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Come to the 2013 Reunion Party!

We're finally moved into the new building! Come join the fun at this year's Annual Reunion, our 27th! Stay tuned to all the up-to-the-minute plans on our website, www.utnrotcalum.org. All events will be centered around the November 2, 2013 General Business meeting and scholarship awards ceremony. That's on the Saturday of the Kansas game. This will be the first reunion with activities being held in our new home, the Liberal Arts Building (CLA). The building's largest auditorium has been named in honor of Russell A. Steindam to carry on that name. All ROTC Program offices and spaces are on the top deck (5th floor), thanks to the Mulva family. The entire 5th floor has been named the James J. Mulva ROTC Center, in acknowledgement of the generous and timely gift from Jim ('68) and Miriam Mulva. NROTC spaces occupy nearly all the north side, overlooking the East Mall. The Midshipman's Lounge has been named the Jonas B. Kelsall ('01) Student Lounge. Jonas was one of our 2001 graduates, a Navy LCDR and SEAL who was killed in action (KIA) in Afghanistan in 2011. Our Alumni Foundation Board meeting will be held in the ADM William H. "Bill" McRaven ('77) classroom. Those who arrive early are welcome to attend. Come and just browse the spaces at your own pace or take a guided tour.



Front of the New Liberal Arts Building (CLA), East Mall & Midshipmen Training

Page 6 is our registration form which must be received by October 18th. See pages 4 & 5 for a briefing on all the activities we have planned. Get your reservations in early so timely planning can occur. There are deadlines on the hotel, Navy League dinner, BBQ, and Friday night awards dinner. And there is limited availability of parking tags, tee times, football tickets and the hotel rooms. So get your reservations in soon. We hope to see everyone there, especially those from year groups ending with "3". If any of those groups are planning special activities, let the webmaster know so they can be posted on our website. And keep watch on our website for any last minute changes. Once game time is announced Saturday's schedule will be firmed up and posted, too. Check the website for who is coming as well. As folks sign up we'll post their names and the activities they have signed up for.

Don't forget to make your donations this year to the Alumni Foundation and the Midshipmans Foundation. A combined donation form is on page 7. We have met the Mulva Challenge for 2013, but don't let that deter you from donating. If you want to help with the 2014 Challenge, though, make your donation to the Midshipmans Foundation after December 1, 2013.

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**President's Corner**

Ray Adams '80

Greetings to my fellow alums of the Naval ROTC Unit at UT, founded on the eve of WWII and now supporting the war on terror by providing Navy and Marine Corps officers to fulfill the leadership needs of our country. Throughout the history of this unit there have been a number of programs, NROTC, NESEP, MESEP, ECP, V12 and others, that provided an education from the University of Texas and a commission as an Ensign in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. The fact is we are all alums of the Naval Unit, each a part of a 73-year history we can all be proud of. In 1985 we started what now is definitely the top Naval ROTC alumni organization in the U.S. We have helped position UT as a top option for new students, from across the nation, considering NROTC or other officer candidate programs offered here. Much of this has come about because of the great university we are affiliated with and the hard work of a number of alums through the years. Support by our alums is critical to our ability to have a reunion each year, assist the Battalion with financial help and to do other things the unit is unable to do themselves. For instance, our new building and the facilities there dedicated to ROTC at UT would not have been possible without the campaign we mounted to resolve the situation with UT and the three services nor would it have been timely completed without a very generous gift from a Naval ROTC alumni. I am sure each of you plans to attend the reunion, invite 2-3 of your classmates, get good briefings on the status of the unit, see awards given to very deserving men and women, participate on the board at some point, and donate in support of our foundations. We should all be proud of how far the organization has come, primarily with a lot of energy, support, and participation from a large number of folks in classes before 1975. In order to get it into its second 30 years, we need to add to the mix some new ideas, new blood, and support from the alums from the classes since 1975. So if you are in one of these classes, please give it some strong consideration. It's hard to believe that it has been a year since I took over as president and we are on the eve of another reunion. Last year's reunion included many fun activities, outstanding alumni recognitions, rewarding scholarship presentations, and yes, we won the football game. This year is looking like it will be another great reunion. The unit itself is now set up in some very nice facilities in the Liberal Arts Building,

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**News from the Midshipmans Foundation**

Max Miller '57

Weldon Koenig '58

Fellow alumni, it is a pleasure to report to you the status of your Midshipmans Foundation. This will be my final report to you as its Chairman as I turn over the task to Bob Brown this fall. Progress continues in an exceptional manner as scholarships and swords are awarded each year along with funding for special leadership and educational training sessions that benefits our young men and women of the University of Texas Naval ROTC Unit here in Austin. We have awarded about 200 scholarships and presented about 60 swords as of this writing. The total value of these awards to date is \$272,794. These all go to the young people who will be our future Navy and Marine Corps leaders. The current value of your endowment at year end 2012 is \$1,403,129. I hope you are as proud as we are, the Directors of your Foundation, of what our alumni have accomplished. From what CAPT Eden tells us, our alumni group is the envy of every other NROTC Unit in the country. There is none other like us. I thank you all for a job well done. As Bob Brown, Max Miller and the Board of Directors continue their mission; please continue to support them so that they can continue to support our young prospective Navy and Marine Corps officers. Hook'em Horns!!!





CO's SITREP



Greetings! As summer begins to wind down and we prepare for the fall semester I would like thank each of you for your outstanding support to the unit. The 2013 Spring Awards ceremony provided generous scholarships to numerous battalion members. Your selfless donations have helped many pay for the extra expenses not covered by the NROTC scholarship. In addition, your donations made it possible for us to send several midshipmen to two leadership conferences this year (Notre Dame and Annapolis) and to subsidize our meager budget and enable the battalion to purchase necessities to truly make our new spaces a gathering space for all midshipmen. Thank you! If you have not had the opportunity to visit our new home, please do. Our spaces will be open during the reunion on Saturday so please do not hesitate to come on up to the 5th floor of the new College of Liberal Arts building (CLA). The general alumni meeting space for Saturday's unit briefings and scholarship awards ceremony and the BBQ locations are both adjacent to the CLA building so the walk is very short.

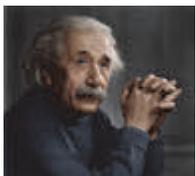
Maj Ty Kopke, the Marine Officer Instructor, was relieved in June by Capt Lucas Balke. Maj Kopke is reporting to North Carolina, MCAS New River, as Operations Officer for MALS 29. His leadership and comradeship will be missed, but the impact he has had on numerous students will stay with them forever. Capt Balke comes from Camp Pendleton, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and we welcome him and his family to this great program.

We are gearing up for another Freshman Orientation to continue the circle of life within the military. So far we have 15 new scholarship freshmen slated to attend orientation beginning 26 August, quite a departure from last year's 48, but I still hope for some more interested and eager College Programmers. If you are available, we will be commissioning two new Ensigns on August 20th, at the Texas Union, Eastwoods Room, beginning at 1100. Hope to see you there.

– V/R, John

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which I encourage you to take some time to look at during the reunion. The new Naval ROTC unit offices are a testament to the influence our alums can provide in partnering with the University to achieve a common goal. Our visions for the Alumni Foundation have not waivered over the past 28 years. Our organization continues to thrive while being flexible enough to adapt to the changing climate of the University and the Naval Service. I hope to see you at the reunion, and I am looking forward to meeting your classmates that may be attending their first reunion.



"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

(AS OF 06/07/2013)

BEGINNING BALANCE (02/09/13)	\$18,302.43
INCOME:	
Board Donations	\$305.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$305.00
EXPENSES:	
Battalion Donation (02/19/13)	\$2,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,300.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$16,307.43
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Newsletter mailing (Estimated).....	\$400.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$400.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$15,907.43
LESS ENCUMBERED FUNDS:	
Life Sponsorships.....	\$13,500.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS (for Reunion & Battalion Assistance)	\$2,407.43

NOTE: Life Sponsorship money is to be invested in a manner similar to the Midshipmans Foundation's Endowment Fund in order to provide a "corpus" for the UT NROTC Alumni Foundation. Earnings from this corpus will be used as the board sees fit to provide seed money for the Reunion each year and provide whatever assistance it can to the Battalion.

2013 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Reunion Activities

Hotel Accommodations. Rooms will be available for Reunion attendees at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Austin Central, 5901 N. IH-35, Austin TX 78723, 512-454-8004. *We reserved a block of rooms at a special group rate which expires **October 11th** or whenever the rooms are all spoken for so make your reservations soon.* For reservations go to the special booking website (see below) for our Reunion Weekend, or call the special group reservation number 800-729-5711 and use the group code "UTN" to get the discounted rate, or call 800-362-2779 and tell them the hotel name, and group name "UT NROTC Alumni Reunion 2013". The group rate is \$139 per night plus 15% tax for 1-2 adults in a king suite or 2-doubles suite. Check the multiple amenities via the hotel website (see below) or the special group reservation site (indoor heated pool, complimentary hot breakfast and manager's reception daily).

Special Booking Website:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/AUSCLES-UTN-20131031/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Hotel Website: <http://www.reservationcounter.com/hotels/show/113560/embassy-suites-austin-central>

Thursday 31 October

Navy League Dinner and Program. The Greater Austin Council will kick off the 2013 reunion weekend with a dinner and distinguished speaker program on Thursday, 31 October 2013. This is the Council's signature event each year as it honors The University of Texas NROTC midshipmen, officer candidates, staff, and alumni. Dr. Hans Mark, Professor of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at The University of Texas, will keynote the week's activities as the Council's Distinguished Speaker and Guest of Honor. Since 1990, he has been associated with The University's Institute for Advanced Technology as a Senior Research Engineer. In that capacity he works on advanced weapons systems for the U.S. Army. Dr. Mark is a strong friend of the ROTC Programs on campus.



The meeting will be held at the Austin Woman's Club (1st Floor) located at the corner of San Antonio and 8th Street. Access to the entrance and parking area is from the rear on Nueces Street between 7th & 8th Streets. Parking is free-ignore the signs. Social hour begins at 1815; Dinner is at 1915; Program begins at 2015; Adjourn at 2115. All Navy League meetings are open to the public. Your family and friends are all welcome. Reservations are required by Tuesday, 29 October 2013 (may pay at the door \$30 per person for members and their guests, \$20 per person for military in uniform and their guests). For more information call Glenn Looney at 512-327-7413 or email him at rglennl@alumni.utexas.net. To make reservations, directly contact Lu Ann Reyes at luann@luannreyes.com or call her at 512-203-4399.

Friday 1 November

Golf Outing. For those of you interested in a reunion Golf outing we will be gathering at Star Ranch on Friday November 1st in the morning. Currently we have a promise from Star Ranch for 4 tee times (16 players), starting at 0800. We can get more, if there is more interest. Please indicate your desire to participate on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). As in previous encounters we will face off Navy versus Marine Corps. The Star Ranch offers both a Breakfast Buffet and a Lunch Buffet as part of the greens fee. Star Ranch is located at 2500 FM 685 in Hutto, Texas (NE Austin just north of the new toll road 45 East). The cost of greens fee/cart/range balls/and two buffets is \$45. We will pay when we get there. Notify Doug Fisher '70 if you are interested in playing. Home Phone: 817-354-0236 or cell 817-691-7252 or email douglasffisher@tx.rr.com.

Directions to Star Ranch from Austin:

Take IH 35 North exit Louis Henna Blvd (Toll 45/Loop 1)

Travel 1.4 miles on access road to Toll Road 45 East

Travel approx. 2.7 miles and take 130 North

Exit Gattis School Road/685 North

Travel approx. 1 mile North on FM685 and turn left at second stop light

Go 0.6 miles South on FM 685 and Star Ranch will be on your right.



UT NROTC Alumni Dinner. This year's UT NROTC Alumni Dinner will be held at the Austin Country Club (ACC) honoring Distinguished Alumni. Cocktails will start at 1830, followed by dinner at 1900. The tentative cost is \$45, but is subject to change. Dress will be "business casual" (i.e. sport coat or dress shirt/slacks). Directions: Go one mile south of the Loop 360 bridge over Lake Austin and take Westlake Drive east. Go about 200 meters and turn left onto Long Champ Drive 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 Garten (1607 San Jacinto) at 1900 on Friday night for socializing. Be prepared to contact others to make plans to meet at an alternate location if Scholz's ends up being reserved for a private party. Telephone for Scholz Garten is 512-474-1958.



Saturday 2 November

Saturday's Schedule. Having our annual Reunion on a game day weekend is a mixed blessing. We do this because it typically draws more people to town, especially if Texas is doing well. The downside is that it makes planning for Saturday's activities more difficult. Fortunately we got confirmation this year, just as we were about to go to press, that the football game with Kansas will have a 2:30pm kick-off time. With this information we can set Saturday's schedule now instead of waiting, on pins and needles, to make last minute plans. All our activities, including the BBQ, will be before the game. All our activities will be centered around the new Liberal Arts Building, referred to as **CLA** in this newsletter. The other venue we are using is the new Student Activity Center, which connects with the CLA, and is referred to as **SAC** in this newsletter.

Parking on Campus. Last year we were able to get 20 parking spaces along Speedway, reserved on game day for \$15 apiece. We're hopeful we can get that many again this year, perhaps more, and at the same price. Please indicate your desire to have one of these spaces on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). First come, first served.

Board of Directors Meeting. From 8am to 9am the UT NROTC Alumni Foundation board will hold their quarterly meeting in **CLA** Room 5.402, the ADM William H. "Bill" McRaven ('77) Classroom before the General Business Meeting.

Alumni Reunion General Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards Ceremony. From 9:30am to 11:30am the "main event" will be held in the large **SAC** auditorium, Room 1.402. The morning general business meeting and scholarship awards ceremony is the main reunion event and it will provide an opportunity to learn all about the latest unit activities, plans, and achievements. You will also see the award of multiple scholarships and officer swords to Midshipmen and Officer Candidates of the Battalion by your Midshipmans Foundation. It is a great opportunity to meet with Midshipmen, staff, and alumni. For many years now we have also had a special visitor or two drop by and say a few words to the gathering. Who will it be this year? Tickets that have been ordered for the Texas-Kansas football game will also be distributed at the meeting.

Reunion BBQ. From 11:30am until 1:30pm, or later, we will have our annual BBQ on the patio and grounds area outside CLA on the East side between CLA and the Alumni Center. We always plan on a few extra people, but be considerate and register early for this event so that we will have enough for everyone. The cost for the BBQ is \$30 per head which includes beverage. Sign up on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). **Note:** Pok 'E' Joe's will only serve for 1-1/2 hours starting at noon. Beverages are available until they are all consumed.



Football Game: Kick-off is scheduled at 2:30pm for Texas vs. Kansas. Tickets are \$60. We have reserved 40 tickets. You can sign up for tickets on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). First come, first served.



Sunday 3 November

Breakfast. Whether you choose to eat at the Embassy Suites' buffet or head out to Cisco's on East 6th Street for "migas", be sure to meet and greet your fellow alums one more time before they hit the road! For Cisco's it is recommended you get there early (i.e. around 8am) since it's a popular place.

InMemoriam

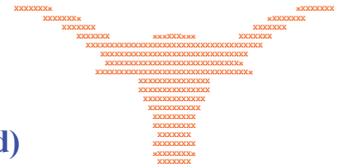
William R. "Bill" Hakim, Class of 1985, passed away December 12, 2008.
 Merritt J. Schumann, Class of 1950, passed away December 25, 2012.
 Marcel Emile Gres, Class of 1944, passed away January 5, 2013.
 Joseph E. Fite, Class of 2003, was killed in action (KIA) January 9, 2005.
 James Edward "Ed" Dowdey, Class of 1951, passed away September 26, 2007.

Since our last Reunion, these alumni have joined the ranks of our other Fallen Comrades. See their photos and obituaries on our website. See more names on page 8.



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Austin, TX 78714-3562

Exes for Texas



27th Annual Alumni Reunion (November 2, 2013 Weekend)

Registration Form

Please return a completed form, with payment, by October 18th

From: _____ Year Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C or W) _____

Email Address: _____

Yes!! I'll be there!! Use the following information to make plans for me:

Thursday Navy League dinner _____ (How many. Reservation process on Page 4)

Friday Morning Golf _____ (How many to play. Pay at Golf Course)

Friday night ACC dinner _____ x \$45 each = \$ _____

BBQ dinner tickets _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____

Football tickets (Kansas Game) _____ x \$60 each = \$ _____

Saturday On-Campus Parking _____ x \$15 each = \$ _____

Total amount for Reunion: \$ _____

I cannot attend this year. Please update my contact information (see above).

NOTE: For more rapid handling, mail your Reunion Registration Form and Check to:

Jim Bushee, Treasurer
4101 Shadow Oak Lane
Austin, TX 78746



Which service do you identify with (check one): USMC USN

Make all Reunion checks payable to: UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION.

Reunion events payment and tax-deductible donations to the Alumni Foundation may be combined into one check. See separate donation form.



**Donation Form for UTNROTC Alumni Foundation
Battalion-Reunion Sponsors Fund**

Name: _____ Commissioning Class: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Phone Nos. Home: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

As a Sponsor of Battalion Activities and the Annual Reunion, please accept my tax-deductible donation for 2013

(check one): **Burnt Orange Level: \$25** **Make checks payable to: UT NROTC Alumni Foundation**
 Blue/Scarlet Level: \$75 **and Mail to: P.O. Box 143562**
 Gold Level: \$150 **Austin, TX 78714-3562**
 Lifetime (60+): \$500
 Lifetime (Under 60): \$1,000
 Other (fill in amount): \$_____

If your company offers matching gifts to non-profit organizations don't forget to ask them and alert them before making a contribution to us. Contact Jim Bushee if the matching process is more complicated. Donations will be acknowledged, in writing, annually. NOTE: If you make donations to both organizations, you may mail both checks to either address.

**Donation Form for Midshipmans Foundation
Scholarship Fund**

Name: _____ Commissioning Class: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Phone Nos. Home: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

As a Donor for Scholarships, please accept my tax-deductible donation for 2013 at one of these suggested levels

(check one): **\$100** **Make checks payable to: Midshipmans Foundation**
 \$500 **and Mail to: Bob Gartner, Treasurer**
 \$1,000 **6908 Bayridge Terrace**
 \$2,500 **Austin, TX 78759**
 \$5,000
 Other (fill in amount): \$_____

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InMemoriam

Richard W. Chote, Class of 1962, passed away May 14, 2013.
Richard Allen Mohun, Class of 1959, passed away January 31, 2013.
Arthur Karling "Swede" Bergstrom, Class of 1944, passed away July 24, 2013.