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REUNION 2011

October 15, 2011 is the deadline for special hotel rates. See page 6 for details. We have lots of activities planned for this year's Reunion. We hope all of you will plan to attend. Please send in your registration forms early so you won't miss a thing. The registration form is on page 5. And check our website from time to time for updates since this will be the last newsletter before the Reunion.

The Power of an Invitation



Have you ever been to a meeting or a church service and the leader or preacher said, "Hey folks, we need to invite some of our friends so they can join us in the fun we are all having." The truth behind that is a request to get some new folks involved so you can grow, you can support succession planning or you can increase your outreach capability.

A volunteer organization is only as strong as the number of people who are involved and active on a regular basis. Since 1985, we have been very fortunate to have had a number of people involved in the organization, our "critical mass", if you will allow a nuclear Navy metaphor. With that involvement we have been able to create and sustain the Alumni Association for over 20 years, then the first non-profit spin off from that, the Midshipmans Foundation, and now the reorganization of the Alumni Association into a non-profit organization, the UT NROTC Alumni Foundation. Many thanks to one of our own, Dennis Olson '69, for shepherding us through that last transition. As you know the Midshipmans Foundation gives out a number of scholarships to our midshipmen and officer candidates each year, which has steadily grown in number of scholarships and dollar amount awarded each year thanks to your generosity. The Midshipmans Foundation also provides financial help to the

Battalion for sending our future officers to academically-enriching and leadership-reinforcing seminars during the year. Now since 2006 the other foundation, the UT NROTC Alumni Foundation (AF) has also been able to accept tax-deductible donations to help the Battalion in other ways. Back in the days before the AF, we tried to put together a break-even Reunion each year where we spent only what money we received from Reunion registrations. Some years were lean and others we were actually able to donate a small amount to the NROTC to be spent on needs of the Battalion as guided by the PNS. That need has grown as the Navy has steadily cut NROTC Unit budgets across the country. The AF has chosen to help the Battalion with team-oriented or group-oriented needs, rather than personal academic accomplishment. Even though the Battalion does a lot of fund raising on its own each year to finance many of these activities, the contributions by the AF do help. Your generosity does make a difference. Money is important and costs at UT since we attended haven't gone down. But money is only one factor in how we can help our young men and women at the UT NROTC Unit.

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Our "critical mass" needs replenishment regularly. Even reactor cores are replaced every 6-12 years. I'm talking about people and their personal contributions of time and talent. It's been 25 years since this organization was started and as someone who has been involved from its beginning, I have noted some of the same folks have been around for a large part of that time, and it's not just because they enjoy it and don't want to give it up. So what does that mean to you, the semi-active alumni out there who come to the reunions (or would like to)? Those of you, who come to the reunions, know you enjoy them. Well, all that planning and organizing doesn't just happen. Your shipmates are doing it. We need to "bear a hand" and help with this annual working party. We need to reach out and get more people involved. Those who have done it have had their lives greatly enriched by the process, seeing new generations "relieve the watch" and build on what we've done before them. Did your time at UT mean anything to you? Is your life better for the time you spent here and the life-long friendships you made? So how do we get you onboard? And for those who have already had the experience, how can you get others fired up about this organization? It could be as simple as calling two of your shipmates from your class who have never been to a reunion and simply inviting them to the event? Why the reunion? The reunion is the main event we do each year and once people see some of their old classmates and witness some of the fun we really have in this organization it sticks with them and they will want to come back. Some of these classmates may get interested in working on the board, or possibly taking on a regional director spot, or a class representative role. Some may want to just help with the Reunion plans each year. Some may have special talents that they can contribute to help in the cause. And guess what? You don't have to be a full time resident of Austin to be active. Currently 50% of the board or other regularly active alums (i.e. those who like to come to board meetings) do NOT reside in Austin. In fact, our president commutes from California and the president, three presidents ago, used to commute from Georgia. Come to one of our AF board meetings (They're all open meetings, you know.) and see what the excitement is all about. Reach out and invite someone and plan on attending yourself. We'd love to see you there. The power of personally inviting someone to an event is formidable, especially when they can tell in your voice that you really believe in the value of contributing.

Keep watching the newsletter and our website, utnrotcalum.org. We will be announcing some activities and actions that will be initiated to help increase our alumni participation and try to enhance our Alumni relations. If you want to reconnect now, don't wait. Email me at rjadams@tx.rr.com. We also have contacts for most of our classes and regions. Email me if you need a name or number. See you at the reunion and don't forget to invite someone or two or three. The more the merrier.

I'll leave you with one last thought. Now that my year group is mostly retired from the reserves and active duty, it's time to get more classmates from the 70's and 80's engaged. I would love to see 10-20 alumni from that time frame at the reunion, especially from 1971, 1976 and 1981 for their 40th, 35th and 30th anniversaries. I look forward to your personal participation and suggestions on how to do that and also how to attract more of our "semi-moored" alumni from all of our year groups and regions.

Rav Adams '80. VP for Alumni Relations



The LinkedIn group is up and running. It's called "University of Texas NROTC Alumni". All are encouraged to join. Contact Dan O'Neil, the group manager, by email at dtoneil@austin.rr.com and get yourself linked in.



President's Corner

Mike Waldron '67

As the plans for this year's reunion come together I have been reflecting on why it is important to have an association like ours to focus our sentiments of patriotism and Navy/ Marine Corp pride. Each new day brings troubling news about the economy, security and instability in world politics. While it is frustrating to know that individual actions can do little to affect this course of history; together we know that a commitment to the principles learned in our service of country will keep us pointed in the right direction. I find that our reunions provide a great opportunity to renew and invigorate the sense of concern and involvement for how our country moves forward. The camaraderie we share as we recount numerous stories of the good old days reminds us that it is still up to us to shape the future. Regardless of your military or civilian status there are others in the UT Naval ROTC Association with whom you have already shared a very special time. Come join us at the reunion and retie those old bonds of friendship and see how far your battalion has come.

Website Task Force Update

At our May 21st Board Meeting a special task force was appointed to look into greatly expanding our website as a primary vehicle for staying in touch with our alumni. A progress report was made at our last board meeting on August 27th.

Webmaster responsibilities for our present website, www.utnrotcalum.org, were assumed by Ed Mergele '75 last month, combining the newsletter and website jobs for the time-being. Slowly and steadily the website has been updated and expanded. If you haven't visited the site lately, take a look. More missing newsletters have been found and posted to the site. We now have six Longhorn Logs scanned in and available for download online. We have write-ups for previous reunions that alums can refer back to. Some of the photo captions have been updated. Another year of photos (2004) has been added with more on the way. Lists of all past Professors of Naval Science, known UT flag officers, known Battalion Commanders, Past Alumni Presidents, Alumni Awardees and others are online. Please review them and help us fill in the blanks.

Our current website creation and maintenance tool that is being used is Microsoft FrontPage 2003, a software product that is still capable but no longer supported by Microsoft and is steadily being phased out on many website support sites. So the current situation is a temporary one. Our organization needs to transition to website creation and maintenance software that is more contemporary to insure its support on as many website support sites as possible, so that we have more choices in shopping for a site that will support us for a reasonable fee. We should plan on a transition period of no longer than one year. Also our research has revealed that we may have to split up the website task into two tasks. One will be to design our site, keeping it up to date with technology and keeping "the look" fresh and appealing. That task is envisioned to be one initial job to design the site and, perhaps, annual maintenance touchups. Unless we have an alumnus who is well-versed at one or more of these newer website creation/maintenance tools, we may have to go to an outside firm to have this done. For an outside firm to do this, we have found the costs to range from \$1,500-\$3,500 with the annual touch up for around \$300. The second task would require a webmaster, from among our ranks, who would be responsible for keeping the content up to date on a much more frequent basis. Newer website creation/maintenance tools can create maintenance-only sites into which the webmaster would enter periodically and add/delete/modify text and/or images without requiring any other skills. In any case, maintaining our present domain name would still cost about \$10 per year and website hosting would cost somewhere between \$100-\$150 per year. If we do find an alumnus with the skills to design a site, there could also be some costs associated with equipping that person with the appropriate software tools. Some are free and open source, such as WordPress, and others cost \$150 or more, such as Adobe's DreamWeaver. The costs saved from reducing our newsletter and directory mailings will offset a large portion of these costs.

Some alumni have suggested we expand our LinkedIn group or create a Facebook group to use instead of a standalone website. Although you can share photos and communicate with each other using these services some other functions, such as grouping photos into albums, creating archives of old newsletters, Longhorn Logs and such, and making/collecting/coordinating written histories become problematic. Also adding any e-commerce to them for collecting donations or accepting reunion registrations would be difficult, if not impossible. It was the task force's conclusion that there is room for using both a dedicated website and other outside social networking services. Alumni are encouraged to use these networks (e.g. LinkedIn, Facebook, etc.) to communicate with each other, but, aside from maybe providing a link to those sites on our own, they will not be part of any of our upgrade plans. More to follow.

By Ed Mergele '75, Website Task Force Chair

News from the President of the Midshipmans Foundation



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Three of our UT NROTC Alumni have been selected for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. These Alumni have definitely made us all proud and they have certainly distinguished themselves. The three will be recognized 4 November, 2011 at our Friday evening dinner during our Reunion weekend. The three Distinguished Alumnus Awards will be presented to Robert “Bob” Armstrong, B.A. 1953 and L.L.B. 1959, John Montford, B.A. 1968 and Juris Doctor 1974, and ADM William McRaven, USN, B. A. 1977. We all hope that ADM McRaven’s busy schedule will allow him time to be present at our reunion.

Bob Armstrong ’53, an Austin native, was Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior, under Secretary Bruce Babbitt from 1993 to October 1998. In this capacity, he exercised Secretarial direction and supervision over the Bureau of Land Management; the Minerals Management Service, which produces oil and gas; and the Office of Surface Mining, which produces coal. Prior to his service in Washington, Bob had a distinguished career in politics and land management in Texas, beginning with his election as a Member of the Texas House of Representatives (1963-1970).

In 1970, the people of Texas elected Bob as Land Commissioner to manage the 22.5 million acres of public land and mineral ownership, and he was elected virtually unopposed for the next twelve years. Among other things, Bob is noted for drastically increasing the Permanent School Fund and the Permanent University Fund for the University of Texas. He has served in numerous other capacities involved in both state and federal conservation organizations.

John T. Montford ’65 has a deep and diverse background in public policy and corporate affairs. Mr. Montford serves as Consultant and has served as Senior Advisor of Government Relations and Global Public Policy of General Motors Company since January 1, 2010. He serves as Senior Advisor of Public Policy at General Motors North America. He served as the President of External Affairs and Attorney at Law of SBC Southwestern Bell Company and SBC-SNET, subsidiaries of SBC Communications Inc.

He launched his legal career in Texas and was later elected as District Attorney in Lubbock County from 1979 to 1982. He served as a Member of the Texas Senate for 14 years and also served as Senate President Pro Tempore from 1983 to 1996. Texas Monthly named Senator Montford among the Top 10 Best Legislators for five legislative sessions. John served as Chancellor of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and the Chief Executive Officer of the University system. He was also the 2005 chairman of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. John Montford has been a Director of Southwest Airlines Co., since 2002. He served as a Director of Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., from June 1999 to July 26, 2009. He served as a Director of Fleetwood Retail Corporation and a Director on numerous other Corporations.

John came from the Hurst-Eules-Bedford area of the DFW Metroplex and began his professional career as a United States Marine JAG officer after graduation from Law School at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to that, as an undergraduate in the NROTC program at UT, John was on the Buccaneer Drill Team and served as its XO from 1954 to 1965. He was also Battalion Commander of the NROTC Unit in his last undergraduate semester, the Spring of 1965.

ADM William H. McRaven, USN ’77 is Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He is most noted for his command of the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) when Osama Bin Laden was taken out by a group of US Navy Seals. ADM McRaven has commanded at every level within the special operations community, including assignments as deputy commanding general for operations at JSOC, Commodore of Naval Special Warfare Group 1, Commander of SEAL Team 3, task group commander in the CENTCOM area of responsibility, task unit commander during Desert Storm and Desert Shield, squadron commander at Naval Special Warfare Development Group, and SEAL platoon commander at Underwater Demolition Team 21/SEAL Team 4.

ADM McRaven’s diverse staff and interagency experience includes assignment as the director for Strategic Planning in the Office of Combating Terrorism on the National Security Council Staff, assessment director at U.S. Special Operations Command, on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and the chief of staff at Naval Special Warfare Group 1. He is the author of *Spec Ops: Case Studies in Special Operations Warfare Theory and Practice*.

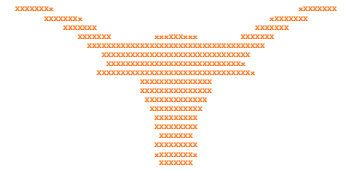
Bill came from San Antonio, TX and was a Journalism major at UT and a Crow’s Nester. He served as Battalion Commander of the NROTC Unit in his last semester, the Spring of 1977.

Max Miller ’57



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Exes for Texas



2011 Alumni Reunion Registration & Donation Form
Please return this form by 22 October

From: _____ **Year Group:** _____

Address: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Yes!! I'll be there!! Reserve the following for me:

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

Friday "O" Course Dedication _____ (How many to attend. Attach names.)

Friday night dinner _____ x \$40 each = \$ _____

Football tickets _____ x \$95 each = \$ _____

BBQ dinner tickets _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

Speedway Parking _____ x \$10 each = \$ _____

Total amount for Reunion: \$ _____

I cannot attend this year. Please enter the updates provided above.

As a Patron, please, accept my tax-deductible donation for 2011 (check one):

- Burnt Orange Level:** \$25
- Blue/Scarlet Level:** \$75
- Gold Level:** \$150
- Lifetime (60+):** \$500
- Lifetime (Under 60):** \$1000
- Other:** \$ _____
- I have already given!**



Check one: **USMC** **USN**

Make all checks payable to: UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION.

Reunion events payment and tax-deductible donations may be combined into one check. Donations will be acknowledged, in writing, annually. Mail to address shown at the top of this form.



2011 UT NROTC Alumni Foundation Reunion Activities

Hotel Accommodations are 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 15th or whenever the rooms are all spoken for so make your reservations soon.* For reservations go to http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/AUSCLES-UTN-20111103/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or call 800-362-2779 and tell them the hotel name, and group name "UT NROTC 2011 Reunion" (if needed, the code name is "UTN"). The group rate is \$149 per night plus 15% tax for 1-2 adults in a king suite or 2-doubles suite. Check the multiple amenities via the reservation site (including indoor heated pool) - hotel was renovated 3-1/2 years ago - complimentary hot breakfast and mangers reception daily.

Friday 4 November

Golf Outing. For those of you interested in a reunion Golf outing we will be gathering at Star Ranch on Friday November 4th in the morning. Currently we have a promise from Star Ranch for 4 tee times (16 players), starting at **0800. Note time change.** We can get more, if there is more interest. Please indicate your desire to participate on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 5). 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 green fee. Star Ranch is located at 2500 FM 685 in Hutto, Texas (NE Austin just north of the new toll road 45 East). The current rates for green fee/cart/range balls/buffet are \$55 (seniors \$38). We will pay when we get there. Notify Jim Brotherton if you are interested in playing. Home Phone: 512-394-9381 or cell 512-632-4206 or email jdbrotherton@att.net.

Directions: 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.



Obstacle Course Dedication. At 1500 (3 p.m.) on Friday afternoon all are invited to share in the dedication of the new Obstacle Course which has been built at the J. J. Pickle Research Center. It will be dedicated in honor of James A. Burns.



1st Lt. James A. Burns was awarded an NROTC regular scholarship to UT in 1963. He lived at the Crow's Nest at 1010 West 24th and was active all four years in intramural sports for the Navy. He was a member and Commander of the Buccaneer drill team for two years. He was also a Texas Cowboy. He graduated from UT in February 1968 with a BBA from the College of Business Administration, where he was on the Dean's List. After graduation he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps and after Basic School and language training he proceeded to the Republic of Vietnam where he reported on November 5, 1968 to Co. L, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. While serving as Executive Officer of his company, he was killed on September 13, 1969 in Quang Tri Province of Vietnam during combat operations.

The 340 foot course is built to Marine Corps standards and specifications and will be a part of ROTC training. Initial funding was provided by the College of Liberal Arts. Under the leadership of many, including CAPT Spence (PNS at the time) and MAJ Lobato (MOI at the time), that funding has now been entirely reimbursed. Thanks to the many donors from the NROTC Program and Marines in and around the Austin area. See Page 9 for directions.

UT NROTC Alumni Dinner. This year's UT NROTC Alumni Dinner will be held at the Austin Country Club honoring three Distinguished Alumni. See story on Page 4. Cocktails will start at 1830, followed by dinner at 1900. The tentative cost is \$40, 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.

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Vice President's Corner

Jim Brotherton '68

The countdown for our November reunion is in full swing. I hope you are saving the morning of Friday November 4th at 0800 to join us at Star Ranch for the annual golf match between the Navy and Marine Corps. Note that the start time is 30 minutes earlier than previously advertised in the July newsletter but the Star Ranch has a great breakfast that you can partake of prior to teeing off. You don't have to be a great golfer to play, just come on out for the fun of it and a time to visit with old comrades. To make sure we have enough tee times, please let me (Jim Brotherton class of '68) know that you are coming. Email jdbrotherton@att.net or call on my cell phone at 512-632-4206. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the links.

Challenge 2011 & 2012

Once again NROTC Alumni have responded to the Challenge and established a new record of giving to the Midshipmans Foundation, enabling needed scholarships for members of the Battalion.

In each of the last three years, record contributions to the endowment fund have exceeded \$100,000.00 per year and the total endowment fund now stands at about \$1.2 Million dollars, enabling the Foundation to award scholarships totaling about \$40,000.00 per year. You are making a difference in the lives of these future leaders in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Generous pledges at last year's reunion have already matched the \$50,000.00 Challenge for 2011, ensuring another banner year for your Foundation. To date the Challenge has created gifts to the Foundation of over \$400,000.00. And there is still one more year to go on the Challenge.

Save your pledges for the final year of the Challenge, which begins on December 1, 2011. At this year's reunion on November 5, there will be a push to match the 2012 challenge and close out the Challenge with total contributions of over \$500,000.00

Donation Form for Midshipmans Foundation Scholarship Fund

Name _____ Commissioning Class: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Business _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Suggested Donation Levels: \$100 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 (or more)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to: Midshipmans Foundation (if not using matching gift program) or to the University of Texas (if using the matching gift program). Also enclose your company form.

Mail all donations for the Midshipmans Foundation Scholarship Fund, to the following address:

Bob Gartner, Treasurer
Midshipmans Foundation
6908 Bayridge Terrace
Austin, TX 78759

We look forward to hearing from you. Don't forget to include your e-mail address!!

Continuation of Reunion Activities from Page 6

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 5 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. There have typically been three different times at which a football game would start: 11 a.m., 2-3 p.m., or 6-7 p.m. Normally if the game is an early game (e.g. 11am), we would have our board and general business meetings, along with our scholarship awards ceremony in the morning before the game, and try to plan a tailgate lunch (time permitting) afterward before people head to the game. We would then have the BBQ in the early evening sometime after the game, probably at an off-campus venue. The other two scenarios (e.g. 2:30pm and 6:30pm) would have all our activities, including the BBQ, before the game with the BBQ on campus. Stay flexible and keep watch on our website for any last minute changes.

Parking on Campus. Last year we were able to get 20 parking spaces along Speedway, reserved on game day for \$10 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 5). First come, first served.

Board of Directors Meeting. The UT NROTC Alumni Foundation board will hold their quarterly meeting in Room 546 of the George I. Sanchez Building, which is where the NROTC Program has been relocated during the construction of the new College of Liberal Arts Building on the site of the old Russell A. Steindam Hall (aka ROTC Building). The George I. Sanchez Building is on Martin Luther King Blvd (19th Street) right across from the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. If you are a museum member, there may be parking available in that parking facility, even on game day.

Alumni Reunion Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Location will be Room 2.246 in the Robert A. Welch Hall like last year. The morning 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-Texas Tech football game will also be distributed at the meeting.

Football Game: Texas Tech vs. Texas. Start time is TBD. Tickets are \$95. We have reserved 40 tickets. You can sign up for tickets on the Reunion Registration Form (Page 5). First come, first served. The UCLA game gives one hope that this season may be surprising.



Reunion BBQ. Present plans call for us to have our BBQ right after the Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The location is TBD but it will most likely be on Speedway Plaza just outside Welch Hall or on the patio outside the Sanchez Building. Last year we had way too many pay on arrival and, although we always plan on a few extra people, we ran short of food. Please plan ahead. Be considerate and register early for this event so that we will have enough for everyone. The cost for the BBQ is \$25 per head which includes your beverage. Reservations should be made on your Reunion Registration Form (Page 5). **Note:** Pok 'E' Joe's will only serve for 1-1/2 hours starting from the scheduled start time. Beverages are available until they are all consumed.

**Sunday 27 September**

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.



CO's SITREP



Greetings Alumni – we are already into the fast-paced tempo of the fall semester and what looks to be a good Longhorn football season! Freshmen Orientation was very successful and provided plenty of opportunities for professional growth for not only our new freshmen, but also for our upper-class cadre of orientation instructors. Our 29 freshmen have joined the rest of the Battalion, and we are in the final stages of preparing for the first big event of the Fall – the Annual Run-to-Dallas (5-8 October). We are privileged to have the USMC Wounded Warrior Battalion at Brooke Army Medical Center joining us for this year's event, and we are planning on including 5-8 Marines with our Battalion as they are working through their rehabilitation process. Our plan is to create some long-term relationships with the Wounded Warrior Unit, so we can participate in various events together throughout the year, and hopefully pair up some of our students with these warriors to provide insights into university life and potential educational opportunities.

The Battalion is also looking forward to the Annual NROTC Alumni Weekend (4-5 November). As always, this event provides a great opportunity for our current students to interact with their predecessors in the program who share the common Longhorn bond.

We have good reports from our recent spring and summer graduates who are already serving in the fleet or participating in various training pipelines. The current batch of seniors has submitted their service selection desires and we should be receiving community selection notification from our headquarters by early October.

As always, thank you for your generous and untiring support of our Longhorn midshipmen, officer candidates and MECEP's. Our military of the future is in good hands with such talented young folks willing to serve and to lead.

Hook'em and Go Navy – V/R, Dan

Obstacle Course Update

The 1st Lt James A. Burns, USMC, Memorial Obstacle Course will be dedicated at the next Annual UT NROTC Alumni Reunion on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 3 pm. The Obstacle Course is located in the J. J. Pickle Research Campus, 10100 Burnet Road, Austin (see map on right). Enter the facility off of Burnet Road on Read Granberry Trail. Stop at the security gate and give your name. They will have it if you sign up for this dedication ceremony on the Registration Form (Page 5). Take the first left after the security gate. Go to the end of that road and then take a right. The "O" Course will be in the open field on your left about 100 yards down that road. "X" marks the spot.

Bob Collins '68, a classmate of 1st Lt Burns, will emcee the dedication ceremony. LtGen Jefferson D. "Beak" Howell '61, USMC (Ret) will make the dedicatory address. Judy Burns Enstone, 1st Lt Burns' sister, will be in attendance.



By Bob Brown '52, "O" Course Task Force Chair

In Memoriam Charles L. “Chuck” Armstrong (MOI ’80-’82)



Charles L. Armstrong, LTCOL USMC (Ret) passed away quietly in his sleep early on the morning of August 14, 2011 in his Trophy Club, TX home from recently diagnosed brain cancer. Chuck, a native Texan, graduated from High School in Paris, TX in 1966, where he was an All-State coronet player. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps, with the expressed intent of serving a combat tour in Vietnam. He eventually did that after graduating East Texas State University and receiving his commission as a 2ndLT. While studying, Armstrong managed and coached at the Paris Karate School, Texas Karate Institute (Dallas) and East Texas State University, where he was a nationally ranked competition fighter and Co-Captain of the school’s competition team. Choosing to remain in the Marine Corps until 1991, Chuck’s career involved him in four shooting wars across 22 foreign countries. He held the posts of Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) at UT, Head of Regular Marine Officer Procurement, U.S. Naval Attaché in El Salvador, G3 of Marine Forces Central Command in Riyadh, as well as others. He was Commanding Officer of units as large as 650 and Chief Operations Officer of units as large as 7,000 and received over 40 decorations, medals, and citations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, and Purple Heart.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps, LTCOL Armstrong completed the executive MBA program at SMU’s Cox School of Business and went on to work in various executive positions in companies ranging from start-ups to “Fortune 500” before making three returns to combat zones as a civilian. These included Egypt, Lebanon, and, most recently, the Anbar Province of Iraq. Throughout this period, he wrote dozens of articles published in books, periodicals, and professional journals, such as *The Marine Corps Gazette*, one of which won the Wilcox Award for professional writing. In recent years he enjoyed mentoring several military, retiring military, and graduating MBAs.

In addition to competing in numerous karate tournaments, Chuck, a lifelong fitness enthusiast, has run marathons and on two occasions set the world record for the most pull-ups completed in a single session, performing 1,435 repetitions in under five hours during his second attempt. He was a certified parachutist and scuba diver, and an avid weight lifter. He was also fluent in Spanish and enjoyed using the language on a nearly daily basis for the latter twenty years of his life. Armstrong is survived by his wife Marlys, his son Jason, his sister Jane Harper, his wolf Ringo, and countless friends scattered in every corner of the world.



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UT NROTC ALUMNI FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

(AS OF 08/27/2011)

BEGINNING BALANCE (05/21/11)	\$16,371.10
INCOME:	
Member Checks (Operating Fund FY11).....	\$920.00
Member Checks (O Course Donations)	\$715.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,635.00
EXPENSES:	
The Southwell Co. (O Course Plaque).....	\$1,459.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,459.04
CURRENT BALANCE	\$16,547.06
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
None.....	\$0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$16,547.06
LESS ENCUMBERED FUNDS:	
Life Sponsorships.....	\$7,500.00
O Course Funds.....	\$3,890.96
AVAILABLE FUNDS (Reunion & Battalion Assistance)	\$5,157.06

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.

In Memoriam David L. Upshaw '52



David L. Upshaw passed away on November 8, 2008, in Lenexa, KS. David was born and reared in Belton, TX. He received a Navy Scholarship and enrolled in The University of Texas in the fall of 1948, where he was sworn into the NROTC program. He graduated in May 1952, and was commissioned a 2ndLt in the Marine Corps. He reported for basic training in Quantico, VA and was a member of the 15th SBC Class. He graduated in December 1952 with an artillery MOS. Following a short time at the Naval Gunfire School in CA, he received orders to Korea, arriving in the Spring of 1953. After a year's tour of duty, he returned to the States and was assigned to Camp Lejeune, NC. He completed his obligated active duty there and was released from service in August, 1954. After his release, he went to work for Merrill Lynch, where he spent his entire working career. Most of his time was spent in Merrill Lynch's Mid-West offices. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Upshaw; daughters, Robin Upshaw and Carrie Cardwell; son Joshua Upshaw; sister Gail Costello; and grandsons Cameron and Zachary Cardwell.

Emory Chapman Thompson '54



Emory Chapman Thompson, longtime Austinite, retired businessman, banker and rancher passed away on March 24, 2011. He was born June 19, 1931 in San Antonio, TX, the only child of Loretta Chapman and Emory Bassett Thompson. The family moved to Austin in 1937. Emory graduated from Austin High School in 1949, where he played tackle for the Maroons. He attended Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, TX his freshman year and then transferred to The University of Texas. While attending The University, Emory was President of Kappa Alpha Order and was company commander of his NROTC unit. He graduated in 1954 with a BBA degree and entered The U.S. Navy as an ensign serving in the Pacific theater on the mine sweeper USS Swift (AM-122). He continued his service in the Naval Reserve for 24 years and retired as a Captain. On June 24, 1955, he married the former Jean Powell of Austin. After Emory completed his active naval duty, the couple moved back to Austin and Emory became sales manager for Austin Goodyear Company, a family-owned business. He held that position from 1956 until 1974 when the business was sold. He then went into banking with what would become Texas Commerce Bank. He retired in 1989 as Executive Vice President. The remainder of his life was spent running his farming and ranching operations, Thompson farms in Ellis and Navarro Counties; serving on numerous local civic and church boards; working with young people; attending Rotary Club and hunting. Emory loved the outdoors and hunting. He hunted all over the world and was awarded entry in the Boone and Crockett Club. His wife, Jean, preceded him in death in 2001. Emory is survived by his son Emory Powell Thompson and daughters Ann Thompson Bauer and Kate Thompson; and five grandchildren, all of Austin. Burial was on March 28, 2011 at Austin Memorial Park.

















Michael Alan "Mike" Wiley '57



Michael Alan Wiley passed away on July 21, 2011 in New Braunfels, TX. Mike was born in Brownwood, TX on April 25, 1935, the only child of Ruby L. Wiley and Joe L. Wiley. He spent his formative years in University Park (Dallas) and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1953. Mike entered the University of Texas at Austin and received a BS in Geology in June 1957. As an undergraduate he belonged to Delta Chi, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, the UT Student Geological Society, and the Young Republicans. The Navy and geology proved to be longstanding vocations for Mike. In September 1957 he was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Inflict (MSO-456) and the USS Alacrity (MSO-520) as a minesweeping officer for four years. Following active duty, he continued his military career in the Naval Reserve from which he retired as a LCDR. Always close to water, he was a lifelong sailing enthusiast and was active in several sailing clubs. Mike entered graduate school at UT-Austin in September 1961 and received an MA in Geology in August 1963. In 1963 Mike joined what is now BP and worked as a geologist and geophysicist in Dallas and Houston, TX and in Lafayette, LA. In 1966 he returned to UT-Austin and earned a Doctorate in Geology in 1970. In January of that year he rejoined Atlantic Richfield as a research geologist in their Dallas laboratory and worked there until 1985, when he left to build a successful computer software consultancy specializing in earth sciences. In 2000 Mike relocated to Startzville, TX, near Canyon Lake, where he resided until his death. In 2008 Mike fulfilled his long-held dream of establishing an endowment for acquisition of significant hydrogeology literature for the UT Walter Geology Library. Mike was interred on Friday, July 29, 2011 at Cranes Mill Cemetery, Canyon Lake, TX.

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