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UT NROTC ALUMNI REUNION – October 2006

The 2006 UT NROTC Alumni Reunion was once again a wonderful experience for all who attended – one of several special events, some with very special remembrances. The weekend began with our annual Navy-Marine golf tournament. The outcome is a bit foggy this year for some reason.

Friday was a very special day of Reunion activity. Ivan Elmer had worked tirelessly to organize the WWII alumni events of that day. During the afternoon, 18 of our WWII Alumni from the Classes of '43 thru '46 gathered to tell their stories, as CDR Harry Newton of the Unit Staff moderated a seminar with audio recordings being made. (see picture) Several WWII Alumni family members also attended the histories recording session (see the Alumni Histories article on page 11 for more details). Over 60 people, from the WWII era up to present day, gathered at the Austin Country Club Friday evening for a wonderful dinner with our host, Rusty Allman. In addition to most of those WWII Alumni in the accompanying photograph being at the dinner, C.H. Britton '44, Bernie Hillen '46, and Jim Patterson '45 also dined with us.



Front row, left to right: Warren Freund '45, John Watkins '45 (V-12), Rom Rhome '43, Arthur "Swede" Bergstrom '44, John Wildenthal '44, Robert Martin '46, Richard LaRouax '45, Dan Krausse '45, and Joe Chesnick '45
Back row, left to right: Jim W. Wilson '44, John Doole '44, Ivan Elmer '45, Bill Barnhouse '44, Hume Cofer '43, Grant Stoddard '43, H. J. "Hank" Williams '44, W. H. "Bill" Wilson '44, and J. E. Loveless '44

Notices

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Sailing Enthusiasts – Follow Rusty and Kaye Allman on their next sailing journey to the Bahamas. Check out their sailing log at: www.sailblogs.com/member/zeptepi.

The Navy League Greater Central Texas Council Presents
Topic: Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt, Thursday, 15 February 2007. See details on page 4.

Corner Quote

“That is not to say that we can relax our readiness to defend ourselves. Our armament must be adequate to the needs, but our faith is not primarily in these machines of defense, but in ourselves.”

– ADM Chester W. Nimitz



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Alumni Foundation Officers

- Fred Moon** (1970)
President
- Edwin W. "Ed" Mergele** (1975)
Vice President
- Spencer Smith** (1973)
Secretary
- Dan O'Neil** (1980)
Treasurer
- Robert W. "Bob" Looney** (1962)
Editor/Publisher
- James D. Brotherton** (1968)
Historian

Alumni Foundation Board of Directors

- James D. Brotherton** (1968)
- W. Robert Brown** (1952)
- R. Glenn Looney** (1961)
- Robert W. "Bob" Looney** (1962)
- Edwin W. "Ed" Mergele** (1975)
- Fred Moon** (1970)
- Dennis Olson** (1969)
- Dan O'Neil** (1980)
- Spencer Smith** (Secretary) (1973)
- Michael Waldron** (1967)
- David Wells** (1969)

Ex-Officio Members

- CAPT Gabriel R. Salazar, USN** (1979)
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) 703-759-3327
- Rudy Kruger** (1963)
Central (H) 402-331-6557
- Henry Harper** (1965)
Mountain (H) 208-522-7776

Midshipman Foundation Directors

- Clay W.G. Fulcher** (1955)
- Robert L. Gartner** (1965)
- John Hitchcock** (1965)
- J. Weldon Koenig** (1958)
- Max Miller** (1957)

Midshipman Foundation Advisory Directors

- Donald S. Inbody**
- Jefferson D. Howell** (1961)

Chairman, Gifts Committee

- W. Robert Brown** (1952)

The following morning, the Alumni Foundation Board met (see the Minutes Highlights), followed by the General Business Meeting kicking off at 1000 on the 3rd deck of the ROTC Bldg. The General Business Meeting started with a presentation of the colors by the Battalion Color Guard, welcome by the President, Bob Collins '68, and recognition of distinguished guests. The Treasurer provided his report (see the annual report) and was followed by the Midshipmans Foundation Report. Thanks to generous contributions, the Midshipmans Foundation Trust Fund corpus is now over \$550,000. Scholarship and sword awards were then presented to members of the Battalion – \$10,000 in scholarships and the LtGen D'Wayne Gray Class of '52 Sword were awarded as follows:

MIDN 1/C Joshua Brown	\$2000 Midshipmans Foundation Scholarship
MIDN 2/C George Kunthara	\$2000 Houston Endowment Scholarship
OC W. Wilfredo Santiago	\$2000 Houston Endowment Scholarship
MIDN 1/C Courtney Hanas	\$1000 Crawford & Hattie Jackson Foundation Scholarship
OC Kena K. Lyke	\$1000 Crawford & Hattie Jackson Foundation Scholarship
MIDN 3/C Padraic Nichols	\$1000 CAPT H. Malcolm MacDonald Scholarship
Sergeant Albert J. Perez	\$1000 LtGen Gray/MajGen Haynes/Class of '52 Scholarship
MIDN 1/C Travis Grell	LtGen D'Wayne Gray Class of '52 Sword

Bob Brown reported he was holding an anonymous check for \$5000, which would be donated to the Midshipman's Foundation Trust Fund if matched by the time the BBQ took place. The new PNS, CAPT Salazar, then presented the status of the Battalion. The new slate of Alumni Foundation Board Officers and Directors was then presented, and all were voted in by acclamation (see column on left). The meeting concluded with the announcement of the next Reunion date – 29 September 2007. All then adjourned to the loading docks area for BBQ with all the fixin's and beverage of choice being provided by Smokey Joe's. At the end of the BBQ, Bob Brown's announcement that \$26,000 had been received for the Trust fund received a big round of applause, and Bob then presented Mack Brown autographed game balls to the two highest contributors. Later, around 40 Alumni and family gathered together at Memorial Stadium to watch the Longhorns defeat Baylor. Want to view more photographs of the Reunion activities? Go to our website at utnrotcalum.org.



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Joshua Brown



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George Kunthara



OC
W. Santiago



MIDN 1/C
Courtney Hanas



OC
Kena K. Lyke



MIDN 3/C
Padraic Nichols



Sergeant
Albert J. Perez



MIDN 1/C
Travis Grell

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Alumni Reunion Photos

