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Midshipmans Foundation Alive and Well!

The Midshipmans Foundation is a non profit corporation incorporated in the State of Texas and recognized as a "Section 501(c)(3)" charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. This means that donations made to the Midshipmans Foundation are deductible on the donor's tax return. With total donations and income now exceeding \$360,000, the Foundation will file a return with the Internal Revenue Service for the first time this year. The Foundation is in good standing with the State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service.

Alumni donations to the Midshipmans Foundation, including those with matching grants from employing companies and other foundations, and transfers from the Operating Fund of the NROTC Alumni Foundation, now total approximately \$174,000. Significant other foundation gifts now total \$200,000 to the endowment. Financial support and other scholastic gifts to Midshipmen and Officer Candidates exceed \$30,000. Total expenses remain only slightly over \$5,000, the majority of about \$3,000 for promised recognition plaques and the required presentation boards for donors. All of this has occurred since the first donations began in 1992 and the first scholarships began in the Spring of 1996.

This year, the original incorporating Directors appointed new Directors and stepped down from the Board. The new Board of Directors moved to ensure the corporation was current with all legal requirements, made changes to the By Laws where necessary and began the establishment of new financial relationships. Following the suggestions of the former President, W. Robert Brown, the current board has ensured a vibrant organization challenged with the continued support of the UT NROTC Midshipmen and Officer Candidates for years to come. W. Robert "Bob" Brown has agreed to be Chairman, Gifts Committee, and to lead the effort to raise the endowment to \$1,000,000.

In order to assist Bob in his efforts, the Board approved the preparation and printing of the first brochure detailing the Midshipmans Foundation, its goals and its achievements. Included in it's mission statement is the commitment to give financial assistance to members of the UT NROTC Unit. This brochure is available to anyone who wishes to assist Bob in his efforts in soliciting gifts.

The Professor of Naval Science and his staff procured new plaque boards and moved all the granite plaques to the new boards now located in the passage way outside of the NROTC offices. These boards are generally updated once a year. They were up to date as of September 2003. If you are in R.A.S. ROTC Building on campus, stop and see the plaques with the donors names. As this is an assigned duty in addition to the duties of the Alumni Liaison Officer, new changes and updates will occur this coming summer.

This *Newsletter* is established as a means to inform Midshipmans Foundation donors how their donations are being utilized through financial aid scholarships to the NROTC Unit Midshipmen and Officer Candidates. Effort will be made to photograph and give some background on each recipient. Also, information on efforts of the Gifts Committee to encourage new donations from Alumni and other activities to acquire contributions will be reported.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Excitement is in the air here within the Midshipmans Foundation. This past year has been one of change and movement toward your goal of being a significant endowment that will assist the young men and women of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Texas at Austin. The change came in two parts. The first change was to properly position the organization as a clearly recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable recipient of donor funds under the Internal Revenue Code. That action is complete and the directors are in place to move forward and carry out the good deeds that are available for us to accomplish. The second change was the steep increase in the value of our available funds. Upon receipt of our first major contribution from an organization, The Houston Endowment, Inc., we now have the momentum to grow and provide more assistance to the Midshipmen and Officer Candidates.

Our fund raising Chairman of the Gifts Committee, Mr. Bob Brown, will be asking each of you to consider doubling your contribution to date in order to more rapidly grow the endowment. I have made that commitment to double my previous gift, so please join me and your fellow alumni and friends who have also committed to increase their donation.

With those actions, we should soon be at a new milestone of one-half million dollars in the Midshipmans Foundation. We can all be proud to support our young people who will be the future leaders of our Navy.

Congratulation to all for a splendid job "well done".

Weldon

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

About 7 years ago I presented some midshipman with scholarship checks worth \$500.00 each. They thanked me and seemed quite pleased to receive the money. Each wrote us a thank you letter and "sailed off into the sunset" as usual. That was great. We helped some midshipmen financially and they received their commission as planned.

Usually that is the end of the story. However, after a couple of tours of duty, one of those midshipmen came back to the University of Texas NROTC unit as an instructor. I met him at a Navy League meeting and we remembered that occasion where I handed him the \$500.00 check. He told me how he appreciated it and how it helped him complete his degree at UT and obtain his commission in the Navy.

This example of how the Midshipmans Foundation accomplished its goal of helping the midshipmen financially is truly heartwarming. And that is the rest of the story.

Max

SECRETARY/TREASURER AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Board of Directors approved the preparation and mailing of this Newsletter to the donors to the Midshipmans Foundation. We hope to publish this NL each year and include information about the Foundation and the gifts that have been made to the Midshipmen and Officer Candidates. In the future I will include a brief financial statement so you can see the status of your Foundation.

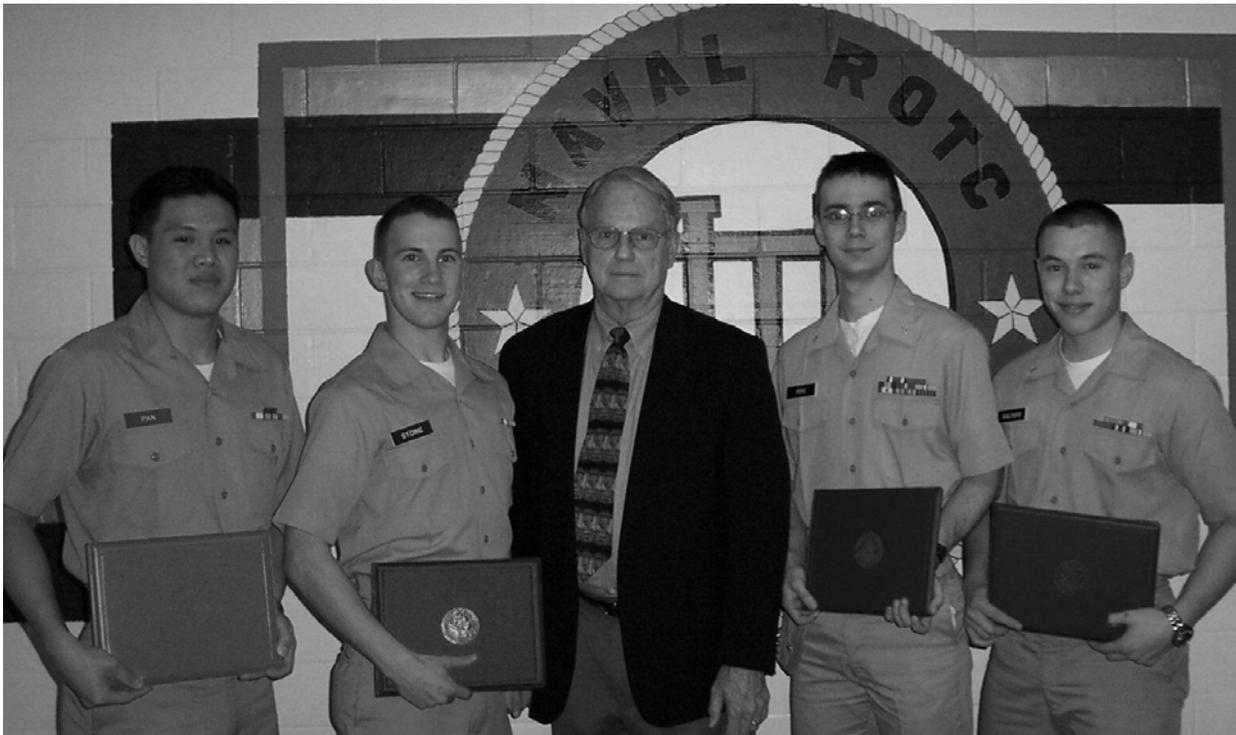
The Board hopes that this NL will be sent at the start of each year. If you have a suggestion as to what you would like to see in the NL, please send it to me at John_W_Hitchcock@alumni.utexas.net or call me at (512) 327-2103.

John

SPRING 2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Thursday, February 20, 2003. Max K. Miller, Vice President of the Midshipmans Foundation presented \$500 scholarship award checks and certificates to four Midshipmen based upon the recommendation of the Professor of Naval Science, UT NROTC Unit. His recommendations were made based upon the following established criteria by the Midshipmans Foundation Board of Directors:

- A. MINIMUM SEMESTER GPA OF 3.0**
- B. MINIMUM MILITARY APTITUDE SCORE OF 3.2**
- C. DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED**
- D. OFFICER POTENTIAL**



(l - r) Midshipman Fourth Class Paul F. Pan, Marine Option; Midshipman Fourth Class Timothy W. Stone, Navy Option Pilot; Dr. Max Miller, '57; Midshipman Second Class Joshua Pero, Navy Option Submarines; and Midshipman Third Class Dagoberto Salinas, Navy Option Nurse Corps

Those receiving scholarships were:

MIDN 2/C Joshua Pero earned a 3.3 semester GPA in History and a Military Aptitude score of 3.67. He has been the Drill Team commander for two semesters, and will lead the team at the Tulane Drill meet in New Orleans this year. MIDN Pero has immensely improved his academic performance. He hopes to service select Surface Warfare.

MIDN 3/C Dagoberto Salinas earned a 3.84 semester GPA in Nursing and a Military Aptitude score of 4.67. He sets an excellent example for his classmates and uses his prior enlisted experience wisely. He was recently selected as Battalion Member of the Month. He will service select Nursing.

MIDN 4/C Paul Pan earned a 3.4 semester GPA in Business and Government and a Military Aptitude score of 4.3. He participates in the Color Guard and Drill team. He is a Marine Option.

MIDN 4/C Timothy Stone earned a 3.5 semester GPA in Government/Prelaw and a Military Aptitude score of 4.5. He is very involved with the UT Band, but still manages to fulfill all of his ROTC duties extremely well.

FALL 2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Fall 2003 Scholarship Recipients were the first to receive scholarships of \$1,000 each. The Midshipmans Foundation Board of Directors approved the new amount, up from \$500 per scholarship, due to the increased generosity of donors over the past several years.

Max K. Miller, Vice President, Midshipmans Foundation, presented the checks at a formation of the NROTC Unit in late September. MIDN 1/C Lisa Loschiavo, SGT Ronald Briley, MIDN 2/C Matthew Craig and MIDN 3/C Alexander Tafreshi were presented their certificates at the October Reunion of the NROTC Alumni Foundation held October 4, 2003. Presenting the certificates were J. Weldon Koenig, President, Max H. Miller, Vice President and John W. Hitchcock, Secretary/Treasurer, all Directors of the Midshipmans Foundation, with W. Robert Brown, Chairman, Donations Committee, Midshipmans Foundation and Rusty Allman, President, NROTC Alumni Foundation.

Although photographs are unavailable, the following information supporting the Professor of Naval Science's recommendation to the Midshipmans Foundation Board of Directors for the scholarships follow:

MIDN I/C Lisa Loschiavo earned a semester GPA of 3.0 in Biology and has a Military Aptitude score of 4.17.

Sgt Ronald Briley earned a semester GPA of 4.0 in Liberal Arts and has a Military Aptitude score of 4.50.

MIDN 2/C Matthew Craig earned a semester GPA of 3.21 in Electrical Engineering and has a Military Aptitude score of 4.0.

MIDN 3/C Alexander Tafreshi earned a semester GPA of 4.0 in Liberal Arts and has a Military Aptitude score of 4.83.

1ST FOUNDATION DONATION AND MATCHING CHALLENGE



Bob Brown smiles as he announces a \$200,000 endowment for scholarships and challenges alumni to donate to the Midshipmans Foundation during the Alumni Reunion in October 2003.

W. Robert "Bob" Brown, '52, Chairman, Gifts Committee, Midshipman Foundation, announces the receipt of a \$200,000 endowment grant from Houston Endowment, Inc. He gave particular thanks to Rodney Koenig, past President, NROTC Alumni Foundation who with him prepared the request and presented it to Houston Endowment. He further thanked Weldon Koenig, Max Miller and John Hitchcock, Directors of the Midshipmans Foundation, who assisted in the application by providing financial and other required foundation records.

Following the announcement of this gift which more than doubles the current endowment of the Foundation, Bob challenged all alumni to review their past contributions and, if possible, to commit to doubling that past contribution. He also challenged those alumni who had not donated to consider a donation at this time. He stated he wished to show Houston Endowment, Inc. and other prospective donors that the NROTC Alumni were supportive of the Midshipmans Foundation and the desire to provide financial support to the Midshipmen

and Officer Candidates at the UT NROTC Unit.

Bob said it was his goal as Chairman, Gifts Committee to provide a total endowment for the Midshipmans Foundation of \$1,000,000 through additional large gifts from other foundations and a steady increase in alumni donations. Lastly Bob asked "Have you done your part for our foundation?"



LTGEN D'Wayne Gray, RADM Weldon Koenig, RADM Henry "Cub" Amos and RADM Clay Fulcher, all UT NROTC graduates in attendance at the 2003 Reunion assure Bob Brown they are donors and will consider his request to double their donations.