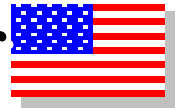




# NROTC Alumni Newsletter



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### ALUMNI FOUNDATION OFFICERS

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Fred Moon, 70  
*Vice-President*  
Robert Gartner, 1965  
*Treasurer*  
Deborah O'Neil, 1979  
*Secretary*

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Robert "Bob" Collins, 1968  
John Engstrom, 1966  
Robert "Bob" Gartner, 1965  
Walt Jenkins, 1970  
Rodney Koenig, 1962  
R. Glenn Looney, 1961  
Edwin W. (Ed) Mergele, 1975  
Fred Moon, 1970  
Dennis Olson, 1969  
Deborah O'Neil, 1979 *Anchorette*  
David Wells, 1969

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Jack Ritter, 1955  
*(Navy League Liaison)*

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Rudy Kruger, 1963  
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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 OCTOBER 15TH

SIGN UP NOW ....SEND IN REGISTRATION P.6

## REUNION SCHEDULE P.3

## MIDSHIPMAN' FOUNDATION CHALLENGE PLEDGE P.4

The Alumni Foundation Board met 15 August and reviewed the status of the organization and finalized planning for the reunion. The details of the reunion are on page 3. The week kicks off Thursday with a Navy League program on 13 October to which all alumni are invited; Friday morning for a golf outing; Friday night for a dinner at the Austin Country Club where we join the WWII Veterans or a more informal gathering at Sholtz's. Saturday will be the General Business meeting followed by the Texas vs. Colorado football game, and later we have the traditional BBQ at Camp Mabry (or ROTC Bldg.). As always the exact time for the game is not yet known as we always have to wait for the television network's decision on game time. **BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU... PLS SEND IN THE REGISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAGE 6**

This year is the 50th anniversary for the Class of '55 and **Dr. James Adkins and Preston Kronkosky** are leading the effort. to match the class of '52's outstanding response to their 50th reunion. The class of '55 will have a separate dinner at the University of Texas Club in Memorial Stadium on Friday night 14 October. So far 31 graduates and 19 others who were in or associated with the class of '55 have been contacted. If you believe you should be part of the class of '55 and have not been contacted yet, get in touch with Preston or Jim. Contact information on p.3.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Board Meeting, Austin              | • 15 October |
| • <u>2005 Reunion</u>                | • October    |
| • Navy League Program                | • PM 13 th   |
| • 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  |

The Board established the Nominating Committee for new officers for 2005-2006 terms: **Jack Ritter '55, Edwin Mergele '75, and Rusty Allman '66.** If you have any interest in serving in any position please contact them or any other board member.

*Come to the reunion and get the new Alumni Directory early!*

### TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ALUMNI OPERATING FUND STATUS FOR 2005

Bob Gartner, 1965, submitted the following Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors at the August 14, 2005 Board meeting;

Total on hand: \$9704.74

Note: NROTC Alumni Foundation Operating Fund is used to support the activities of the Alumni Foundation including the Annual Reunion and activities and programs of the NROTC unit.

#### Please continue to support the Alumni Foundation.

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

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

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

### MIDSHIPMAN FOUNDATION NEW SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED



We are pleased to announce a new scholarship created by the Class of '52 in honor of their classmates (left) LtGen **D'Wayne Gray** (USMC, ret) (class of '52) and their MOI mentor (right) MGen **Fred Haynes** (USMC, ret) (MOI '49-'52). The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Marine Option at the General Assembly meeting Saturday morning. GEN Gray and Gen Haynes will be on hand to personally present the scholarship named in their honor.

*LtGen Gray achieved the highest rank ever achieved by any UT NROTC graduate. Both he and MGen Haynes had distinguished careers in the Marine Corps and we are honored by their participation.*

**Wayne Miers** ('65) has contributed more funds to the Midshipmans Foundation than any other graduate of the UT NROTC. Wayne is the sponsor for a scholarship he has named in honor of Admiral Farragut.

At the reunion we will have several distinguished presenters associated with the awards in addition to General's Gray and Haynes. RADM **Weldon Koenig** ('58) President of the Midshipmans Foundation will host the awards, **Mr. Nelson** from Houston Endowments will present the ADM King and Nimitz awards, and **Wayne Miers** ('65) will present the ADM Farragut award.

### ALUMNI FOUNDATION AND MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION

The NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION 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.

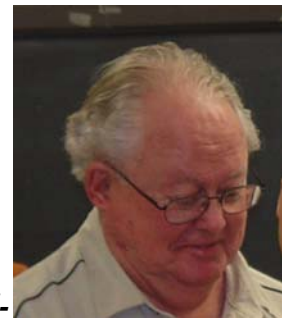
In addition, a charitable trust was created in 1991 to provide a continuing source of educational and charitable support for the betterment of the members of the Battalion of Midshipmen. The trust is called the **Midshipmans Foundation**.

*From Bob Brown '52:*

*Don't forget to include the Midshipmans Foundation in your charitable giving plans this year.*

*The Foundation is doing an excellent job of providing financial support for deserving Battalion members. It is your Foundation managed by UT NROTC alumni who contribute their service. A contribution is an excellent way to say "Thanks" to an organization which was an important part of your life. And, it's tax deductible.*

*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.*



**REUNION ACTIVITIES**

**Planning for the reunion including detailed information on the hotel accommodations are underway and that information will be posted on the website : [WWW.UTNROTCALUM.ORG](http://WWW.UTNROTCALUM.ORG).**

**13 OCTOBER:** NAVY LEAGUE DINNER AND PROGRAM; Austin Woman's Club (San Antonio Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Streets /Enter from Nueces Street at Rear) Social Hour: 1815 Dinner:1915; Program: 2015 Adjourn NLT: 2115. \$20. Contact **Glenn Looney** ('61): [rglennl@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:rglennl@alumni.utexas.net).

**14 OCTOBER:**

**Golf:** 0900 tee off. Circle C Ranch Golf Course (S.Austin—South Loop 1 and right on Texas 45) \$60. Send reservations to **Jim Brotherton** ('68): [jbrotherton@austin.rr.com](mailto:jbrotherton@austin.rr.com).

**WW II Alumni Dinner:** 6:30 PM. Austin Country Club (**All year groups invited.**) \$35; reservations by registration form (p. 6).

**Class of 1955 Dinner:** Evening at the U. of Texas Club in Memorial Stadium. Contact **Jim Adkins** ('55): [JIMRASP@AOL.com](mailto:JIMRASP@AOL.com)

**Informal Gathering:** For all year groups at Scholz's Garten at 7:00 pm

**15 OCTOBER**

**Board of Directors' Meeting,** 9:00 AM; RAS ROTC Bldg. NROTC Wardroom

**Alumni Reunion Business meeting,** 10:00 AM ; RAS ROTC Bldg. 3rd. floor

**Football Game:** Colorado vs. Texas ; start time TBD (depends on TV schedule). \$55; tickets reserved by sending in registration form (p.6).

**Reunion BBQ:** Time TBD (depends on Football game start time). Depending on start time BBQ will either be at the loading dock RAS ROTC Bldg **or at** Camp Mabry Texas Army National Guard Museum; entrance off 35th street. \$20. Reservations by registration form (p. 6).

**16 OCTOBER:** 8 AM Informal Breakfast at Ciscos on East 6th Street.

**Accommodations for other than WWII and Class of '55:** We will stick with our tried and true favorite, the Drury Inn and Suites North, 6711 IH 35N. Call 800-325-0720 and identify yourself with the Group "UTNROTC Alumni". Rates per night for two people not including (approx) a 15% tax are: \$62 for a king, \$72 for 2 doubles, and \$88 for a 2 queen suite.

**Accommodations for Class of '55 and WWII Alumni:** Double Tree on I35 North. Identify yourselves as UT alumni and receive discounted rate. Rates available until 22 September.

**Business meeting-**The morning business meeting, at 1000, is **the main reunion event** and 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.

**Contact Class of '55:** Preston Kronkosky ; 8101 Hillrise Dr Austin Texas 78759; 512-345-2062; [pkronkosky@sbsglobal.net](mailto:pkronkosky@sbsglobal.net).

## WORDS FROM THE MIDSHIPMANS FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



The Directors of the Midshipmans Foundation are pleased to report that the Foundation has once again had a banner year to date. All of you should be proud to be a part of this effort as we approach the half-million dollar mark in our fund.

The **Jack Ritter** ('55) challenge to match his pledge of \$10,000 has been met, and he is not yet complete. He has challenged the Boards of both foundations, regional directors and staff, to match an additional \$5,000 by year end. All of us are excited about making him put his money on the line even if it results in him going bare foot. Thanks Jack for a great job and being a great supporter of our midshipmen.

An anonymous donor has pledged to donate \$5000 providing that a match by those in attendance at the General Assembly meeting on the day of the reunion can be obtained through donations or pledges.

As you heard from **Bob Brown** ('52), the Chairman of the Gifts Committee, we have great things planned for this year's reunion. I strongly recommend that you join us and attend this reunion and witness first hand what we are all about. Some of us have been challenged to see if we still fit into our uniform, so it might be a sight to behold if that happens as we meet for the reunion. In my opinion, The University of Texas Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp unit is today blessed to have alumni such as you who work so hard to support the young men and women that are the Navy and Marine Corps leaders of tomorrow.

The New Board Members have stepped up to the plate and are working hard to assist in the efforts necessary to achieve our goals and keep you informed as to our successes. **Clay Fulcher** ('55) as the Assistant Vice President and lead on the Awards Committee, is putting together a package that all of us will be proud to be associated with as members. Come see what we have in store for you. Please continue to consider us in your charity plans and assist us whenever you can. We have reached a point where we have established a budget of \$20,000 for the year 2005-2006. Plans are to at least award about \$16,000 in scholarships to our young men and women. They are thankful for the assistance and it does my heart good to see how much they appreciate our assistance. The most exciting thing is that we can continue to present awards at that level, and with additional funds do even more.

I cannot thank you enough and hope that you keep up the great work.

**This is The Year for Texas. Hook'em Horns!!**

**Weldon Koenig '58**

### Challenge Pledges:

**Jack Ritter** ('55) **\$5000** : Jack will match up to \$5000 for contributions from the Boards of the Alumni Foundation and Midshipmans Foundations, NROTC staffs, and the Regional Directors. Send your pledge to John Hitchcock ('65) (email is fine for pledge: [jwhitch1@swbell.net](mailto:jwhitch1@swbell.net)). Mail gifts using the form on p. 5 and mark for "Jack Ritter Pledge"

**Anonymous** ('??) **\$5000**; anyone at the reunion who pledges or donates at the reunion. **Come with your checkbook!!**

### UTNROTC UPDATE:

This fall the Battalion expects to be about 100 strong with 25 scholarship students. 19 August is the next commissioning . 26 August is the Freshman Orientation. Midshipman's Fall Ball will be on 29 October.

CAPT Inbody (PNS) will retire in August 2006.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35.00EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 2005:

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:****“Bucaneers: Atten...hut!”**

This **October**, Barbara and I will travel back to Austin for the first time in 14 years and will not be paying tuition to UT. All of our children have graduated! Besides the pay raise, we are looking forward to this year's reunion as much as any because it is also about seeing friends and checking out changes in Austin and the campus. We look forward to seeing our NROTC friends from all the year groups, from WWII to the current classes. More importantly, we know that this year **the Foundation** will reach new milestones for **contributions** and for the scholarships provided by the Foundation. The only things we will be missing are the folks who don't join us.



Some of the board members were talking about what it would take to bring more of our alums to the reunion. As a die hard football fan, I always figured everyone would come back just for the joy of the football game. That is why we pick a game weekend. But there are quite a few folks who watch on TV or go shopping in Austin while us nuts sit in the sun at the stadium (better to be in the sun than in the freezing wind we had in '93). I also imagined that everyone wants to come back and drink beer at Scholz's. Some of us do, but in fact, there is a large group that spends Friday evening in the more classy surroundings of Austin Country Club listening to the tales of the WWII veterans. We call the dinner the WWII dinner, but it is open to everyone who wants to dress better and have a terrific time. We added a golf outing a few years ago and I hoped that would attract some folks. For the most part, that **has turned out to be** a handful of Marines practicing cussing and smoking cigars, so I can see why not too many folks have joined us. Did I mention we have a great time? Eating migas at Cisco's on Sunday morning is another one of those items that I expected would draw hordes of alums and it does by relative standards. But it is mostly attractive to those of us who live out of state and will do anything for good Mexican food. In a nutshell, there are plenty of reasons to come to Austin and to campus and to the reunion that are about having fun and seeing old friends, but those are just the start.

The business meeting on Saturday is the real reason we get together. Besides seeing faces we haven't seen for a year or fifty, we present the fall scholarships, the real **justification for our annual meeting**. We learn how the unit has **evolved** and we get to see the faces of the future leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps. Please read the articles by Bob Brown and Weldon Koenig and learn about the fabulous work that your fellow NROTC alumni are doing to provide support to the unit and the midshipmen. This year will be amazing.

The class of 1955 is being honored this year. For the fourth year **in a row**, a vibrant group of graduates from a half century ago are coming to celebrate. Don't wait for your fiftieth reunion to come back and join us. It is fun. It is invigorating to see the young leaders that the NROTC is developing. And it is gratifying to be part of this fine alumni group that is making a difference in the lives of those young leaders.

Semper Fi: BC

PS-At this year's reunion, classmates from the '60's will commence a pledge campaign to fund a named scholarship in honor of James A. Burns, '68 who was killed in combat in Viet Nam. Our target is to raise \$25,000 by 2008. The first \$2500 is already pledged.

**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).**

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

**ALUMNI UPDATE**

**Preston Kronkosky ('55) recently visited in Austin with CDR Richard Bergen (USN Ret) who was one of the Officer Instructors at UT NROTC '53-'56. After retiring from the Navy in 1962, Richard went to work at UT's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business. If his health allows, Richard may attend the reunion this year. We certainly hope he is able to make it and reminisce with those whose lives he influenced.**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*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 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](mailto:lunarock@sbcglobal.net).

Fred Moon - '70

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