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## *The Spirit of 76!*



The Naval ROTC unit at UT has been on campus now 76 years, hence The Spirit of '76! Year after year this unit keeps preparing fine young officers for the Navy and Marine Corps, over 2,200 since 1943. At last year's reunion we celebrated a milestone, the unit's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At that gathering we were privileged to have four WWII veterans, early graduates of our unit, who made the pilgrimage: Howard Lowe '44, Sandy Crow '45, Warren Freund '45, and John Love '46. Sandy and Warren were there to celebrate their class's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We also had the Chancellor of the UT System drop by, Bill McRaven '77. On the left he is signing his book, *Spec Ops*, for Howard Lowe while midshipmen and alumni look on. Over 220 attended the BBQ, which was held in the plaza right in front of Gregory Gym. The weather was beautiful. Over 75 attended the UT-Kansas football game. Texas won decisively, 59-20. Three of

our WWII alumni and Bill McRaven participated in the coin toss at the game.

It was another super reunion weekend held in conjunction with UT's celebration of Veteran's Day! There were lots of good interaction between alumni and future alumni, lots of scholarships and swords awarded, and lots of "catching up" with friends and classmates. Nearly all classes ending with "5" were represented. The Class of 1965 was the largest with 6. The Class of '70 had the most alumni in attendance, 8. The youngest class represented was 2005, with 2 alumni.

The weekend started with the Navy League dinner on Thursday night. The guest speaker was CAPT Donald S. "Don" Inbody USN (Ret), PhD, 23<sup>rd</sup> Professor of Naval Science at UT, who spoke on his newly released book, *The Soldier Vote*. A lot of midshipmen were in attendance as guests of the Navy League, which provided a good opportunity for alumni to interact and find out what's new at the unit.

Early the next morning Navy squared off against the Marine Corps in a "best ball" scramble at the Star Ranch golf course. Even with one mixed foursome and the absence of any scrutinizing of scorecards, it was generally agreed that the Marines prevailed this year. Later that afternoon Crow's Nesters met at our hotel for a summit of sorts to discuss how they might positively impact the room and board issue for members of the Battalion. It was also a great opportunity to see old friends and enjoy some snacks and a "cool one." That night was the annual Awards Dinner at the Austin Country Club (ACC) and a less formal gathering of classmates at the NXNW Restaurant and Brewery, just a few blocks from the hotel. At the ACC, two alumni were recognized for Distinguished Service, Charlie Simons '63 and Rusty Allman, Jr. '66. There were also several midshipmen there, too, to visit with and our four WWII alumni attended as well. Some folks who started at the ACC finished the night at the NXNW.

Saturday began leisurely since the football game was a night game. The Alumni Foundation board met in the morning and elected a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. At 1:00pm everyone gathered in the Robert A. Welch Hall auditorium for the Main Event, the awarding of nearly \$76,000 in scholarships and swords to our Battalion members. See the scholarship awards page on our website for details. Before this meeting a few hard copies of the book, *Texas Fight, The History of the Naval ROTC at the University of Texas at Austin*, by the author, Ed Mergele '75, were distributed, as were eBook versions of it on thumb drives, for a donation to the Alumni Foundation or Midshipmans Foundation. The *Texas Fight* book covers the first 20 years of the NROTC unit's history at UT. After the awards ceremony alumni, midshipman and friends congregated in the plaza in front of Gregory Gym for our annual BBQ. The unit set up tents but

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*Alumni Foundation Officers & Directors*

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- George H. Blume** (1967)
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**President's Corner**

Kevin Hugman '80



Greetings fellow alumni! This is my first newsletter article to you as president of the UTNROTC Alumni Foundation. I am looking forward to serving you, the alumni, as well as supporting the NROTC Unit CO and the midshipmen/officer candidates – our future alumni! On behalf of the board, I want to thank Ray Adams for his three years of service and leadership as president of the

Alumni Foundation. Ray's dedication and commitment to this organization was without question and he accomplished many things during his tenure. We are fortunate that he continues to serve on the board.

If you missed the reunion last year, you missed a great time! It was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UT Naval ROTC unit and we took time to especially welcome the plankowners and WWII veterans, four of whom attended! In addition, ADM Bill McRaven '77, now Chancellor of the UT System, was also in attendance to share some words with us and sign his book "Spec Ops." The weather cooperated and the Longhorns won! Make plans to attend this years' reunion – you will enjoy the camaraderie of your classmates, meet the fine staff and outstanding midshipmen of the unit, eat some great barbecue, and see the UT Longhorn football team take on West Virginia. We would enjoy seeing you.

Speaking of alumni, congratulations to our newest flag officer RADM(L) Russell Allen. He graduated from UT Austin in 1984 and was commissioned an ENS through the Naval ROTC program. From there he went to flight school and was designated a naval aviator in 1986. The UTNROTC has produced many distinguished alumni, both in military careers as well as civilian careers. Each year, we take time to recognize those distinguished alumni. By the time you read this article, the deadline will have passed for this year's nominations for Distinguished Alumni or Distinguished Service awards, but I encourage you to check out our website for the nomination form and submit someone

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**News from the Midshipmans Foundation**

Max Miller '57

Rod Koenig '62

Chairman

President



The University of Texas Midshipmans Foundation is a State of Texas charitable corporation with an IRS 501(c) (3) status. Organized in 1970 by UT NROTC Alumni, the Midshipmans Foundation currently

focuses on financial aid to battalion members by annually awarding significant scholarships to battalion members. The Midshipmans Foundation also awards several officer swords each year to deserving unit members and assists the Battalion financially each year in sending a select number of Midshipmen and Officer Candidates to leadership seminars. Our goal is to help members of the battalion financially in whatever way possible.

Since awarding six scholarships for \$500 each in 1996, the amount of each scholarship awarded and the number of scholarships awarded has steadily grown. By the end of 2015, our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Midshipmans Foundation endowment fund corpus had reached \$1.5 million. Currently it is over \$1.6 million. Almost all of our contributions have come from our University of Texas NROTC alumni. Those contributions that came from other sources were instigated by our alumni, or the alumni helped bring the contribution to fruition.

Thank you for all you have done for the University of Texas NROTC.



**CO's SITREP**



I hope this update from the Forty Acres finds you in the midst of a warm and relaxing Texas summer. Your NROTC unit remains strong and steady as we wrap up the business of the 2015-16 academic year and prepare to welcome aboard the class of 2020. Yes, I am sure the thought of 2020 sends shivers down the spine of some of our more "life experienced" alums. Time continues to fly by. We graduated and commissioned twelve shiny new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants this past May: Four to Aviation, Two to Surface, Three to Submarines/Nuclear Power, One to Nurse Corps and Two to Marine Corps. In fact, the two Surface Warriors received orders to the same ship, departed Austin within a week of commissioning, and deployed on their ship, the USS MASON (DDG 87), a week later. No time to rest; from the classroom to the deep blue sea in two weeks!

We bid farewell to Major Luke Balke and LT Chris Ehlinger this summer and welcomed aboard their reliefs. Captain Jon Grubb reported as the new Marine Officer Instructor. Capt Grubb is a New Jersey native who just transferred from a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron at Air National Guard Base Newburgh, NY with his family. Lieutenant Tyler Arp takes the helm of the Submarine and nuclear programs billet. LT Arp comes from McGregor, TX and adds to the XO's Naval Academy contingency. He recently transferred from USS Hampton (SSN 767).

The NROTC Class of 2020 arrives on August 16<sup>th</sup> to begin New Student Orientation. We have expanded the program by a couple of days and added a few events to make it more robust. There will be more close order drill training concluding with a three-squad drill competition for example. This competition will take place immediately preceding the swearing in ceremony on Sunday so that parents and family can see what the new students have learned in such a short amount of time. We will also place more emphasis on physical conditioning and team building, and have moved the Culminating Event to Camp Mabry to take advantage of their terrain course. Currently we expect about 23 new Midshipmen to report.

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**Online Registration!**

We are taking online reunion registrations again this year. 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 08/27/2016)**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (01/01/16)</b> .....	<b>\$18,859.21</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
2015 Alumni Dinner Income.....	\$751.00
Member Checks or Pay-Pal.....	\$775.00
"Friends of Midshipman" Donations .....	\$500.00
Online Alumni Foundation Shirts Income .....	\$58.82
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$2,084.82</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Anchor Plaque Engraving .....	\$379.96
P. O. Box Renewal .....	\$60.00
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ballcaps Expense (2015) .....	\$1,759.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>\$2,199.56</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (06/01/15)</b> .....	<b>\$18,744.47</b>
<b>ADD CURRENT RECEIVABLES:</b>	
Pay-Pal .....	\$0.00
<b>LESS ENCUMBERED FUNDS:</b>	
"Fenced Funds" for PNS/Battalion Needs .....	\$3,000.00
<b>AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS</b> .....	<b>\$15,744.47</b>

**LIFE SPONSORSHIP FUND**

<b>Life Sponsorship Investment Fund Balance (06/30/16)</b> .....	<b>\$17,336.90</b>
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## 2016 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Reunion Activities

**Hotel Accommodations.** Rooms will be available for Reunion attendees at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Austin, Arboretum, 9505 Stonelake Blvd, Austin, TX 78759, 512-372-8771. *We reserved a block of rooms at a special group rate which expires **October 13, 2016** or whenever the rooms are all spoken for so make your reservations early.* For reservations go to the special booking website (see below), or call the special group reservation number 1-800-Embassy (362-2779) and tell them the hotel name, and group name "NROTC" and group code "ROT" to get your special rate. The group rate is **\$149** per night plus 15.81% tax for 1-2 adults in a king suite or 2-doubles suite. Standard amenities include indoor heated pool, complimentary wi-fi, hot breakfast and manager's reception daily. A Premium Room with additional amenities may be available for \$20 more per night. Check the hotel website for details.

**Special Booking Website (You must type this into your browser EXACTLY):**

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=AUSESES&spec\\_plan=CESOTC&arrival=20161110&departure=20161113&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=AUSESES&spec_plan=CESOTC&arrival=20161110&departure=20161113&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

**Hotel Website:** Search on "Embassy Suites Austin Arboretum"

### Thursday 10 November

**Navy League Dinner and Program.** The Greater Austin Council will kick off the 2016 reunion weekend with a dinner and distinguished speaker program on Thursday, 10 November 2016. 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 Research Scientist. His topic will be "Admiral Rickover and the Navy's Nuclear Program." Dr. Mark was in the NROTC program at UC Berkeley and 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 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](mailto:luann@luannreyes.com) or call her at 512-203-4399.

### Friday 11 November

**Golf Outing.** For those of you interested in a reunion Golf outing we will be gathering at Star Ranch on Friday November 11th in the morning. Currently we have a commitment from Star Ranch for 5 tee times (20 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" format. 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 130). The cost of greens fee/cart/range balls/and two buffets is **\$45**. Each player will pay when they arrive. Notify Chip Biesemeier '70 if you are interested in playing. Home Phone: 512-252-1892 or email [chipmary7@yahoo.com](mailto:chipmary7@yahoo.com).

Directions to Star Ranch from Embassy Suites (9505 Stonelake, Austin):  
Take MoPac (Tx-1 Loop North), Merge onto Tx Toll 45 East.  
Merge onto Texas Toll 130 North (toward Waco).  
Take Exit 426 (Hutto/685 North) (DO NOT TURN on Gattis School Rd).  
Take 685/130 access road 1 mile, stay in left lane and U-turn  
at Flashing Red Light.

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



**Crow's Nest Meeting.** On Friday afternoon at 3pm there will be a meeting of all 'Nesters and Friends of the Nest to talk about the Crow's Nest Scholarship and to just visit and talk about old times. One of the rooms at the Embassy Suites has been reserved for this and other alumni gatherings as they may occur.

**UT NROTC Alumni Dinner.** The Midshipmans Foundation and the Alumni Foundation will present Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Service awards at this event. It will be held at the Austin Country Club (ACC) like last year. Cash bar 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 12 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 Student Activity Center, which connects with the CLA, and is referred to as **SAC** in this newsletter.

**Parking on Campus.** The Alumni Foundation decided last year to get out of the parking business. It has become too complicated and there are numerous opportunities for parking all around the campus. The University's own parking garages are probably the most convenient ([www.utexas.edu/parking/football.html](http://www.utexas.edu/parking/football.html)).

**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. Those who may be interested in serving on the board are welcome to attend.

**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. This is the alumni general business meeting and scholarship awards ceremony. Come learn about the latest unit activities, plans, and achievements. See the award of nearly \$70,000 worth of scholarships and officer swords to our battalion members by your Midshipmans Foundation. Meet and visit with midshipmen, staff, and alumni. There may even be a special guest or two to speak to those in attendance. 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 1<sup>st</sup> floor patio of the CLA, and the adjoining Glickman conference room. 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. NROTC spaces are on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of CLA.



**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 **\$45**. 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.



**Tentative Get-Together:** No plans yet since game time is not known, but if it is not a night game many of our alumni have gathered at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium at 815 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street (“In the Triangle”, N. Lamar & 47th Street) or the NXNW Restaurant and Brewery, just a few blocks from the hotel, to celebrate with classmates over a few beers. Drinks and food are at your expense. Come make the evening last a little longer with family and friends.

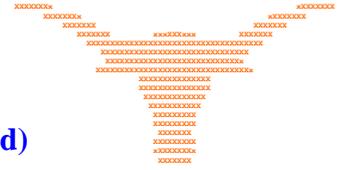
### Sunday 13 November

**Breakfast.** Whether you choose to eat at the Embassy Suites 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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**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Reunion (November 12, 2016 Weekend)**

**Registration Form**

Please return a completed form, with payment, by October 15<sup>th</sup>

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:

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 \$55 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Football tickets (West Virginia) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Sat. Nite Get Together \_\_\_\_\_ (How many might come?)

Tax-deductible Donation to the \*Alumni Foundation = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Use separate form on page 7 for Midshipmans Foundation donations.

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:**

**Omar Rivera, Treasurer**  
**131 Frederick St.**  
**Austin, TX 78704**



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. DO NOT include donations to Midshipmans Foundation with your Reunion payment. See separate donation form on page 7.**

*President's Corner continued from Page 2...*

you think is worthy. It isn't too early to start nominating for the next year and we really do wish to recognize our fellow alumni who have been successful in their careers or have contributed significantly to the success of the NROTC unit.

Of course, we cannot forget where we started and the very basis for our organization – the UTNROTC unit and midshipmen. Your support through financial donations can assist in two ways: (1) donations to the Alumni Foundation assist the unit with various expenses not covered by the Navy, such as orientation field trips, obstacle course maintenance, and other unit activities; and (2) donations to the Midshipmans Foundation fund scholarships, defray expenses for leadership seminars and conferences, and help ease the financial burdens that come with college and living expenses. Thank you for your great support already – it is greatly appreciated! We hope to see you November 10-13, 2016 for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion. Hook 'em Horns!!

*CO's SITREP continued from Page 3...*

On the Academic front we shuffled the course instructor load starting this fall. Instead of only teaching "Leadership and Ethics" in the spring for the seniors, I will also be teaching "Introduction to Naval Science" to the freshmen in the fall. The XO has taken over teaching "Navigation and Naval Operations 1" in addition to his "Leadership and Management" class. This new distribution unburdens the Lieutenants from having to teach two classes in one semester so now everyone teaches one and only one class each semester. We believe this level loading will result in more availability and accessibility of the Lieutenants in their Class Advisor roles for the midshipmen.

I would like to thank all the alumni that donated a book to the new officers at commissioning. For those of you not aware, we paired up an alumni member with each new officer and that alumni provided that young officer with a book upon commissioning. The book choice was at the discretion of the alumnus to find one that was perhaps from their own library, or a new book, that they thought would help the Ensign or Second Lieutenant in their professional development. There were history books, biographies, leadership books, and even a Dr. Seuss book made its way into the hands of one new Ensign. This program was well received and I hope we can continue it into the future. This fall we hope to evolve the Alumni Breakfast with the upperclassmen, and also introduce a Happy Hour event near campus for Midshipmen to interact with alumni. As always, the brow is open and we welcome you to stop by your unit and see your fleet successors in the making. Hook 'em!  
- V/R Brian

**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 2016 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 78759-4693**

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 Dan O'Neil 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.

**Forwarding Service Requested**

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the weather was gorgeous. Bill McRaven '77, was there to sign copies of his book, visit with friends and help pin a Silver Star on one of his Navy SEAL comrades, LCDR Mike Sarraillee. Around 6:00pm 75+ people started drifting over to DKR-Memorial stadium for the game with Kansas. The weather was perfect for it and Texas did not disappoint. A lengthier review of the reunion weekend and who came is available on the alumni website. Come to the reunion this fall and make some memories!

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**InMemoriam**

- John Scott Luethke, Jr., Class of 1971, died January 19, 1982.
- Geoffrey Charles Torrance, Class of 1977, passed away October 28, 2008.
- James Richard "Jim" Wright, Class of 1955, passed away January 25, 2016.
- Stanley Graner, Assoc. of Class of 1949, passed away February 19, 2016.
- Roy Eugene Miller, Class of 1962, passed away March 29, 2016.

These are the shipmates for whom we have learned of their passing since our last Reunion. Obituaries and photos can be found on our alumni website for most.