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTBALL TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

UT TOWER TOUR: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SAT. BBQ TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED FOR REUNION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, please accept my annual Operating Fund contribution for 1997:

REGULAR MEMBER: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SUSTAINING: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

PATRON: \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I'VE GIVEN ALREADY! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made all checks payable to: NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION (Reunion and  
Contribution may be made in one check if desired)

\*\*\*\*\*OR\*\*\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ I can't attend this year, but please correct my address/phone as noted above.  
Keep me in mind for all future functions.

## The Latest and Straightest From Our President (dtd 12 Aug 2000)

Details about various Reunion opportunities follow:

FRIDAY, 20 OCT. 2000, 3-5 PM, CAMPUS TOUR: I request # FREE reservations for a campus tour conducted by Chuck Pollard, 1969. Gather in front of RAS Hall (ROTC Bldg.) at 3 PM. The tour will include the un-named new student dorm (the first campus dorm in 30 years since Jester).

This will be followed by a tour of Moncrief New House and Mike Myers Track & Field/Soccer Stadium (new track facility). The tour will also visit Darrel Royal Memorial Stadium East side luxury suites and club. CONTACT: Chuck Pollard, 512-499-4694.

FRIDAY, 20 OCT. 2000, 7:30 PM, UT NROTC ALUMNI DINNER (formerly W.W.II Alum's): I request # reservations @ \$40.00 per person, Austin Country Club, Loop 360 and Westlake Blvd., steak dinner and all of the accessories, cash bar at 6:30 PM. Dress is suit or coat and tie. CONTACT: Kirk Cansler, 512-762-6128.

FRIDAY, 20 OCT. 2000, 7 PM onward, PARTY AT SCHOLZ GARTEN: I request # FREE reservations (cash bar) for a party at Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto. CONTACT: Bob Collins, 281-514-3568.

UT TOWER TOUR: Cost per ticket is \$3.00 payable at the ticket booth (send no money for this tour). We have made 12 reservations for the 1 PM tour and 12 reservations for the 5 PM tour. Tours are in groups of 24 people conducted on the hour. Tours take 55 minutes with 35 minutes on the Tower Deck. CONTACT: Gary Schoen, 512-280-8686.

SUNDAY, 22 OCT. 2000: No host breakfast at Cisco's. CONTACT: Bob Gartner, 512-331-0976.

HOTEL: Fred Moon has reserved a block of 30 rooms at the Drury Inn & Suites - North, 6711 IH35 North for the evenings of Oct. 20th and 21st. The negotiated single rates are \$72 for room with 2 doubles, \$78 for room with a king, and \$89 for a suite with 2 queens in the sleeping room and queen sleeper sofa in the front room. Each additional adult is \$10 and children under 18 are free. Free continental breakfast, 25" TVs with HBO, and in-room coffee are among the amenities. For reservations, call the Inn at 512-467-9500 and identify yourself with the "UT NROTC Alumni", Group 155541.

## In Memoriam

**Thomas L. Vaughn (1945)**, "listed with "lost Alumni" is now "found", but he is deceased.

**Richard G. Ryan (1944)**, is not on any of your lists, but he too, is deceased.

## INTERNET ADDRESSES:

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 Bob Hancock, West Coast Regional Director, hybob@cts.com  
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 For Alumni Data Update send e-mail to Fred Moon, at Lunarock@flash.net

## WEB PAGE SITES:

UT NROTC Web Page: <http://navy.rotc.utexas.edu>  
 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Alumnus Update page:  
<http://utnrotcalum.org>  
 Bureau of Naval Personnel Home Page:  
<http://www.bupers.navy.mil> (*This per Shift Colors!*)  
 Cold War Certificate Application: <http://coldwar.army.mil> (*Army has been designated as Coordinator for all services.*)  
 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/>  
 Vietnam Memorial: <http://www.thevirtualwall.org>

## WEB PAGES FOR A RAINY DAY!!!

Travel Texas: <http://www.traveltex.com/>  
 SPACE A Travel Info link to Website:  
<http://public.scott.af.mil/hqamc/SPACEA/spacea.htm>  
 Web site links of all kinds: <http://www.address.com/>

**Send your favorite Web sites for all of our edification!!**

*From the Editors: Don't miss this opportunity to renew acquaintances with your NROTC shipmates. See you at the Reunion!*  
**Rusty Allman & John Engstrom, Editors/ Directors**

*Things to Come in the Next Issue  
of the NROTC Newsletter*

*—Review of the Fourteenth NROTC Alumni  
Foundation Reunion—new photos and a  
few oldies!*

*—Status of the Operating Fund and the  
Scholarship Trust Fund*

*—New and Old Officers and Directors  
elected at the Reunion Business Meeting*

**REUNION MAP**

**(Due to digital overload, picture this as a map!!)**

For those of you who attended the reunion last year, this will be simple — we will meet in the afternoon for the dinner and fellowship with shipmates at the same pavilion where we met last year.

For the uninitiated, proceed on MOPAC (Loop 1) to either the 35th or 45th St. exit; Camp Mabry will be on the west side of MOPAC.

Enter the base and proceed to the center area of the base on the North-South spine road. Look for the Camp Mabry Museum. Just to the north of the Museum, there is a park road that heads out to the west. Stay on that road for about a quarter of a mile and you will run straight into the Pavilion.

For inclement weather, we will use the Museum as a backup.

**Pre Reunion Issue!**  
Alumni concerns and activities!  
Navy related Web sites!  
Alumni Data Base & Updating!  
Vision, Mission, & Principles!

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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UT NROTC ALUMNI

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