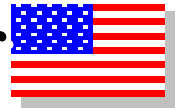




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ALUMNI FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Robert "Bob" Collins, 1968
President
Fred Moon, 70
Vice-President
Robert Gartner, 1965
Treasurer
Deborah O'Neil, 1979
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James D. Brotherton, 1968
W. Robert "Bob" Brown, 1952
Robert "Bob" Collins, 1968
John Engstrom, 1966
Robert "Bob" Gartner, 1965
Walt Jenkins, 1970
Rodney Koenig, 1962
R. Glenn Looney, 1962
Edwin W. (Ed) Mergele, 1975
Fred Moon, 1970
Dennis Olson, 1969
Deborah O'Neil, 1979 *Anchorette*
David Wells, 1969

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Ray Adams, 1980
DFW (H) 972-596-7188
Keys Curry, 1958
Houston (H) 713-783-8185
Robert Hancock, 1967
West (H) 619-586-0036
K.J. Moore, 1964
Eastern (H) 703-759-3527
Rudy Kruger, 1963
Central (H) 402-331-6557
Henry Harper, 1965
Mountain (H) 208-522-7776

MIDSHIPMAN

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

J. Weldon Koenig, 1958
Max Miller, 1957
Clay W.G. Fulcher, 1955
Robert L. Gartner, 1965
John Hitchcock, 1965

W. Robert Brown, 1952
Chairman Gifts Committee

2004 REUNION GREAT SUCCESS!

NEW ALUMNI FOUNDATION OFFICERS ELECTED

MIDSHIPMEN RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BOB BROWN RECOGNIZED AS MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI FOR 2004

PRESIDENT'S CORNER P. 4

.Over 100 alumni, their spouses and guests attended the October 2004 reunion and renewed and rekindled those memories and friendships forged when we were young and fueled with vim and vigor. Well, it may be true that some at the Crow's Nest might have been fueled by something more potent

Among other business that day the UT NROTC Alumni Association at the General Meeting elected new officers: President, **Robert "Bob" Collins '68**; Vice President, **Fred Moon '70**; Board members: **Ed Mergele '75**, **Jim Brotherton '70**, **Bob Brown '52**, and **Glenn Looney '62**.

Thanks for all that "Rusty" Allman did during his tenure as President!!

The **Midshipmans Foundation** also presented six scholarships to deserving Midshipman totaling \$9500. The **Midshipmans Foundation** which has more than doubled in assets over the last two years provided over \$12,000 in scholarships last year and will provide even more as the Foundation's assets grow toward the goal of \$1 Million .

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| • Board Meeting at the Johnson Space Center in Houston | • 21 January |
| • Board Meeting, Austin | • 16 April |
| • Board Meeting, Austin | • 13 August |
| • Board Meeting, Austin | • 15 October |
| • <u>2005 Reunion</u> | • 15 October
(Times and full schedule to be announced) |
| • Alumni Foundation Business Meeting | |
| • Football Game UT vs. Colorado | |
| • Reunion Dinner | |

Adjectives can not describe the dedication that **Bob Brown '52**, Chairman of the Gifts Committee, has shown in securing funds for the **Midshipmans Foundation**. But the NROTC Alumni Foundation made an effort when they presented Bob with the Annual Award for the Most Distinguished Alumni for 2004.

**TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ALUMNI OPERATING FUND
STATUS FOR 2004**

Bob Gartner, 1965, submitted the following Treasurer's Reports to the Board of Directors at the January 21, 2005 Board meeting; Expenses and Income since the previous report in October:

Beginning Balance, 10/16/2004	\$9955.12
Income	
Interest (3 Months on Checking Acct)	4.24
Member Checks/ Coin Sales	1460.00
Total Income	<u>\$1464.24</u>
Total Operating Fund	\$11419.36
Expenses	
CAPT Inbody Fall Discretionary Fund	\$1000.00
Reunion Food/ Catering	\$1325.08
Friday Dinner (Reunion related)	\$770.77
Texas Mil Forces Museum (Donation)	\$100.00
New Checks	\$40.38
Total Expenses	<u>3235.46</u>
 Ending Balance, January 21, 2005	 <u>\$8183.90</u>

Bob Gartner, 1965
Treasurer

**CURRENT VALUE OF THE
MIDSHIPMAN FOUNDATION TRUST FUND**

The Alumni Board received the following report from the Directors of the value of the Midshipman Foundation (MF) trust fund at the January meeting:

Value as of December 31, 2004:

Market Value of Investments	
Various Investments	\$132,383.03
Merrill, Lynch Investments	<u>\$211,593.00</u>
Total Investments	\$343,976.03
 Cash Accounts	 <u>\$90,016.89</u>
Liabilities	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Subtotal Value	<u>\$433,992.92</u>
Pledges	<u>\$12,790.00</u>
 Total Value	 <u>\$446,782.92</u>
 Total Scholarships and Other Awards for 2004	 <u>\$12,366.00</u>

2004 OPERATING FUND

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. This year over 75 alumni contributed to our operating fund.

Please continue to support the Alumni Foundation.

Patron Level (\$75 or more)

Sustaining Level (\$50 to \$74)

Regular Level (\$25 to \$49)

The NROTC ALUMNI Operating Fund is used to support the activities of the Alumni Foundation. The Midshipmans Foundation uses its funds to award scholarships to deserving Midshipmen. Note on page 5 there are two separate donations.

In 1970 Alumni and friends of the Naval ROTC at the University of Texas at Austin, created a non-profit corporation now known as the **NROTC Alumni Foundation** at the University of Texas at Austin. Its objectives are to promote the interests of the NROTC program and support the activities the NROTC unit and alumni.

In addition, a charitable trust was created in 1991 to provide a continuing source of educational and charitable support for the betterment of the members of the Battalion of Midshipmen. The trust is called the **Midshipmans Foundation**.

From Bob Brown '52:

Here's a reminder that all UT NROTC alumni should take to heart. Your Midshipmans Foundation is committed to raising a \$1 Million fund to award scholarships to UT NROTC Midshipmen and Officer Candidates. We have now about \$450, 000. We still have a long way to go. Part of our program to raise the fund is the DOUBLE UP suggestion. We request that you double your prior giving if possible. Your gift is tax deductible, you will get a receipt and you will have a warm feeling from helping a deserving member of the Battalion meet some of the expenses of education.



CAPT Inbody PNS, UT NROTC , presents Bob Brown '52 with the Distinguished Alumni Award

Alumni Don Tortorice '64 from Williamsburg, VA presents CAPT Inbody with the colors that flew on his Swift Boat in Vietnam. This memento will hang with honor in the unit library.



Reminder: the 2005 reunion will be :
 1945 — 60th 1955 — 50th
 1965 — 40th 1975 — 30th
Class leaders: time to start planning to get your class max participation!!!



Fall 2004 Award Recipients and Midshipman Foundation Directors (L-R) CAPT Donald Inbody, USN PNS UT NROTC; Sgt Troy Conrey USMC; M2C Alex Tafreshi, USNR; MIC Heather Courtney USNR; M2C Timothy Stone, USNR; M3C Beau Laird USNR; RADM Weldon Koenig USN (Ret); CAPT Max Miller, USN (Ret); CAPT John Hitchcock USN (Ret). Not pictured is M3C Travis Grell, USNR

THE President's CORNER

When my oldest son was a high school senior, we made a recruiting visit to UT which serendipitously coincided with the NROTC reunion. We had lived out of state for years at that time and each year some other priority had preempted the UTNROTC reunion, if I heard about it at all. Now, I haven't missed a reunion in 13 years. After I moved to Houston I was asked to serve on the board of directors. I volunteered to create the website, www.utnrotcalum.org because somebody needed to do it. Now, whether you voted or not, I am your President. Maybe you should have attended the reunion and voted. Ask Randy Burwell, I can be petty.

Along the way I have had the opportunity to renew many friendships and grow many other friendships with alums from other years, an elite group that shares our unique four year journey. We weren't all at UT at the same time, but it is positively remarkable that our campus experiences were so similar. The Crow's Nest is a common bond for some, Buccaneers is the link for others, for some of us it is scholastic probation. Some crossed paths on active duty, but regardless, all of us have a common reflection on that UTNROTC experience.

My personal highlight was 1998, when with a few telephone calls we were able to muster all the 1968 Marine graduates at Scholz's. Other classmates and spouses and folks from adjacent years gathered for the first time in 30 years. I must have said "Holy s---t" 100 times as I recognized them. It was truly a treat. Three years ago, the class of 1952 gathered for the first time in 50 years. I didn't say anything, but I was thinking I hope I look that good in 2018. I mention that because I have moved from Texas again. My opportunity to see old friends is again limited and I appreciate more than ever the value of my linkage to the UTNROTC.

When the Alumni board discussed our objectives for this year we agreed that revitalizing our linkage to you, our fellow alum is our primary goal. That goal contributes to assisting in our ongoing effort to support the Midshipman's Foundation that does so much to help our Midshipmen financially. This newsletter and the website and telephone calls and class year gatherings are all part of the process. Yes, we will have a party and attend a football game and yes, we would appreciate a contribution, but you can afford that. Mark your calendar for October 15 and come join us; especially if you are from the class of 1955. Call your classmates and buddies and encourage them to come too.

Every alum of the UTNROTC receives this newsletter if we have a current mailing address. There are no dues and you have no obligation except to keep in touch. For me that is barely enough. I want to see your ugly mug and buy you a beer and laugh about all the foolishness we shared. If you send a contribution, you get a directory. If you send a big contribution we put your name on the wall of the RAS and we will ask for a bigger one, and don't worry, Bob Brown will call you personally. This is easy.

See you in October!

Very respectfully and fondest regards,

BC

Bob Collins

President, '68

PS-don't expect me to be too sympathetic to your whining about living out of state!

Send Us Address & Telephone Number Updates

Let's try to remember that while we enjoy the camaraderie of our alumni organization, the primary reason we participate is to give back in some way for the personal development the program enabled us to achieve. The main way we as an association are able to do that is through providing scholarship support to the NROTC Unit 's members. Not just maintaining, but expanding our lines of communication are vital to accomplishing our mission. Your Alumni Foundation Board is undertaking some specific initiatives to increase our active rolls, and better inform the alumni periodically. The newsletter will be published three times a year to keep you better informed. To help update our alumni database through automatic forwarding you are reminded to update the database with your new address/telephone number via the Update Form on our the web site, utnrotcalum.org. **Just go to the web site and select Update Forms.**

You can also help by sending in any address/telephone number updates for other alumn, particularly for those lost friends you are able to find. It would be better in these cases to send an email with the details of your find to: lunarock@sbcglobal.net. Thanks, Fred Moon '70

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**

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**

2005 REUNION INFORMATION!

Date: October 15, 2005, Texas vs. Colorado.

Let us hear from you!

_____ Don't forget to include your email address _____

FAIR WINDS

The Alumni Foundation and the Midshipman's Foundation wish a fond farewell to CDR Ned Ash as he retires after an illustrious 27 year career. Ned, XO of the UT NROTC unit, has gone above and beyond in supporting our organizations and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

!Call for Class Representative Volunteers

We are re-vitalizing an effort that in the past has aided greatly in keeping the alumni database current – having Class Representatives as a focal point for each Class. These reps maintain contact with Class members and proactively find lost Classmates. Class Representatives can also be instrumental in organizing their class to plan for significant anniversaries, such as the 30th, 40th, and 50th year reunions that can be in conjunction with the Association's Annual Reunion held in the fall. We will be contacting former class Representatives and Regional Directors in the near future to solicit continued participation in that capacity. Should anyone else like to volunteer to either be a Class Representative, Assistant, or simply assist the Representative in some capacity, please, contact me via email at lunarock@sbcglobal.net.

Fred Moon -'70

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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