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Come to the 2014 Reunion Party!

Come join the fun at this year's Annual Reunion, our 28th! This will be our second year in the new building and you'll notice a few nice changes. Stay tuned to all the up-to-the-minute plans on our website, www.utnrotcalum.org. All events will be centered around the November 8, 2014 General Business meeting and scholarship awards ceremony. That's on the Saturday of the West Virginia game. Two special guests are scheduled to attend: UT President Bill Powers and Chief of Naval Personnel, VADM William F. "Bill" Moran. Others may pop in, too, so you'll want to be there. Most all of our other Saturday activities will be on the top deck (5th floor) of the Liberal Arts Building (CLA), The James J. Mulva ROTC Center, named for one of our 1968 alumni and in acknowledgement of the generous and timely gift from him and his wife, Miriam Mulva.



Front of the Liberal Arts Building (CLA) from the East Mall & Our Reunion Banner

NROTC spaces occupy nearly all the north side of the 5th deck, overlooking the East Mall. Our Alumni Foundation Board meeting will be held in the ADM William H. "Bill" McRaven ('77) classroom on that floor. Bill McRaven has just been recently named the new Chancellor of the entire UT System. He will "relieve the watch" in January of 2015 after his retirement from the Navy later this month. Those who arrive early are welcome to attend the board meeting. Come and just browse the spaces at your own pace.

Page 6 is our registration form which must be received by **October 11th**. 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 "4". 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. The Mulva family continues to match donations, dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 per year, so make your donation count double. The Mulva Challenge is for donations to the Midshipmans Foundation only and begins December 1st of each year.

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We have lost our printing sponsorship by Raytheon Co. of McKinney, Texas and are looking for new sponsors to fill this need. Can your company help?

**President's Corner**

Ray Adams '80

Greetings, fellow alumni! As I write this article, I am reading about one of our own, ADM Bill McRaven '77, being selected as the next Chancellor of the UT System. Congratulations ADM McRaven; we look forward to having you back in Texas!

The Admiral is but the latest of a long list of alumni who have beaten a path of great success in their respective careers following their start in the UTNROTC. What a great legacy for all of us! We, as alumni, have a clear role in furthering the legacy of the UTNROTC. I am counting on you to continue to do that through your giving, participation, and support of our activities. Your financial support helps fund midshipman activities and projects that the unit and the Navy are unable to fund. Of course, financial support for the Midshipmans Foundation to fund scholarships remains essential as well. I hope we all recognize our clear link to the University. We are a powerful force when mobilized, as we have demonstrated historically.

One of the characteristics of a successful organization like ours is effective communication. Thanks to the hard work of Dick Wellborn and Ed Mergele, we now have active Facebook and LinkedIn pages. In fact we have created some new LinkedIn pages for some of our sub-groups, like the Crow's Nest and the Class of 1985. Beginning this year, we will be able to take online reunion registrations as well as donations. I encourage all of you to take some time to check out these new capabilities, and by the way, don't forget to friend us on Facebook so you can get our email blasts, etc. We would love to get your feedback so we can look at improvements...perhaps Twitter is next. ☺

Recently, I was contacted by a recruiter who is a Naval Academy graduate. I was pleased to hear from him that he viewed our organization as the best Navy ROTC alumni organization he had run across. This is truly a credit to all of you and your hard work. Our reunion this year, like last year, will be held in and adjacent to the CLA Building. We look forward to having our BBQ in the ROTC spaces. Again, I encourage you to invite 3 of your fellow alumni to the reunion. Last year we saw a lot of new faces. I enjoyed meeting them and seeing old friends as well. See you at the reunion, and Hook 'em Horns!

**News from the Midshipmans Foundation**

Max Miller '57

Rod Koenig '62

This year marks the 74th anniversary of the establishment of the UT Naval ROTC Unit by President Roosevelt in 1940. A bit of history about your Midshipmans Foundation is in order. After being incorporated in 1970 by a UT NROTC alumnus to aid the failing but popular Crow Nest Co-Op, the Foundation lay dormant for many years until revived in 2002 by Weldon Koenig, Max Miller and John Hitchcock to become the scholarship arm of the UT NROTC Alumni organization.

In the year 2002, the Foundation had an endowment fund of \$140,000 and awarded one scholarship of \$1,000. It was a modest beginning, but the leadership of the Midshipmans Foundation, supported by all the Alumni, had very high aspirations and moved confidently forward focused on its mission to provide scholarships to members of the NROTC Battalion.



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CO's SITREP



Greetings! As another 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 2014 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 again 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! The latest Spur & Anchor newsletter (June 2014) covers most all of the battalion activities over this last semester and describes them in the words of the attendees themselves. It's on our unit website and the alumni website. NROTC spaces are on the 5th floor of the College of Liberal Arts building (CLA) and will host the alumni board meeting and BBQ this year. The general alumni meeting space for Saturday's unit briefings and scholarship awards ceremony will be in the Student Activity Center (SAC) next door.

LT Christopher Hoover was relieved this spring by LT Christopher Ehlinger, a graduate of Duke University and a native of Clewiston, Florida. He is just coming off a tour of duty as Submarine Ops Officer on the USS EISENHOWER. He carries forward our nuclear power and submarine expertise on staff. We welcome him to Texas and this exceptional NROTC unit.

We are gearing up for another Freshman Orientation to continue the circle of life within the military. It will be beginning later this month in August and we will have a SITREP for you at the general business meeting on Saturday, prior to the scholarship awards ceremony. This last spring we commissioned four Ensigns and one 2ndLts in the Senate Chamber of the Texas State Capitol. These commissioning ceremonies are typically scheduled on our and the alumni website calendars and you, our alumnis are always welcomed to attend.

– V/R, John

Online Registration!

This year, for the first time, we are taking online reunion registrations. We are using a service called Brown Paper Tickets (BPT). The process will be similar to using our paper registration form and sending in a check but now you will be able to do it online, using your credit card or Pay-Pal. There will be fees associated with some of the events, not all. And some events you will still have to make separate reservations for (e.g. Navy League dinner and golf). Go to our website for all the details and the link to the BPT Reunion Event Site.



UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

(AS OF 07/31/2014)

BEGINNING BALANCE (05/31/14)	\$7,156.06
INCOME:	
Member Checks or Pay-Pal.....	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
EXPENSES:	
Battalion Donation or Other.....	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$7,156.06
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
None Known	\$0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$7,156.06
LESS ENCUMBERED FUNDS:	
"Fenced Funds" for PNS/Battalion Needs	\$2,000.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$5,156.06

NOTE: Life Sponsorship donations have been moved to an investment account 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. Last Ending Balance was on 7/31/2014 and in the amount of \$15,785.96.

2014 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, 512-519-0461. *We reserved a block of rooms at a special group rate which expires **October 17, 2014** 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 "UTR" to get the discounted rate, or call 800-362-2779 and tell them the hotel name, and group name "UT NROTC Alumni Reunion 2014". The group rate is \$145 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-UTR-20141106/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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

Wednesday 5 November

Navy League Dinner and Program. The Greater Austin Council will kick off the 2014 reunion weekend with a dinner and distinguished speaker program on Wednesday, 5 November 2014. This is the Council's signature event each year as it honors The University of Texas NROTC midshipmen, officer candidates, staff, and alumni. RADM John D. Butler USN (Ret), a native of Texas City, TX, will be our guest speaker. John received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 and his Masters of Science degree in Engineering Acoustics from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1986. Butler was commissioned in the Navy via the Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program in 1974. His biography can be viewed on our alumni website. The direct link is www.utnrotcalum.org/alumni/Flag1974JohnButler.htm.



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 1910; 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 Monday, 3 November 2014 (may pay at the door **\$30** per person for members and their guests, **\$20** per person for military in uniform and their guests, **\$15** for midshipmen, cadets and their guests). For more information and to make your reservations, email Lu Ann Reyes at luann@luannreyes.com or call her at 512-203-4399.

Friday 7 November

Golf Outing. For those of you interested in a reunion Golf outing we will be gathering at Star Ranch on Friday November 7th 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 in a "best ball" scramble start. 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 toll road 45 East). The cost of greens fee/cart/range balls/and two buffets is **\$50**. Each player will pay when they arrive. 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 **\$55**, 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 8 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. As we were going to press, no schedule for the football game with West Virginia was available. The following schedule is based on a 2:30pm kick-off time, like last year. Check our website regularly for changes to Saturday's schedule or other events. Typically there are only two other game starting times: 11am and 7pm. We have contingency plans for both of those scenarios and will promulgate them, if the need arises, on our website. All our activities will be centered in and 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 **\$20** apiece. UT has confirmed the price and we're hopeful we can get at least 20 spaces this year, perhaps more. Please indicate your desire to have one of these spaces on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). First come, first served. Be advised that some spaces will be reserved for scholarship presenters, so space will be limited.

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. UT President Bill Powers and Chief of Naval Personnel, VADM Bill Moran, are scheduled to attend and maybe someone else. VADM Moran may be joining us for other reunion activities throughout the weekend. Tickets that have been ordered for the Texas-West Virginia 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 5th deck of the CLA, the James Mulva ('68) ROTC 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 time for Texas vs. West Virginia is assumed to be 2:30pm, but is subject to change (watch our website for changes). Tickets are **\$65**. We have reserved at least **60** tickets. We may be able to get more if the demand is there. You can sign up for tickets on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 6). First come, first served.



Flying Saucer Get-Together: Starting around 7pm after the game, space has been reserved at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium at 815 W. 47th Street in Austin. It's "In the Triangle", N. Lamar & 47th Street. The event is free to attend. We need a head count, though. Drinks and food are at your expense. Come make the evening last a little longer with family and friends. **NOTE:** This event will not occur if the game is changed to a night game.

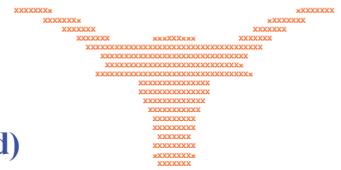
Sunday 9 November

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 hitting the road! For Cisco's it is recommended you get there early (i.e. around 8am) since it's a popular place.



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Exes for Texas



**28th Annual Alumni Reunion (November 8, 2014 Weekend)
Registration Form**

Please return a completed form, with payment, by October 11th

Name: _____ Year Group: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Names & Relation of Guests: _____

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

Wednesday 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 \$55 each = \$ _____

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

Football tickets (West Virginia) _____ x \$65 each = \$ _____

Saturday On-Campus Parking _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

Flying Saucer Get Together _____ (How many. Free to attend)

Tax-deductible Donation to the Alumni Foundation = \$ _____

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
5001 Avenue H
Austin, TX 78751



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

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

NOTE: Reunion events payment and tax-deductible donations to the Alumni Foundation may be combined in one check. Please make donations to the Midshipmans Foundation on a separate check, using the donation form on page 7.

News from the Midshipmans Foundation continued from Page 2...

Thanks to you, today the Foundation has an endowment fund of about \$1.6 million, will award, this year, about \$65,000 in 32 scholarships and has awarded, since the beginning of the program, a total of about \$350,000 in scholarships. Though impressive, those statistics are only numbers. The real achievement has been the significant difference we have made in the lives of members of the Battalion as they prepare themselves to go in harm's way for our country. Simultaneously, the active UT NROTC Alumni have played a significant role in helping to build the Unit into a highly respected and admired part of the entire NROTC community.

Your continuing support of the Midshipmans Foundation will enable us to increase and improve what we do.

Semper Fi, Hook 'Em!

Editor's Note: This is the last Midshipmans Foundation SITREP from outgoing Chairman, Bob Brown '52. He retired from the Midshipmans Foundation board this month but still continues to serve on the Alumni Foundation board and helps wherever he can. The "UT NROTC alumnus" that Bob speaks of who created the non-profit corporation back in 1970 is none other than Bob himself. Thanks, Bob, for your years of devoted service. He, Weldon Koenig '58, Max Miller '57 and John Hitchcock '65 have been designated by their peers at the last board meeting as "Founders Emeritus" of the Midshipmans Foundation.

InMemoriam

D'Wayne Gray, Class of 1952, passed away March 2, 2014.

*Sandra Jean "Sandy" (Winget) Jellison, Class of 1983, passed away November 1, 1998.

*Kenneth Gene Patton, Class of 1954, passed away August 19, 1989.

Harvey Andrew Eikel, Class of 1958, passed away June 16, 2013.

Paul Randolph Doggett, Class of 1966, passed away May 4, 2014.

*Fred John Withers, Class of 1954, passed away January 17, 1971.

Bobby Dean Wood, Class of 1954, passed away April 25, 2014.

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. Starred names we are in need of more information. Please help if you can.

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**

\$500

\$1,000

\$2,500

\$5,000

Other (fill in amount): \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Midshipmans Foundation

and Mail to: Bob Gartner, Treasurer

6908 Bayridge Terrace

Austin, TX 78759

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 Bob Gartner 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.

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InMemoriam, continued

Clarence William Muehlberger, Class of 1944, passed away May 22, 2014.
 David Perry "Dave" Sherrell, Class of 1946, passed away February 19, 1986.
 John Rumsey Doole, Class of 1944, passed away February 14, 2014.
 Teddy Alexander "Alex" Klein, Class of 1944, passed away May 6, 2011.
 Walter Jacob "Mike" Pieper, Class of 1944, passed away November 5, 2002.
 Milton Richard Scholl, Jr., Class of 1944, passed away December 30, 2013.
 Roy Robert Campbell, Jr., Class of 1945, passed away August 24, 2009.
 Donal Hugh "Don" Quinn, Class of 1946, passed away December 8, 2009.
 Robert Charles Larrabee, Class of 1977, passed away January 12, 2013.

We have a list of almost 150 names whose death has been reported for whom we lack photos and an obit. Help us please find them.