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2006 REUNION UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION Saturday 14 October

Our Annual Reunion is rapidly closing in, so SIGN UP NOW!

Send in your Registration Form ASAP!
(see page 10)

Our Reunion Schedule of Events is located on page 2.

The more events you sign up for, the more enjoyable this year's reunion will be!

The Alumni Foundation Board Meeting took place at 10:00 a.m. on 29 July in RAS Hall, in the Library on the 1st deck.

Many items were covered, including the usual report items. However, this meeting was primarily focused on the upcoming Annual Reunion and a separate follow-up meeting on the creation of a new structure for our alumni organization. This Corporate Organizational presentation was made by Dennis Olson, who has been working on this project for some time.

The seven proposed resolutions made by Dennis were seconded and approved by the board members. Details of these resolutions are also available on page 14 of this issue. Dennis has also filed our new corporate charter with the Secretary of State, where it was approved and a file number issued.

In addition, our new IRS ID was created for the purpose of switching over our bank account. Details of this corporate organizational meeting and the adopted resolutions are available in the minutes of the July meeting, which will soon be posted on the website. If you have questions regarding the process or current status of this project, you may contact Dennis Olson for an update.

Calendar of Upcoming Reunion Events

(see details on page 2)

- October 12 Navy League Dinner and Program
- October 13 Golf Outing
- October 13 Alumni Dinner Honoring WWII Veterans
- October 14 2006 Reunion
- October 14 Texas vs. Baylor Football Game
- October 14 Reunion BBQ
- October 15 Breakfast



Corner Quote

“Old breed? New breed?
There's not a damn bit of difference,
so long as it's the Marine breed!”

– Col. Chesty Puller

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2006 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Reunion Activities

Thursday 12 October – Navy League Dinner and Program. Held at the Austin Woman's, Club on San Antonio St. between 7th and 8th Streets. Enter from Nueces St. at the rear. Social Hour: 1815, Dinner: 1915, Program: 2015: Adjourn NLT 2115. \$25 per person. Contact Glenn Looney ('61): rglennl@alumni.utexas.net

Friday 13 October

Golf Outing. Once again, we'll compete with one another (Navy team vs Marine Corps team) in a "golf gathering" at the Star Ranch Golf Club course in south Austin. Participants should be there by 0900. For old pro's who are over 60, \$34 will get you breakfast, lunch, golf game, golf cart, and range balls. Be there or be square! Directions from Austin: take IH 35 North exit Hwy 79 (exit 253). Turn right and go east on Hwy 79. Go 7.9 miles (past the Dell Diamond) to FM 685 (Hutto High School will be at the corner of Hwy 79 and FM 685). Turn right on FM 685 going south. Go 2.5 miles on FM 685 and Star Ranch is on your right.

UT NROTC Alumni Dinner Honoring Our WWII Veterans. This year's UT NROTC Alumni Dinner will be a joint event, with our guests of honor, WWII veterans and the Class of 1956. As always, dinner will be held at 1830, at the Austin Country Club. Cost will be \$35, but is subject to change. Dress will be "business casual", i.e., dress shirt/slacks. Contact Bob Gartner at 512-312-0976 or at bgartner@austin.rr.com for details and last-minute changes. Directions: Go one mile south of the Loop 360 bridge over Lake Austin and take Westlake Dr. east. Go about 200 meters and turn left onto Long Champ Dr. and go to 4408 at the end. Call 512-328-0090 if you get lost.

Informal Gathering. All year-group class members may also gather at Scholz's Garden at 1900 for socializing. Be advised, however, that Scholz's may close early on Friday evening.

Saturday 14 October

Board of Directors Meeting. In the Library, at 0900, 1st deck of the RAS ROTC building.
Alumni Reunion Business Meeting. In the RAS ROTC Bldg, 3rd Deck. The morning business meeting at 1000 is the main reunion event, and it will provide an opportunity to learn of all the latest unit activities, plans, achievements, etc., and also that of the Midshipmans Foundation. It is a great opportunity to meet with midshipmen, staff, and alumni. Tickets that have been ordered for the Baylor/Texas football game will also be distributed at this business meeting.

Football Game: Baylor vs. Texas. Start time is TBD. Tickets are \$55. You can reserve your tickets on the Registration Form (page 10)

Reunion BBQ. It has not yet been determined if the Baylor/Texas game will be a day or a night game. If a day game, the BBQ will be held behind the RAS ROTC building, by the loading dock. If a night game, the BBQ will be held at Camp Mabry (time TBD). The BBQ is \$20 per head. Reservations should be made on your Registration Form on page 10.

Sunday 15 October – Breakfast. At 0800, an informal breakfast will be held at Cisco's on East 6th Street. You may show up at your convenience, but the earlier the better, so you can see your friends one more time before they hit the road!

Hotel Accomodations are available for all attendees at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North, 6711 IH-35 North, Austin 78752, 512-467-9500. For reservations, call 800-325-0720 and tell them the hotel name and group name "UTNROTC Alumni." Group number is 158574. Reservations must be made by Wednesday 13 Sept for the group rate. Same amenities as last year with complimentary breakfast buffet, manager's reception daily, free parking, cable TV with HBO, etc. Go to www.druryhotels.com for more info. Room rates per night for 1 to 4 persons are 2 queen suite \$110, 2 doubles \$94, and king deluxe \$85. City hotel tax is an additional 15% (subject to change without notice). Check-in is 1500; check-out is 1100.

Vice President's Corner

Fred Moon (1970)



Our WWII Veterans – A Special Tribute

While we continue to be honored by the presence of our WWII-era veterans at our reunions, this Reunion promises to be made a bit more special than usual by these history makers. Our WWII-era veterans will be plowing through heavy seas, slicing through the air, and storming the beaches as they record their personal histories of that illustrious era. Our WWII veterans will be very busy working with the assistance of the Unit during the day Friday and probably into the Friday evening dinner in their honor capturing that history, but as always, they will be eager to join in camaraderie with all of us. The Reunion presents a rare opportunity for the rest of us following in their ranks to be able to share some of their history – take the time to participate in our events and introduce yourself to these sea warriors of the past, share some of their time, and be able to take with you the memory of their tales, sea stories, legends.

Enjoy the Upcoming Reunion – Attention: Class of '56 Reunion

The Board of Directors and other members have been making preparations for our annual NROTC Alumni Reunion to be an enjoyable and meaningful event for our membership. We hope that you can participate, even if for only part of the activities, and enjoy seeing old friends from time past, and foster some new friendships with others from times prior to and after your own era. All of the activities this year are general membership events, especially honoring our WWII era veterans and the Class of '56 in its 50th anniversary.

As the Reunion agenda lends itself to special participation by the Class of '56, we would like to offer the opportunity for the Class of '56 to plan a Class gathering or two also. The Board is more than willing to assist in making arrangements. Class of '56 members who can help coordinate or have any questions should contact Fred Moon at lunarock@sbcglobal.net or 817-681-1471.

Address/Phone Number Change?

Is your or your classmate's address, phone number, spouse's name correct in the Directory? Help us out by providing updated information for yourself or others so that we can get the word out and keep those newsletters going to the correct address. Also, it will help others find your correct phone number in the next Directory publishing for the Reunion and call you sometime. To update the database with any new information, just go to our website at utnrotcalum.org and select Update Form. Only the new information needs to be filled out after the name. If you are able to help by sending in any address/telephone number updates for other members, particularly for those lost members you are able to find, please send an email with the details of your find to Fred Moon at lunarock@sbcglobal.net.

Class Representative Volunteers Needed!

We are still attempting to re-vitalize an effort that in the past has helped you to keep in contact with your classmates – by keeping the member database current to get the newsletter to all of our membership and the directory to contributors. This has been possible principally by having Class Representatives be a focal point for each Class by maintaining contact with Class members and proactively finding lost Classmates. Class Representatives are also instrumental in organizing their class to plan for significant anniversaries, such as the 30th, 40th, and 50th year reunions held in conjunction with the Association's Annual Reunion held in the fall. We need former class Representatives, Regional Directors, and new volunteers to participate again, or for the first time in this capacity. Should anyone be able to volunteer to either be a Class Representative, Assistant, or simply assist the Representative in some capacity, please contact Fred Moon at lunarock@sbcglobal.net.

First Distinguished Alumnus Award Announced

James J. Mulva has been selected to receive the first Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UT NROTC Alumni Foundation. Plans are now underway to determine the time, place, and circumstance to present the award.

James Mulva is truly deserving of this honor. His achievements are outstanding and inspirational to current and past members of the UT NROTC Battalion. Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Jim earned his Bachelor's Degree and, later, his MBA degree at UT Austin, where he was a member of the UT NROTC, graduating in 1968. Following his Naval service, he served many years with Phillips Petroleum. In the course of his career, he engineered the merger between Phillips and Conoco, and he became Chairman and CEO of the merged companies, ConocoPhillips. Perhaps you saw him recently, testifying at a Congressional Committee hearing and, later on, with Meet the Press.

Mr. Mulva was selected to receive this award by the newly formed Awards Committee of the Alumni Foundation and the Midshipmans Foundation. The members of the Committee are the President of the Alumni Foundation, the President of the Midshipmans Foundation, and a member of the Midshipmans Foundation designated by the President of the Midshipmans Foundation.

The Awards Committee has announced that guidelines for qualification for the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Distinguished Service Award have been established and will be published to all Alumni through the Newsletter and the Alumni website. Forms will also be published for the nomination of candidates. This two-page form is provided on pages 7 and 8 of this current newsletter. In addition, the Distinguished Alumnus Award Criteria, which lists all of the requirements for qualifying a candidate appears in the article below. If you know a UT NROTC Alumni who is qualified for this award, please submit the Distinguished Alumnus Nomination form to the Awards Committee.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Criteria

UT NROTC Alumnus: (Webster defines alumnus as: "A member of a school or college class that has been graduated." An awardee may not have graduated and been commissioned with his/her class, but was a member of a class that did graduate and was commissioned.)

- **Presentation of award may be preceded by officially naming the awardee an Honory Alumnus of the UT NROTC.**

Remaining criteria for qualification should include one or more of the following:

- Ten years or more of membership and/or significant participation on UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Board or UT Midshipman Foundation Board.
- Outstanding service to the nation, state, Armed Forces of the United States, community, charitable organizations, and/or professional disciplines (medicine, engineering, education, etc.)
- Responsible for MF receipt of contribution of \$25K, or more.
Awardee may make personal or corporate contribution, or may have successfully solicited or been responsible for MF receipt of \$25K, or equivalent products or services, or more.
- State-level or Federal-elected official (senate, congress, judge, etc.)
- Attainment of Flag Rank or equivalent in Federal service (Ambassador, Secretary of Defense, Supreme Court Justice, etc.)
- CEO, COO, CFO or Board of Directors of Fortune 500 Company.