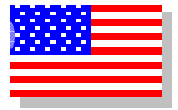


# NROTC Alumni Newsletter



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NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION  
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## FOUNDATION OFFICERS

John "Rusty" Allman, 1966  
*President*  
Robert "Bob" Collins, 1968  
*Vice-President*  
Robert Gartner, 1965  
*Treasurer*  
Deborah O'Neil, 1979  
*Secretary*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John "Rusty" Allman, 1966  
W. Robert "Bob" Brown, 1952  
Robert "Bob" Collins, 1968  
Deborah O'Neil, 1979 *Anchorette*  
John Engstrom, 1966  
Robert "Bob" Gartner, 1965  
Walt Jenkins, 1970  
Rodney Koenig, 1962  
R. Glenn Looney, 1962  
Fred Moon, 1970  
Dennis Olsen, 1969  
David Wells, 1969

## PRESIDENTS EMERITUS

Bruce Byron, 1970  
Keys Curry, Jr., 1958  
Bill Docekal, 1965  
George Haley, 1956  
John Hitchcock, 1965  
Rodney Koenig, 1962  
Max Miller, 1957  
Charlie Simons, 1963

## EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

CAPT Don Inbody, USN  
*(Professor of Naval Science)*  
Jack Ritter, 1955  
*(Navy League Liaison)*

## REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Ray Adams, 1980  
*DFW (H) 214-596-7188*  
Keys Curry, 1958  
*Houston (H) 713-783-8185*  
Robert Hancock, 1967  
*West (H) 619-586-0036*  
K.J. Moore, 1964  
*Eastern (H) 703-739-3227*  
Rudy Kruger, 1963  
*Central (H) 402-331-6557*  
Henry Harper, 1965  
*Mountain (H) 208-522-7776*

## MIDSHIPMANS

## FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

J. Weldon Koenig, 1958  
John Hitchcock, 1965  
Max Miller, 1957  
W. Robert Brown, 1952  
*Chairman, Gifts Committee*

## FOURTH REUNION OF THE 21ST CENTURY! OCTOBER 15-17, 2004 UT V. MISSOURI

AS YOU CAN SEE from the schedule below, this year the reunion week is chock full of exciting events.

Thursday evening the 14th of October General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps will address the Navy League of Central Texas at their dinner meeting. The event starts at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$20 including dinner. Military members and guest tickets are \$15, Midshipman tickets are \$10, guests \$15. For reservations contact Glenn Looney at 512-327-7413 by October 11, 2004. You can email Glenn at: [rglennl@austin.rr.com](mailto:rglennl@austin.rr.com) or [rglennl@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:rglennl@alumni.utexas.net).

There are plans afoot to keep General Hagee in the area to attend the UT NROTC Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball on

Friday night as well as the reunion and football game on Saturday. If you would like to attend the UT NROTC Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball contact LT Troy Roberts at 512.471-7677 or by email at: [air@navy.rotc.utexas.edu](mailto:air@navy.rotc.utexas.edu).

Friday evening you have several choices. The WWII Reunion Dinner will take place as usual at Austin Country Club., the UT NROTC Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball will also take place at Austin Country Club, and for those Scholz's stalwarts....well, what can I say.

The annual meeting will occur at 1000 as usual on the 3rd floor of the RAS, ROTC Building. We are hoping for a large turnout and will get a briefing on the state of the Unit from PNS Captain Inbody as well as hold elections for membership on the Board of Directors. A highlight will be the fund raising report from Bob Brown, '52, who has done an amazing job of raising money for your scholarship program.

The time of the Reunion Dinner as usual depends on the TV folks setting the game time, so stay flexible.

Sunday's Breakfast at Cisco's is the last official event and is always popular.

So, call your classmates and make your plans. All the details are on the following pages. As hard as they are to come by, thanks to Joe Smith we have 50 tickets to the game at \$55 each. But that's all we have, so don't delay, and don't forget to send in your membership contribution, and of course, if you can, a contribution to our foundation. You will be proud to see where your money is going, and how our corpus is growing thanks to Bob's efforts and your generosity.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Navy League Dinner, Guest Commandant of the Marine Corp Austin Woman's Club San Antonio, between 7th & 8th	14 October 2004 6:30 pm
Social Hour & WW II Reunion Dinner, Austin Country Club	15 October 2004 6:30 pm
Scholz Garden for Informal Gathering	15 October 2004 7:00 pm or earlier
UT NROTC Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Austin Country Club	15 October 2004 7:00 pm
Board of Directors' Meeting, RAS ROTC Bldg., NROTC Wardroom	16 October 2004 9:00am
Alumni Reunion Business Meeting, RAS ROTC Bldg., 3rd Floor	16 October 2004 10:00am
Tailgate Party	16 October 2004 12:00 pm
Football Game UT vs. Missouri .	16 October 2004 TBA
Evening Happy Hour	16 October 2004 5:30 pm
Reunion Dinner, Loading Dock Behind RAS or Camp Mabry	16 October 2004 TBA
Mexican Breakfast, Cisco's Bakery East 6th Street	17 October 2004 8:30 am

## PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE REPORT

The UT NROTC Battalion is 95 strong after steadily growing over the past year. In May we graduated one 2nd Lieutenant headed for TBS and four Ensigns: 1 as a Surface Warfare Officer, 1 as a Nuclear Submarine Officer, and 2 as Student Naval Aviators. Over the summer, three midshipmen were commissioned: 1 as a Student Naval Aviator, 1 as a Surface Warfare Officer, and 1 as an Engineering Duty Officer candidate. This December we expect to commission one Marine and six Navy Officers.

LT Troy Roberts reported in as the new Air Warfare Officer to replace LT Oscar Toledo. Like Oscar, he is a LAMPS Mk III SH-60B Pilot. He was last stationed at HSL-44 in Mayport, Florida and he grew up in Austin, Texas. Troy is an honors graduate of Grand Canyon University and earned a degree in International Business. LT Toledo will report to the Naval Reserve HSL Squadron in Jacksonville, Florida where he will resume his flying career.

Additionally, Capt Mike Raths checked in to replace Major Ken Kassner as the new Marine Officer Instructor. He is an F/A-18 Weapon Sensors Officer, arriving from VMFA-225 at MCAS Miramar, California. His hometown is San Diego, California and he is a Criminal Justice major from Arizona State University. Major Kassner volunteered to become the Executive Officer for the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, currently deployed to Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

We are excited about the coming year's events with the UT NROTC Alumni organization and especially look forward to the Fall Alumni Weekend which highlights a combined event with the Midshipman's Navy and Marine Corps Ball.

## REUNION ACCOMMODATIONS

### Drury Inn & Suites Austin North

6711 IH-35 North

Room rates for 1-4 persons per night plus tax (currently 15):

Non-smoking King Suite \$79

Non-smoking 2 Queens Suite \$79

Non-smoking King \$62

Check in - 3 pm

Check out - noon

For reservations, call 800-325-0720 and specify the hotel location: Drury Inn & Suites Austin North and the Group Name: UT NROTC Alumni (Group Number: 157513).

Reservations made after Friday, October 1, 2004 are on a space available basis at the prevailing rates.

## 2003 OPERATING FUND CONTRIBUTORS

The Board of Directors sincerely thank all of the alumni and family of alumni for their financial support to the NROTC Alumni Foundation Operating Fund for 2003 and 2004:

**Patron Level** (\$75 or more)

**Sustaining Level** (\$50 to \$74)

**Regular Level** (\$25 to \$49)

*As I reported last year, Bob Brown, '52, has challenged us to reach \$1 Million in our trust for the Midshipman scholarship program. With his leadership and your generosity we are nearly half way to that goal.*

*Our trust has received contributions, gifts, and matching funds totaling over \$177,000.00 along with a grant from the Houston Endowment, Inc. of \$200,000.00. Our total stands at over \$405,000.00 after over \$4000.00 in scholarships have been awarded this year.*

*Your foundation has also presented deserving graduating midshipmen with swords as well as provided the PMS with discretionary operating funds to support unit activities. Keep up the good work!*

*Rusty Allman, (1966), President*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Banks McLaurin Jr., '44 passed away on November, 17, 2003.**

**Banks served on the USS Portland during WWII and followed the war with a long and successful career in the oil business.**

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2004 ALUMNI REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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

\*\*\*\*\*BY 30 September 2004 (17 SEPTEMBER IF REQUESTING GAME TICKETS)\*\*\*\*\*

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

WW II FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT ACC: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(All Alumni Invited by WW II Veterans)

FOOTBALL TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ DINNER TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

In addition, please accept my annual Operating Fund contribution for 2004:

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.

# DONATION FORM FOR UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

COMMISSIONING CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

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# DONATION FORM FOR MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

COMMISSIONING CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

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## 2004 REUNION INFORMATION!

Date: October 16, 2004, Texas vs. Missouri.

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### Let us hear from you!

\_\_\_\_\_ Don't forget to include your email address \_\_\_\_\_

# 2004 REUNION SCHEDULE

UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION  
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## OCTOBER 15-17, 2004

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

**MISSION:** All Alumni to gather in Austin for a good time!  
Late departures may attend a breakfast 0830, 17 October at Cisco's on East 6<sup>th</sup> street

### EXECUTION: 15 October 2004

6:30 pm Friday Evening Dinner, Honoring WW II Alums, Austin Country Club  
or  
7:00 pm Scholz Garden for "Down and Dirty Beer Drinkin' "

### 16 October 2004

9:00 am Board of Director's Meeting  
10:00 am General business meeting/refreshments  
Third deck of R.A.S. Hall (ROTC Bldg.)  
12:00 pm (Noon) - 1:00 pm Tailgate party (Donuts, Coffee and Soft Drinks) in adjacent  
room. Snacks and beverages to be provided. Whether we have a tailgate  
party or not will depend on kickoff time.  
TBA Attend UT-Missouri football game  
TBA BBQ lunch before an evening game at RAS loading ramp or dinner after an  
afternoon game. Stay tuned!

### 17 October 2004

8:30 am Mexican Breakfast at Cisco's Bakery, 1511 East 6th Street.

### ADMINISTRATION:

Friday Evening Dinner at Austin Country Club—\$35 per person  
Business meeting and tailgate party--No Charge  
Football game--Tickets \$55.00 each  
Evening Gathering & BBQ Dinner--\$20 per person (meal, beverages)

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

This year there is the added bonus of the opportunity to attend a Navy League dinner and get the word straight from the current Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and, for those who can still fit into their Mess Dress (or tuxedo), a chance to visit with the current crop of Midshipmen at their Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball. You will find the contact information for these events on the front page of the newsletter. These are great opportunities and all are encouraged to attend any and all of these special events. Of course don't forget the legendary WWII reunion dinner on Friday night at ACC. Each of these unique events is guaranteed to produce some awesome sea stories!

Please register and pay in advance to help facilitate our planning, using the form on page 3. For those who can't plan this far in advance, please come if able--you can pay at the door!

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This year has been a blur for me, and I am trying to slow it down in order to enjoy the coming of fall, football, and of course our reunion.

The most remarkable event in the life of our association this year has been the phenomenal growth of our trust fund due to the singular efforts of Bob Brown, '52. Bob has shown us the way to make real and meaningful contributions to the Midshipman Battalion by increasing our scholarship fund over \$200,000.00 by obtaining a grant from Houston Endowment, Inc.

We are well on our way to obtaining our goal of a \$1,000,000.00 trust fund. Although the big numbers are great, it is really the smaller numbers that each of us can afford that will most quickly enable us to reach this goal.

Why are we doing this? The reasons may not be so obvious. Although many of the UT NROTC Midshipman receive financial aid, that aid does not cover all of the expenses incurred in obtaining a four year degree at the University. I'm sure you all are aware of the great increase in living expenses over the years since we were able to buy breakfast at Hemphill's for 40 Cents or a steak at the G&M Steakhouse for 99 Cents! Believe me, there are no apartments or dorms for that matter that rent for the \$75 dollars a month that I paid in 1962!

Today's midshipman is faced with much more of a financial burden than any of my classmates or I incurred. Anything we can do to lighten that load is WELL appreciated and will pay dividends to our country and future generations of Midshipman as well.

Rusty.

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*See you at Reunion 2004!  
NL editor*

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