



**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*

## 2005 REUNION PLANNING UNDERWAY! CLASS OF '55 HIGHLIGHTED P.7

### MIDSHIPMEN RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### PICTURES FROM THE BOARD MEETING AT THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

#### MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND P.4

The Alumni Board met 9 April and reviewed the status of the organization. The consensus is that the **NROTC Alumni Foundation** is as healthy as it has ever been in meeting its goals of promoting the interests of the U. of Texas NROTC program and supporting the activities of the Alumni foundation.

Among other business the board solidified the planning for this year's reunion. It will follow the format of previous years' reunions with an opportunity Friday for a golf outing and that night for a more formal dinner at the Austin Country Club where we join the WWII Veterans or a less formal "show up at Sholtz's". Saturday has the General Business meeting followed by the Texas vs. Colorado football game and later we have the traditional BBQ at Camp Mabry. As always the exact time for the game is not known as we always have to wait for the television network's decision on game time.

This year is the 50th anniversary for the Class of '55 and **Dr. James Adkins** is leading the effort to match the class of '52's outstanding response to their 50th reunion. He has contact information for 47 classmates so far. If you are going to attend make sure you contact James. His address is on page 3. See p.7 for more details.

The **Midshipmans Foundation** also presented six scholarships to deserving Midshipman totaling \$10,000 The **Midshipmans Foundation** which has more than doubled in assets over the last two years will provide over \$18,000 in scholarships this year.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Board Meeting, Austin              | • 13 August  |
| • Board Meeting, Austin              | • 15 October |
| • <u>2005 Reunion</u>                | • 14/15 Oct  |
| • WWII dinner ACC                    | • PM 14th    |
| • Class of '55 dinner                | • PM 14th    |
| • Alumni Foundation Business Meeting | • 10AM 15th  |
| • Football Game UT vs. Colorado      | • Time TBD   |
| • Reunion BBQ Camp Mabry             | • 7 PM 15th  |

**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 April 9, 2005 Board meeting; Expenses and Income since the previous report in January:

<b>Beginning Balance, 01/21/05</b>	\$8183.90
<b>Income</b>	
Interest (3 Months on Checking Acct)	2.69
Member Checks/ Coin Sales	1100.00
Total Income	<u>\$1102.59</u>
<b>Total Operating Fund</b>	\$9285.59
<b>Expenses</b>	
XO retirement gift	\$121.22
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$121.22</u>
Ending Balance, 04/09/05	<u>\$9165.37</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:

<b>Market Value of Investments</b>	
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>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
<b>Subtotal Value</b>	<u>\$433,992.92</u>
<b>Pledges</b>	<u>\$12,790.00</u>
<b>Total Value</b>	<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 2004. 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.***



Veteran Astronaut Ken D. Cockrell (Capt USNR Ret and UT grad) hosted our tour of the Johnson Space Center.



Max Miller '57, Bob Brown '52 Bob Collins '68; and Jim Brotherton '68 share a laugh before the board meeting.

**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!!!**

**Don't forget to update your personal information for our Directory. Just go on-line [utnrotcalum.org](http://utnrotcalum.org) and select "update forms."**



Dennis and Leonee Olson '69 at the Space Center.



Bob and Jackie Gartner '65 with one of our hosts Astronaut Karen Nyberg (center)

**Class of '55 : make sure you have all the scoop on the reunion for your class. Jim Adkins has taken the lead and has his planning well underway. He can be reached at 4724 Post Oak Timber Road Unit 66, Houston Texas 77056; jimrasp@aol.com; see p. 7**

## WORDS FROM THE MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Fellow Alumni as we begin another year, I along with the Directors of the Midshipmans Foundation, hope that all of you have a great 2005.

During the past year, your foundation has continued to move toward our goal of having one million dollars in place to assist our young men and women at The University of Texas Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps unit. As you are aware, Bob Brown continues to provide the energy and effort to keep the fund raising process on track and will work us to death if we do not soon complete our task. The Midshipmans Foundation Board has moved to expand the number of Board Directors to ensure that we have in place sufficient talent to take over positions that require significant time and energy to track and manage the funds now held by the foundation. We are pleased to welcome Clay Fulcher '55 and Bob Gartner '65 to the Board. Their assistance will be appreciated and necessary for us to carry out our mission. All of you should be proud of what you have done to date and we the Board are pleased to have such great support. Continue to consider us in your charity plans and assist us whenever you can. Our young men and women are thankful for the assistance and it does my heart good to see how much they appreciate our assistance. It is good for them, our country and all of us. Keep up the great work.

Again, to all who so strongly support the Midshipmans Foundation, thanks for your commitment and generous actions.

Hook'em Horns!!          Weldon Koenig '58



LtGen "Beak" Howell (USMC ret and UT grad) Director of the NASA Johnson Space Center, hosts the Boards of Directors UT NROTC Alumni Foundation and Midshipmans Foundation at the Space Center 21 January 2005

# 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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## 2005 REUNION INFORMATION!

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

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### Let us hear from you!

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

University of Texas NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION  
P.O. BOX 143562  
AUSTIN, TX 78714-3562

2005 ALUMNI REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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

**\*\*\*\*\*BY 15 September 2005 (1 SEPTEMBER IF REQUESTING GAME TICKETS)\*\*\*\*\***

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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 2003:

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 President's CORNER:** Nothing from the President can state our purpose better than the following input from the class of 1955:

"The UT/NROTC Class of 1955 (i.e., ALL members of the Class of 1955--NOT just those members cited in the brochure for the Commissioning Ceremony of June 4, 1955) will have its 50th-year Reunion on October 14-16, 2005 in Austin, Texas. The Class of 1955 invites to its reunion ALL former midshipmen that started the UT/NROTC program (regular or contract) with what was designated as the Class of 1955 **as well as those** former midshipmen who may have started the UT/NROTC program either earlier or later than September 1951, and thus may have been commissioned at a time other than June 4, 1955, but consider themselves a member of the Class of 1955 (even if they were commissioned in January 1956). This invitation includes ALL those former members of the Class of 1955 that, for one reason or another, left the UT/NROTC program before receiving a commission in any of the USN, USNR, USMC, or USMCR! We want all of our members to come together and salute those who will NOT answer the ROLL CALL as well as those of us that can share the memories of the last 50 years or so! NAMES will be taken--so, be there! Please, help SPREAD THE WORD! [NOTE: As of this writing we have current mailing data for 29 (out of the 38) members of the June 4, 1955 Commissioning Ceremony (seven are known to be deceased) plus mailing data for an additional 19 members of the Class of 1955. IF you are NOT on the mailing list for the 50th-year Reunion of the UT/NROTC Class of 1955 (or you know someone that should be on the mailing list), please, ASAP, contact Preston C. KRONKOSKY at: 8101 Hillrise Drive, Austin, Texas 78759-8604, (512) 345-2062, or [pkronkosky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pkronkosky@sbcglobal.net).] May you have smooth sailing and following seas! Keep your steam up! Semper Fi!"

**Planning for the reunion including detailed information on the hotel accommodations are underway and that information will be posted on the website when available: WWW>UTNROTCALUMN.ORG.**

**Museum Tour-** [www.TheStoryofTexas.com](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com)

**Parties-** Austin Country Club or Scholz Garten. Or special dinner for the class of '55.

**Accomodations-**There will be a block of rooms at the Drury Hotel ; Class of '55 will have a separate accommodations. "Ski" Kronkosky will put out a plan shortly for the class of '55.

**Business meeting-**The morning business meeting, at 1000, will provide an opportunity to get an update on the latest happenings at the unit and our UT NROTC Midshipmans Foundation and have a chance to meet and socialize with midshipmen, staff and fellow alums. Tickets ordered for the football game will be distributed at the business meeting..

**Game: UT vs Colorado; Time: TBD BBQ Dinner-** Our challenge will be to uphold the good name of the Naval Service while we enjoy ourselves. This will be particularly challenging for former Buccaneers.

Many of our classmates have kept their Navy/Marine Corps affiliation current by joining the Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League. Joining gets you the newsletter, a monthly copy of the Sea Power magazine and no requirement to attend the Council meetings, though the Council was recently awarded the distinction as a National Meritorious Council due in large part to their particularly strong speakers program. If interested go to this website: <http://www.centexnavyleague.org/pages/membership.html> or contact David Wells at [dwells04@earthlink.net](mailto:dwells04@earthlink.net).

**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](http://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 alumni, particularly for those lost

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**

The Alumni Foundation and the Midshipman's Foundation welcome aboard CDR Karl Hilberg, U.S. Navy, as the new XO replacing CDR Ned Ash who retired this year. Karl can be reached at [xo@navy.rotc.utexas.edu](mailto:xo@navy.rotc.utexas.edu)

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lunarock@sbcglobal.net).

Fred Moon -'70

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

P.O. Box 143562  
Austin, Texas 78714-3562

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