AMOI of the Year
GySgt Michael DeQuattro is awarded AMOI of the Year for the North Central Region.

Platoon Commander Perspective
Words from a pre-OCS Marine-Option midshipman on goal-setting, leadership, and motivation.

Michigan Drill Meet
Northwestern NROTC sends team to University of Michigan to compete in squad drill, color guard, and endurance events.

Dining In
The Northwestern Battalion closes out another great year with a night of unit camaraderie and tradition.
Aloha from Northwestern!
We survived a bitter winter, but our midshipmen thrived throughout. Our new Ensigns are getting their first taste of the fleet, and the underclassmen our working hard toward the same goal. In the middle of August, we will welcome our new class which is a high performing and diverse group. We were able to gain permission to return to Great Lakes Recruit Training Command for New Student Orientation affording us the opportunity to expand our training opportunities while saving money for future events. This is a big win for us and our midshipmen to include the upperclassmen who will serve as advisors. I continue to be inspired by them and awed by the support we receive from the Foundation and other individual donors. Thank you all for your financial support but also your personal investment in the new generation of midshipmen. They recognize the benefits achieved by donations and recognize your generosity. I’m acutely aware of it.

As we have said “Fair Winds and Following Seas” to our seniors and new Ensigns, we have shifted focus over the summer to class instruction prep and the schedule for the new academic year. Everything is a moving target, but we have a list of events to include drill meets, color guard events and endurance team competitions. We don’t always win, but we do represent the university and the unit well. The mids enjoy it which is well-deserved fun for them. Most of these events will be out of town, so the government van will get some miles on it!

Our staff is still a bit in flux, but we are getting close to a short-term steady-state. CDR Keith “Keebler” Holihan is a rock star as our XO. I can’t imagine any unit is better performing given his diligence and attention to detail. He is an accomplished fighter pilot who comes to us with both combat and staff experience. So far, having two fighter pilots in the front office has served us well! LT Phil Dunsford is our aviation advisor and has made tangible advances in our recruitment of new students. He’s working hard to increase our numbers which is a priority of mine. LT Adrian Lai has settled in nicely as our submarine officer. His leadership consistently puts us ahead of the curve for nuclear power accessions, and he will be moving on to pursue opportunities in the civilian world. He will also be missed. LT Graham Van Hook has also fit in seamlessly as our Surface Warfare advisor. He ties the knot in the summer, so we all congratulate him on that. Captain Colin Boynton is our Marine Officer Instructor and is also hearing wedding bells but not until the spring. He continues to run herd on the battalion with a particular focus on our Marine-Option students. His experience lends not only credibility but relevance to the classes he teaches and our weekly meetings with the battalion. His right-hand man is GySgt Mike DeQuattro, our Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. He is a superstar who was voted the best AMOI in the North Central Region. He came in second for the nation. Wow!

Unfortunately, GySgt DeQuattro is leaving us this month to be replaced by Master Sergeant Donald Hughes. He is a tough Sergeant who will carry on instilling excellence in our future officers.

We have had some temporary changes with our civilian staff who are every bit a part of the team as our active duty members. Retired Senior Chief Mike Dalluge is our Supply and Logistics Technician who keeps our men and women in uniforms and with books while working the “little” things behind the scenes. He is the one who makes sure we do everything efficiently and legally. Mr Mylin Wyche, our administrative assistant, has been overseas since the new year in his role as a Navy Reservist. We expect him back at the end of November. In the interim, we were able to grab a superhero in the form of Mr. Tarza Donegan. He has this place humming with organization and efficiency.

Going forward, we will have 11 new students for our New Student Orientation which is less than I would like but more than last year. All are great students and accomplished young men and women, so we are excited to have them join us. We started with a bumper crop of new scholarship students, but many chose to go to other schools with the Naval Academy being the first choice. I wish them luck and welcome our new students. Northwestern continues to work with us for which we are appreciative.

I hope this issue of the Crow’s Nest finds you all well. The support of our alumni is very important and much appreciated. Your personal and of course financial support of our midshipmen goes a long way to not only their professional development but their academic college experience. They will be on the sharp end of the spear soon.
Stop by if you’re here. As always, the door is open.
I am extremely proud of the hard work each midshipman has put forth this semester to grow each day. I am happy to report that as NROTC students we are adjusting appropriately to the new schedule this term. The opportunity to make the most of our college experiences while receiving a naval science education is a wonderful gift that I am glad to see midshipmen taking to their advantage through joining various student organizations.

I would like to recognize MIDN Carl, MIDN Acosta, Midn Sabath, Midn Smith, MIDN Brachfeld, MIDN Wessel, and MIDN Thayer for the work they have put forth as midshipman officers of special events this term. Thank you very much for your attention to detail and concern for the safety of your fellow midshipmen in the execution of your duties. I hope that each of you has learned something new about planning and will pass on the lessons learned to those midshipmen who fill your shoes.

Congratulations to the battalion for their performance at the Wolverine Drill Meet in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A majority of the participants were our 4/C and 3/C midshipmen who have continued to take ownership of the battalion and are well-prepared to fill leadership roles next term. I am particularly proud of their commitment to teamwork. The Loyola/Northwestern cohesion is very strong and I commend you on your efforts to build professional partnerships with one another.

The greatest take away from my four years in Northwestern NROTC that I wish for you to think about is how to balance your life. What works for one person at one time in their life will change and be different for another person. Learning how to efficiently manage your leadership style and the persona created by that style while staying true to who you are, learning from your mistakes, and accomplishing the mission is no easy task. Learning how to learn is an even harder task, but the equalizer of humility will catch up to you sooner rather than later. It is best to ask another shipmate for a sanity check on anything you may be hesitant on, but remember that you are responsible for the decisions you make.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the unit staff members, civilian staff members, mentors, volunteers, alumni, and community support from Evanston and Northwestern whom allow Northwestern NROTC to be the quality organization it has been and will continue to be now and in the future. Thank you Gunnery Sergeant DeQuattro for your example of leadership and earnest desire to develop midshipmen as leaders. Thank you Captain Koehr for your stories of wisdom that teach us important lessons.

Please contact LT Graham Van Hook with any comments, questions, or suggestions with regards to the content featured in the Crow’s Nest.

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Welcome Aboard!

LT Graham Van Hook, Surface Warfare Officer, joined the Northwestern NROTC staff this past January as the new First Class Midshipmen Advisor. He relieves LT Mac Marrone, who will be continuing his Navy career as the Operations Officer onboard the USS Harpers Ferry out of San Diego. We welcome LT Van Hook to the Northwestern NROTC unit!

MIDN Garces: Where did you go to school?

LT Van Hook: The Naval Academy class of 2008. It was a wonderful experience. It tested me, and I got a lot of value out of it. The further I get away from it the more value I see.

G: How did your experience at the Naval Academy compare to that of the ROTC life?

VH: I had no experience with ROTC. My brother and dad were both in the military, however they both went through OCS, so I was blind coming in. I’m impressed with how much you all actually do as midshipmen and how big of a time commitment it is. It’s great that there are 24 midshipmen that devote this much time and effort in wanting a future in the military. Especially since [the environment] is not self-enclosed like that of military schools.

G: Where have you worked before coming to Northwestern’s NROTC Unit?

VH: In about 2 months I will have been in the Navy for 6 years. The first 2 years I was aboard the USS Ramage DDG 61. Years 3 and 4 I was with the Riverine Squadron, and then I spent a year and a half with PERS 41.

G: What has been your favorite experience of your time in the Navy?

VH: My favorite experience would have to be coming off the mid-watch, watching the sun rise and having a cup of coffee on a DDG.

G: Do you have any advice for us midshipmen?

VH: It’s important to know your people and take care of your people. And by “take care of your people,” it’s understanding your people and helping them if they need it. Take care of them and the rest will come.

Notre Dame SEAL Weekend

“IT is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit,” this is one of many aphorisms that SOC Brad Woodard offered to the midshipmen at the 2014 Notre Dame SEAL Training Weekend.

Six midshipmen from Northwestern NROTC attended the training weekend. We had been told what to bring, and we had been given an itinerary, which for the most part alternated between 3-hour pool PT sessions, and 2-hour SEAL PT sessions. This would certainly be a physically demanding weekend.

Upon arrival at Notre Dame there were 36 other midshipmen from over ten different schools, including Penn State, University of Michigan, Pur-
due, Notre Dame, Northwestern University, Loyola University Chicago, IIT, University of Illinois, and other schools from the east coast and midwest. We all began in a classroom and received a motivating and serious introduction. We then moved to the pool area to take the PST.

Four SEALs organized the weekend: Captain Duncan Smith, recruiting director, SOC Brad Woodard LPO, Leap Frogs Jump Team, Captain Dave Morrison (retired), and Master Chief Petty Officer Chuck Williams (retired). I had the enormous fortune to speak to each of them and took something away from every interaction.

Over the next day and a half the SEALs stuffed an enormous amount of valuable knowledge in our heads. In the pool, we worked out hard, but also learned proper technique for the combat sidestroke. We worked with fins, and even recorded our stroke under water to see the discrepancies in our stroke.

In the classroom, we learned about the SEAL training pipeline, the mission of SOCOM, and Naval Special Warfare. A valuable brief was on the SEAL ethos, a short statement that briefly summarizes what the SEALs believe in. Some phrases include: “My word is my bond”, “I am never out of the fight”, and “Uncompromising integrity is my standard.”

There was an informal information session with the enlisted SEALs and GySgt DeQuattro about what distinguishes great officers to the enlisted sailors. They gave us valuable insight on what is respected and prudent in the fleet, especially at such a high-intensity level.

Finally, the most helpful portion of the weekend was the mock interview. Each midshipman had a chance to have a mock interview with the two SEAL officers as well as Captain Boynton. This opportunity was an invaluable experience. It provided feedback on our presentation skills and our ability to think under pressure, as well as forced each one of us to think long and hard on our reasons for wanting to be a SEAL team member.

The weekend went by much too fast. It was more informative than intense, however this was the desired goal of the weekend: to allow NROTC midshipmen to learn about the SEAL officer process and to make the NROTC program competitive in SEAL selection. This was the first SEAL training weekend ever held at Notre Dame, and I highly recommend any aspiring SEAL or marine-option midshipman to attend a future opportunity like this. I know I will be there.

On 20 FEB 2014, I left the Chicago area with other midshipmen from Northwestern, Loyola, and IIT to attend the Naval Leadership Conference at the University of Notre Dame. Throughout the weekend, we were exposed to some of the highest ranking leaders in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, and met other midshipmen from all over the country.

During the conference, we attended several symposiums and participated in ethical decision games (EDGs) and a panel discussion. This year’s conference focused on the rising topic of cyber warfare and technology. Both the Admiral of Naval Reactors and Chief of Naval Research gave me a good perspective on the importance of technology in warfare, making me think about how technology changes can challenge our leadership and morals.

On day two, we heard multiple perspectives on cyber warfare from a panel discussion by professors from Notre Dame. We discussed the relevance of cyber warfare, as well as its effect on the military, government, and civilians. We learned how cyber warfare is changing war, especially our perspectives on war, as it makes targets and enemies harder to identify.

The other symposiums, led by SgtMaj Trudell, USMC (Ret.), Col Rossi, USAF, MajGen Latiff, USAF (Ret.), and CAPT Haidvogel, USN, were focused primarily on leadership and ethics. These lectures,
as well as the EDGs, challenged us to make difficult decisions that were both effective and ethical. Seemingly simple decisions, such as rescuing drowning fishermen, suddenly became questions of morality when war, or the threat of war, was brought into the picture. I was especially struck by SgtMaj Trudell’s often used quote, “ready to kill, ready to die, ready to take responsibility.” Whether or not we are in combat roles, our decisions can mean the difference between life and death, and we must be ready to take responsibility for our actions.

Someday we must all be ready to take on the challenges of leadership, ethics, technology, and warfare. We must all be ready to take responsibility for how we handle those challenges.

AMOI of the Year

MIDN 1/C Thayer

Left: CAPT Koehr (left) presents GySgt DeQuattro (right) with the AMOI of the Year North Central Region Award. Right: GySgt DeQuattro drives the ball down the court in a game of basketball with NROTC unit staff.

At the Spring 2014 Award Ceremony, GySgt Michael DeQuattro received the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI) of the Year Award for the North Central Region. The award recognizes GySgt DeQuattro’s commitment to the midshipmen he trains and staff he works with. Throughout the year, GySgt DeQuattro has gone above and beyond to mentor young leaders by not only advising the drill squad, endurance teams, and color guard, but also mentoring midshipmen staff members in leadership techniques.

In his past three years with the Northwestern NROTC unit, GySgt DeQuattro has molded each new group of 4/C into competition-ready teams competing at the University of Wisconsin, Tulane University, Villanova University, University of Michigan, and at Northwestern University itself. More importantly though, GySgt DeQuattro has given NU NROTC midshipmen the tools to be successful leaders.

For upperclass midshipmen, GySgt DeQuattro’s experience and wisdom is an invaluable resource. With his guidance, midshipmen learn how to work as a team to not only manage a group of people, but also lead and motivate them.

In the Fall, GySgt DeQuattro will be leaving NU NROTC and continuing his Marine Corps Career at MCAS Cherry Point in North Carolina. Thank you GySgt DeQuattro for your service to the NU NROTC unit!
Platoon Commander Perspective

Midn 2/C Smith

The Platoon Commander’s responsibility is to look out for and take care of his or her platoon in order for them to successfully complete their mission. The mission in NROTC is to mold future Navy and Marine Corps officers. As a unit, we focus on three main categories that will allow us to accomplish this mission: academics, leadership, and physical fitness. As the platoon commander, it is my duty to set goals not only for the platoon to accomplish, but also help motivate the midshipmen to achieve their personal goals.

At the beginning of the semester one of my goals for the platoon was to have each midshipman perform academically and meet standards. Time management is stressed from the start of the semester as the most important tool to succeed academically. If a midshipman is able to follow a well-organized schedule then there should not be an issue being able to achieve academic success. In addition to this, every week I receive an academic update from the squad leaders stating how well their squad members are doing. Good and bad grades are passed up immediately so those who are doing well can be awarded and those who are not doing as well can be helped right away. Midshipmen are given many opportunities to help them to succeed academically, and as the platoon commander it is my job to make sure each midshipman takes advantage of available resources and accomplishes their goals.

Setting the example extends to every aspect of being a military officer, especially physical fitness. As a platoon commander you need to set the example for your platoon members to follow, which I do my best to demonstrate at every physical training session. Each midshipman has a certain physical standard that they want to achieve, which the squad leaders are notified of so they can address the progress the midshipmen are making throughout the semester. Every midshipman has different standards depending on what he or she wants to do in the Navy; however, my main focus is to make sure each midshipman gives every physical training session 100% effort and make sure they continue their physical training outside of mandatory ROTC training.

Leadership development is the most important aspect of NROTC training. The Platoon Commander billet has allowed me to develop my leadership, but more importantly develop the leadership of the 4/C midshipmen. It is difficult to set leadership goals, especially for the freshmen who may not have billets. As a result, being able to open their eyes to their leadership style and their personality is my goal. Fourth class year is extremely important because it introduces midshipmen to military lifestyle. As Platoon Commander, my goal was to offer opportunities for midshipmen to realize what they want to do in the Navy or Marine Corps and then have them figure out what type of leader they want to become.
Spring break is a time where many college students decide to travel away from the comfort of their dorms and visit home or take a short vacation. Spring Break is always a nice week-long vacation students have to relax from midterms or finals. This year two midshipmen traveled out of country to Spain and Puerto Rico. There they had time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and sight-see. Here's what they had to say about their experiences.

"I ventured to San Juan, Puerto Rico for five days. My girlfriend and I stayed at the Caribe Hilton Resort, which was one of the most picture perfect places I have ever seen. Although we spent much of our time relaxing and enjoying the sun on the resort, we had the opportunity to experience Old San Juan. Fort el Morro is one of the landmarks of Old San Juan and has stood since the 16th century. In addition to exploring the island, we were able to go on a great run, go paddle boarding, and go to a CrossFit gym. San Juan was an incredible city to explore and was a great way to take a break from the Chicago weather."

-Midn 2/C Smith

"I traveled to Alicante, Spain with both of my parents to visit my sister, Elyssa, who is studying abroad for the entirety of the spring semester. Elyssa is also a student at Loyola and is graduating in May. My parents and I rented a car so that we could drive out to nearby cities while my sister studied during the day. One of the sites we visited was the rock d’Ifach, a giant monolith that towers over a nearby town. It was treacherous to climb but afforded an excellent opportunity for PT. Another highlight of the trip was visiting Segovia, a historical city with many archeological sites. One of these was the caste at Segovia, which Walt Disney used as the template for his own castle at Disney World. Overall, good food and family is always the best treat."

-MIDN 4/C Kulas

Left: Midn Smith and his girlfriend enjoying an afternoon by the water in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Right: MIDN Kulas and his sister sight-seeing in Alicante, Spain.
Northwestern stayed home last fall for a successful Chicago Consortium Drill Meet against Illinois Institute of Technology, but in April we made the trip to Ann Arbor to compete in the University of Michigan’s first Wolverine Drill Meet. We did not bring home any trophies, but the drill squad, color guard, and the endurance team all came together throughout the term to make it a worthwhile experience, and all the midshipmen leads displayed leadership.

The drill squad demonstrated great discipline and professionalism in their preparation for the Wolverine Drill Meet. Practices were held at 0600 at either SCAP or in the parking lot of the Haven Street Unit. This often meant braving the freezing temperatures during our particularly brutal winter and an early reveille for the entire work week. As the lead for the entire event, I greatly appreciated their effort. Midn Smith, despite working with a short timetable, held his own at the meet and tuned up his command voice for his trip to Officer Candidate School this summer. I am very proud of MIDN J. Garces, MIDN Lansbury, MIDN Crabtree, MIDN Kulas, MIDN Yi, and MIDN Carl for their participation and performance in squad drill.

MIDN Carlin continued his success as Color Guard Commander and tied for 3rd with IIT at the Wolverine Drill Meet. “I had an awesome time leading Color Guard in the Fall. I learned from my mistakes and adjusted my game plan accordingly for the Wolverine Drill Meet,” MIDN Carlin commented. A big shout out to MIDN Ernst, MIDN S. Garces, MIDN Pattullo, and MIDN Kearney for a great performance.

MIDN Kulas, MIDN Carl, MIDN Wessel, and I came together to take on the endurance course at Ann Arbor. Midn Smith and MIDN Pattullo were instrumental in helping us prepare for the race in the months leading up to the race and contributed immensely to our performance. The endurance course consisted of two 4.5-mile loops around Ann Arbor. The four of us traded off a 45 lb. pack for the entirety of the race and worked through the numerous workout stations scattered along the course. Shout out to MIDN Carl for carrying the pack for an exceptionally long time on the second loop. Also impressive was MIDN Wessel pumping out pull-ups like it was his job.

I would like to personally thank everyone for working so hard to prepare for the Wolverine Drill Meet and then putting that preparation to work on game day. Coordinating the event was an experience that I could not have done without everyone’s effort.
The Chicago Consortium’s Dining In was held at Loyola University Chicago’s Downtown Water Tower Campus on 24 April. The dinner brought the Northwestern and IIT units together to partake in a Naval tradition.

After cocktail hour and the traditional parading of the beef, the night’s challenges commenced. Midshipmen offered challenges against other midshipmen, the AMOIs, or the officers. The challenges ranged from having un-shined shoes, leaving behind an ID card in one of the lieutenant’s offices, and not following the proper rules of the mess. MIDN 1/C McFadden from IIT was Mr. Vice for the evening and decided on the fines for each midshipman. One midshipman was required to crawl around the room like a cheetah while multiple midshipmen drank a glass or two of grog.

The grog was a mixture of secret ingredients that were not made to go together at all, and was a little more than undesirable to swallow. The midshipmen who incurred fines took their glasses of grog with conviction and wrinkled noses.

After dinner and challenges, the evening continued with each class’s skit. The skits were funny and entertaining and usually involved good-humored teasing of some of the midshipmen or officers in the unit. The fourth class skit modeled a recruiting video and described the “fun” things that all NROTC mem do, like clean up football stadiums and listen to briefs.

After the skits concluded, the floor opened for toasting. Everyone toasted to The United States Navy, The United States Marine Corps, and other respected positions in the Chain of Command. A few midshipmen offered up informal toasts to the XO and CO of the Chicago Area Consortium. Once the toasts were over, the CO wrapped up the evening with some of his own words. By the end of the night, everyone was in good spirits as this one last camaraderie-building event of the year came to a close.
Basketball Ushering

Over the course of the year, midshipmen of the NU NROTC unit participate in fundraising activities in order to raise money for the battalion. While funding for most of the battalion’s major events is already provided by other sources, the midshipmen enjoy the ability to spend some of their hard-earned money on the luxuries which make the midshipman way of life a little more enjoyable. For example, this year, midshipmen have purchased a coffee-maker for the Noyes study area so that they can enjoy a cup of coffee during those late nights in the books. The battalion has also used this money to buy a decent set of speakers to amp up the early morning PT sessions, most of which were inside thanks to this winter’s weather.

The fundraising activities that midshipmen participate in include stadium clean-up for Northwestern home football games in the fall, and ushering for home basketball games in the winter and spring. Midshipmen sign up to usher basketball games two or three times each season. Basketball ushering is a great opportunity for midshipmen to raise some extra money while supporting Northwestern athletics!

Senior Snapshots

Brock A. Burdyl  
Hometown: Houston, TX  
School: Northwestern  
Major: Electrical Engineering  
Designator: Navy Submarine Officer

Ashli M. Satterfield  
Hometown: Chicago Heights, IL  
School: Loyola  
Major: Nursing  
Designator: Navy Nurse Corps Officer

Andrew J. Staples  
Hometown: Alexandria, VA  
School: Northwestern  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Designator: Student Naval Flight Officer

Charlotte E. Thayer  
Hometown: Southlake, TX  
School: Northwestern  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Designator: Student Naval Aviator*

* upon completion of graduate education
Words From Alumni

Alumni of Northwestern NROTC are spreading throughout the United States and the world. Here are some of the latest updates!

Jules F. Scott - '41: “I recently went to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the battle ship Texas’ launching. (USS Texas, BB 35). I served as Communications Officer on board USS Texas from 2/1/1942 through 8/25/1943. On May 1, 2014 I received a remembrance in the mail made from steel plating and teak decking of the Texas. It's on my bookshelf now with books on USS Texas, etc.” (5/14)

James T. West - '45: “There are not many from our class still alive!” (8/14)

Clement T. Duffy - '47: "At age 88 – I am still working full time as a Health Insurance Broker specializing in Medicare Supplemental Insurance – clients from age 65 to 100!” (5/14)

C. David Wilson - '47: “Moved to Waunakee, WI from northern Maine – back home in my favorite state – formerly Fond du Lac, WI.” (5/14)

John H. Van Deventer - '54: “I play duplicate bridge once a week. This is supposed to keep my memory sharp. But I can't remember when my 88 year old partner and I came in first!” (2/14)

Donald R. Fraser - '56: “Good luck with your fund raising. Keep the NU ROTC program healthy.” (5/14)

Ben J. Mogni, Jr. - '57: “Still communicate with Henry Johnson ('57), William (Bob) Westlake ('57), and Robert Flinn ('57). Staying active with golf and bridge. Enjoying good friends, family, and excellent health.” (12/13)

Donald T. Harris - '58: “Thank you for all your time running the fund.” (5/14)

James A. Bertelson - '69: “Still living the good life. Fitness, reading the Classics, some tennis, very little golf, some biking. Two cruises per year until we no longer are able. Four grandkids. Volunteering with C.E.R.T. and Neighborhood Watch.” (6/14)

William O. Glass- Jr. '76: “In August 2013, CAPT Glass joined the Bridgeport, CT Military Academy as senior Naval Science Instructor in their new NJROTC program.” (1/14)

Edward F. Orenstein- '83: “Family is doing great. Will have 2 boys in high school in the fall. Happy to help anyone with a real estate need in San Diego or can refer to anywhere in US.” (5/14)

Jon B. Whitehurst - '85: “Orchestrating the most exciting recruiting trip in the fall. Happy to help anyone with a real estate need in San Diego or can refer to anywhere in US.” (5/14)

Robert C. Nowakowski - '92: “Selected to CAPT on the FY15 Navy Reserve Board. Awaiting the message to know exactly when I’ll have the celebration party! Congratulations to all others who were selected! Go Cats!” (5/14)

Todd D. Connor - '00: “Recently left Chicago Public Schools as a Regional Superintendent overseeing 6 military high schools, 45 JROTC programs and am now running a start-up called Flank 5 Academy (www.flank5academy.com). Full Speed Ahead!” (5/14)

LT Kayla R. Tawoda - '07 was awarded the advanced degree of Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School as well as Joint Professional Military Education from the Naval War College in June 2014. (6/14)

Elisha D. Gowen - '12: “I recently transferred to the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) in March 2014, after spending 18 months on the orthopedic unit. I’m really enjoying the new experience.” (5/14)
This past winter, the board of directors of the Scholarship Fund voted to award $40,000 in the 2014-2015 academic year divided among nine midshipmen of the Northwestern NROTC Unit. You may have read about that in the last solicitation letter we sent out to the alumni and friends of the Unit. At our annual board meeting in June, we voted to hold the award level steady at $40,000, if possible, for the following academic year. Of course, what makes it possible is the level of donations during the preceding year.

In a recent letter, I mentioned that the alumni base to which we solicit donations is shrinking in size owing to the continuing losses of graduates from the World War II years. The alumni base is getting smaller, but donations overall are increasing. But, here’s a point I need to make: The Scholarship Fund board of directors set a goal each year to award a higher dollar amount than we receive in donations. We can do that because we also have income from investments from back in the beginning of the Scholarship Fund. We can say with certainty from year to year that every cent we receive in contributions goes toward scholarship awards to Midshipmen because we have every intention of awarding an amount more than we receive. Our administrative expenses are relatively minor, and are easily paid for from investment income. When I say “investments,” we’re not talking Rockefeller, but they pay the bills.

We’ve been saying for about twenty-six years now that there is no better bang for the buck than a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Can you name another charity that puts 100% of donations toward the intended purpose of the charity? I’ve tried to think of one, and I can’t. There are other worthwhile charities, particularly military-related charities, but even the best of them only give a percentage of their income to the “cause.”

Here is another promise: the Scholarship Fund doesn’t give or sell our donors’ contact information to other charities as some have been known to do. We send out private “thank-you” letters to our donors, but we don’t publish the names of our donors. We don’t create “Century” clubs or “Half Century” clubs trying to shame people into giving a certain amount. We all know about charities that “suggest” donation amounts, as if they know better than we do how to spend our money. And, I’m sorry that you won’t receive any address labels or calendars from the Scholarship Fund as inducements to contribute. I’ve joked about it before, but I received four 2015 calendars in the mail this past June alone.

We don’t solicit Scholarship Fund donations in the Crow’s Nest, but we do try to remind everyone of what we do and how we pay for it. When you receive our solicitations in the mail (or any time), you can send your donations to the Scholarship Fund at 14197 Classique Way, San Diego, CA 92129. We can now receive donations via PayPal. Visit your NROTC alumni website at www.nu-nrotc.org and look for the “Donate” button. You can make a tax-deductible donation with a PayPal account or with any major credit card. Our solicitation letters come with return envelopes and contribution slips that you can use to send in some Alumni News. We look forward to receiving your items of Alumni News that we can display on the website and forward to the NROTC Unit for inclusion in the Crow’s Nest. If you would like to have your email address displayed on our alumni website, let me know. Your classmates will want to know it.

Again, many thanks to all of the alumni who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund over the years. Your dedication to the midshipmen is truly appreciated by those who benefit from the awards. We could not do what we do without your support.
Missing Alumni

We have lost track of the following NROTC alumni. If you know the whereabouts of anyone listed here, or if you know that someone listed here is deceased, please pass that information to Captain Gulliver at 1900 Franklin Dr. Glenview, IL 60026 or vicgulliver@comcast.net.

Lost alumni from the 1930's:
Mr. James D. Martin, '35
Mr. Herbert C. Davisson, '36
Mr. Charles F. Rork, '36
Mr. John H. Sandor, '37
LCOL Joseph A. Gray, '39

Lost alumni from the 1940's:
Mr. Kenneth F. Landis, '40
Mr. Joel W. Townsend, '41
Mr. William H. Scrivner, '42
Mr. Robert W. Liess, '43
Mr. Glenn H. Friedt, Jr., '44
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Mr. Leland E. Anderson, '54
Mr. William H. Andersen, '54
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Mr. Grigsby V. Gamble, '55
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Mr. Roy W. Staggs, '55
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Mr. Robert A. Shearer, '67
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Ms. Christina A. Hultin, '99

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